



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
13th March 2019 at 7.30pm at the
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs a Taylor (Chairman) M Gelder, R Gelder, E.Houghton

Clerk R. Weaver

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Brown is out of the country. Cllr Fenton due to illness. Cllr Hayes (prior engagement)
Cllr Woodcock (prior engagement)

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Taylor and Houghton declared an interest regarding the Village Hall for which dispensations are in place.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 13th February 2019 as an accurate record with one amendment, that being at item 21 where Cllr R. Gelder was added to the list of attendees at the South Ribble Area Committee Meeting. With that amendment the minutes were signed.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

No members of the public were present

5. St George's Day roses

In previous years, in order to raise its profile, the Council has purchased 3 dozen St George's Day red roses to distribute around the village for residents to take away. It was **Resolved** to purchase them again this year at an approximate cost of £80 (subject to receipt of invoice)

6. Cycle track update

Inspections have been completed on the cycle track and all reported to be in good order. It was noted that John Banister would be cutting back the hedging at the road boundary this week subject to weather

7. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

- a) Clerks net salary covering two months (Jan and Feb 2019) in sum of £412.00 [Chq 309]
- b) HMRC PAYE in sum of £103. [Chq 308]
- c) Clerks mileage expenses in sum of £24.75 [included in Chq 309]
- d) AVJDESIGN for re-submitted invoice and credit note for centenary poppy posters in sum of £85.20 [Chq310]
- e) Rufford printers for production of newsletters in sum of £220.00 [Chq 311]

8. Community led project update

It had been previously agreed that a large stone welcome sign which can be placed at the Village entrance should be sourced and a quote has now obtained. It was decided that permission to site this stone welcome sign should be sought with a view to placing it on the triangular piece of land at the northern end of Liverpool Old road, at the A59 roundabout
Permissions have now been obtained to site planters at various locations around the village and the Clerk will confirm the order for planters. Adverts for the Lengthsman are now on notice boards, in the newsletter and on the website. A new notice board at Town Lane will require a backing board to allow it to be mounted on the space taken by the old board.

9. CIL Money

Cllr M Gelder is still in discussion with SRBC re drainage work on the Trafalgar gardens and the 5-a-side pitch. Cllr M Gelder is going to arrange a site meeting with SRBC

10. Village Hall update

Councillor Taylor provided a short update to the effect that they are still awaiting the conclusion of the planning process which is considering the latest plans on which building will be based

11. Womens' Institute

The WI has set aside a small budget which it would like to use to 'brighten up the village' and has asked if it can contribute towards additional flowers. This offer was gratefully accepted.

12. Representation from the Council at Much Hoole Methodist Church

The Methodist Church has asked if any Councillors are available for a church service on either or both of Mothering Sunday or Easter Sunday. Of the Councillors present none were available due to other commitments, but the Clerk will ascertain whether any of the absent Cllrs are able to attend and reply to the Church

13. Planning issues

None of the planning applications circulated were relevant to the Much Hoole area.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is investigating the merits of a neighbourhood plan setting out community views on such things as planning and development, car parking, leisure space, facilities for the village etc. There was a general feeling that with a cost of £20,000 to produce one that it may not be cost effective. Cllr Taylor believes that there is still merit in obtaining the views of as wide a range of people as possible about how they want to see the village develop, even if this is not part of a full-blown formal neighbourhood plan. A 'village plan' is in existence but now completely out of date and it was **resolved** that a public meeting would be arranged within the next couple of months to gather ideas and look to creating a new village plan.

15. Removal of tree stumps on Trafalgar Gardens

Rather than dealing with this issue in isolation it was **resolved** that the tree stumps would be added to the issues that Cllr M Gelder will raise in relation to the CIL money and groundworks improvements.

16. Lengthsman

The advert for a Lengthsman is now out and applications are awaited.

As this will not be an employee of the Council but a possible selection of a self-employed contractor it will need a selection process in the event that more than one contractor expresses an interest. Cllrs R Gelder and A. Taylor have volunteered to be the selection panel and the Clerk will assist in managing the process.

17. Local Elections

It was noted that posters advertising the elections and opening up applications for prospective Cllrs will be placed on notice boards on 20th March with a closing date of 3rd April 2019. These dates are already on the website. The Clerk will take receipt of completed application forms from existing Cllrs and take them to SRBC so they can be processed. The Clerk will ensure that he has all forms in his possession by no later than Friday 29th March at the very latest (earlier return of forms to the Clerk would be helpful)

Cllr Brown will liaise directly with the Clerk due to him being unable to complete his form within this timescale.

Non-Councillors wishing to apply should make contact with the Clerk directly who will provide the forms and guide them through the process if help is required.

18. Local Meetings

Cllr M. Gelder, R. Gelder and The Clerk R. Weaver attended the Parish Clerks and Councillors update meeting hosted by LCC on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at County Hall. Interesting presentations were received by the Director of Public Health Dr Sakthi Karunanithi concerning the potential for greater partnership working, a delegation from Lancashire Constabulary speaking about crime and road safety issues and Trading Standards advising what help and advice was available to combat frauds and scams.

19. Items for next agenda

Ideas for the proposed public meeting to initiate a new village plan
End of year update and summary re spending and preparations for audit

20. Next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting will be held at **7.15pm Wednesday 10th April 2019** at Methodist Hall, Moss House Lane. (Chairman's report and financial report will be presented).
Followed by Parish Council meeting **at 7.30pm**, same venue