

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 13/09/2021, at Walmer Bridge Village Hall**

In attendance: Councillor L Dryden (Chair) Councillor J Rainsbury (Vice Chair)
Councillor D Owen Councillor C Foster
Councillor S Rainsbury Councillor D Rimmer
Mr D Swift (Clerk/minutes) Plus one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 09/08/2021 were agreed by all Councillors present as a true record.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- Item 5.1: Councillor Dryden reported that Lancashire County Council (LCC) are still looking into the report (Ref No: 336078) regarding the puddle on Liverpool Old Road.
- Item 5.2: Councillor Dryden has inspected and confirmed that the hedges on Dob Lane have now been cut.
- Item 10.1: Councillor Owen has delivered the armbands and replacement batteries to the school.

5. Matters raised by the public

None.

6. Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the Financial Statement, as at 31/08/2021. The balances are:

- *Current Account: £33,649.81*
- *Business Reserve Account: £18,610.53 (plus interest in April-August, to be confirmed)*

Councillor Rimmer agreed to contact NatWest Bank regarding the interest paid in the current financial year and the changes requested by the Parish Council.

7. Payments

The payments shown below were presented for discussion and agreement.

Payment Description	Amount	Proposed by	Seconded by
Clerk's salary (August 2021)	£176.00	Councillor J Rainsbury	Councillor Foster
Acer Gardens (August 2021)	£80.00	Councillor Owen	Councillor Rimmer

Councillor Owen was recompensed to the sum of £335.45 for LED armbands and batteries, purchased on behalf of the Council for the school. This payment was discussed and agreed by email and was retrospectively noted at the meeting. The membership for LALC/NALC (approved at the July 2021 Parish Council meeting) was confirmed as £227.64. The Parish Council had joined part way through the year.

8. Approval of the amendments to the Contract for the Lengthsman

Councillors Owen and Wilcock have discussed the amendments and submitted the revised contract to the Parish Council. Councillor Dryden proposed the changes be approved; this was seconded by Councillor J Rainsbury and carried. It is noted that, as previously advised, the Lengthsman has verbally tendered his resignation. *The Clerk will write to the Lengthsman and ask him to put this in writing. The hiring of a new Lengthsman will be discussed as an agenda item at the October Parish Council meeting.*

9. Update: SPID signs

The new SPID has been installed and is working well, with positive feedback received from local residents. Councillor Dryden set up the software for the speeding sign and gave details of how the device's readings can be accessed and/or downloaded via a program or app, using Bluetooth technology. A general discussion followed.

10. Noticeboards: need to be repaired or replaced

Councillor Dryden reported that the three noticeboards are damaged and need to be repaired or replaced. *Councillor J Rainsbury will contact South Ribble Borough Council regarding these and report back to the Parish Council.*

11. Parish Council records

Councillor Owen introduced this subject. He and Councillor Rimmer currently hold the remaining paper based records. It was agreed to meet 1 hour prior to the October Parish Council meeting to examine these records and decide what needs to be retained and what can be shredded. *The Clerk will make further investigations regarding the costs of a commercial shredding company to perform the secure disposal of the paperwork.*

12. St Michaels Parish Church Hoole

Councillor J Rainsbury introduced this subject. He has been approached by committee members from the Parish Church, who are looking to build a community hall or facility at the back of the church. The approximate cost of this would be £65,000. *Councillor Dryden will draw up a list of granting authorities. Councillor J Rainsbury will invite the Parish Church to make a presentation to the Parish Council.*

13. Correspondence

The Clerk has received a phone call and follow up letter from Keeley Cafferkey, who runs Support Reimagined. This is an organisation which provides support and training to families who have young people with autism. The general view was that the Parish Council are unable at this time to offer any opportunities in this sphere. *The Clerk will write to Ms Cafferkey on behalf of the Parish Council.*

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 11th in the lounge of Walmer Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7pm.