

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 14/03/2022, at Walmer Bridge Village Hall**

In attendance: Councillor L Dryden (Chair) Councillor C Foster
Councillor D Owen Councillor D Rimmer
Councillor T Wilcock Mr D Swift (Clerk/minutes)
Plus two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors J Rainsbury and S Rainsbury were unable to attend.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14/02/2022 were accepted by all Councillors present and agreed as a true record.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5. Matters raised by the public

a. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was raised and discussed. Councillor Wilcock suggested that the Parish Council support the local Royal British Legion (RBL) branch by purchasing bunting and other related items. Councillor Owen outlined a possible 'green canopy' could be established, with assistance and appropriate approval from South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC). *The Clerk will contact RBL and report back to the Parish Council.*

b. There are no updates on the Tuson's Farm development as raised at a previous meeting.

c. The reoccurring puddle on Liverpool Old Road has been reported again by Councillors Dryden and Owen.

6. Financial Statement

The Clerk presented a more detailed Financial Statement. This showed all income and expenditure, broken down into categories. The balances, as at 28/02/2022, are:

- *Current Account: £23,135.47*
- *Deposit Account: £18,612.24*

The NatWest Business Reserve account has now been closed and the monies have been transferred to the Unity Trust Deposit account shown above.

7. Payments

Payment Description	Amount
Clerk's invoice for hours worked in February 2022	£160.00
Lancashire County Council – relocation of SPID	£83.74

Approval for these payments was proposed by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Wilcock and unanimously agreed.

8. Email scams

The Clerk reported that he had received an email purporting to be from Councillor Dryden. However, the content of the message was suspicious and on closer inspection, it was clear that this was a scam. The issue was raised to advise the Councillors present to be wary should they receive a similar email.

9. Football container: update

Councillor Dryden confirmed that the container has been sold and will be moved from its present site in due course.

10. Contract for Lengthsman

The Clerk has received quotes from 2 candidates. However the quotes had been compiled in an older version of the application form. *The Clerk will contact the companies concerned and request that the quotes be resubmitted. Furthermore, Councillor Dryden will arrange to meet with the candidates. References on previous similar work will be sought.*

11. Future projects

- a. Councillor Wilcock had nothing further to report on the subject of electric bicycles.
- b. Councillor Wilcock reported that SRBC are keen to work with the Parish Council on the 'welcome' displays mentioned at the last meeting. This will be discussed at the next Western Parishes meeting.
- c. Councillor Wilcock has been researching the hire of a climbing wall during the summer and is awaiting confirmed costs from potential suppliers.
- d. Replacement noticeboards will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in April.

12. Correspondence

The following item of correspondence was received by the Clerk:

- **Assistance in purchasing new pad and batteries for the defibrillator at the Spar store:** After some discussion, Councillor Dryden proposed that the Parish Council fund the replacement pads and batteries of both the defibrillators in the village from now on. This was seconded by Councillor Rimmer and unanimously agreed. *The Clerk will write to the requester to confirm this decision.*

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 11th, 2022, in the lounge of Walmer Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7pm.