

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024, at Old Mill Court,  
Walmer Bridge**

**In attendance:** Cllrs L Dryden (Chair), P Ashby, S Ewald, D Owen, S Rainsbury, T Wilcock. Mr P Cafferkey (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer); and 6 members of the public.



1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Rainsbury.
2. **To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024, were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously.
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** Cllr D Owen declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting:** None
5. **Public Time - matters raised by members of the public:** Concern was expressed about the speed of vehicles going through the village and the parking of cars on pavements. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look to raise these matters with Lancashire Police and / or the Police and Crime Commissioner. The possibility of a speed awareness day was also put forward by the Parish Council.
6. **Planning Applications:**
  - a) 07/2024/00823/OUT. Bakers Farm Brook Lane PR4 5JB. Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings with access.
  - b) 07/2024/00854/HOH. 57A Liverpool Old Road Walmer Bridge PR5 5QA. Single Storey Rear Extension.
  - c) 07/2024/00838/PIP. 42 Hall Carr Lane Longton Preston Lancashire PR4 5JJ. Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of one dwelling following the demolition of two existing shed structures.
  - d) Outcome re 07/2024/00668/FUL. Land Adjacent 26 Hall Carr Lane Walmer Bridge. Erection of 2 detached self-build/custom build dwellings

There were no objections to the above planning applications a) to c). The Planning Authority's (South Ribble Borough Council) refusal of item d) above was noted.

7. **To approve payments transacted through the bank for Nov 2024:**

| Date      | Payee                        | £     | Description         |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 01-Nov-24 | Direct Debit<br>(GOCARDLESS) | 36.96 | Monthly website fee |

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| 08-Nov-24 | SOUTH RIBBLE BC         | -18,526.81 | CIL Income   |
| 08-Nov-24 | B/P to: Adam Watson     | 40.00      | Community Garden Maintenance                               |
| 13-Nov-24 | HOOLE VILLAGE HALL      | -500.00    | Contribution from Hoole Bowling Club re Lawnmower          |
| 14-Nov-24 | B/P to: Paul Cafferkey  | 204.50     | Refund to Clerk re chq pyd to Royal British Legion         |
| 14-Nov-24 | B/P to: Festive Lights  | 32.76      | 5m white fairy lights                                      |
| 14-Nov-24 | B/P to: Edge Groundcare | 5,100.00   | Purchase of Lawnmower re Hoole Bowling Club                |
| 14-Nov-24 | B/P to: Adam Watson     | 150.00     | Pruning of Comm Garden Tress and fill with bark chippings  |
| 14-Nov-24 | B/P to: Adam Watson     | 40.00      | Duplicate pyd in error - to be recovered from next invoice |
| 18-Nov-24 | B/P to: Paul Cafferkey  | 5.30       | Clerk's Expenses Tax Mth 8                                 |
| 18-Nov-24 | B/P to: Paul Cafferkey  | 258.62     | Clerk's Salary Tax Mth 8                                   |
| 26-Nov-24 | B/P to: Adam Watson     | 119.80     | Clearance of "Wave" path and erection of Christmas Tree    |
| 30-Nov-24 | Service Charge          | 6.00       | Monthly bank charge  |

**It was resolved** that the above transactions be approved.

8. **Payments for approval: It was resolved** that the Clerk's claim for Nov 2024 of 11.09 hours and expenses of £1.65 be approved.
9. **Payments approved by email or pre-approved and retrospectively noted: It was resolved** that Cllr Ashby be refunded £119.15 for the purchase of replacement Parish Council Christmas lights, which he had purchased out of his own monies.
10. **Financial statement as at 30th Nov 2024.** The Clerk presented the financial statement as at 30th Nov 2024. Little Hoole Parish Council is forecast to end the financial year (2024-25) with a budget under spend of circa £3,000, this will result in a forecast closing bank balance of circa £52,000 compared with a forecast closing balance of £34,000 as forecast in the October financial statement. This increase of £18,000 in the forecast closing bank balance is explained by the receipt of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) income in November 2024. **It was resolved** that the financial statement be approved.
11. **Receipt of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) income:** The Parish Council noted the receipt of CIL income of £18,526.81.
12. **The Parish Council's budget and precept for 2025-26: It was resolved** that the Parish Council's budget for 2025-26 be set at £23,392.22. **It was also resolved** that the Parish Council's precept for 2025-26 for households would remain the same as 2024-25 e.g. the charge for a Band D household will be £24.73. Thus the income to the Parish Council resulting from the precept in 2025-26 will be £21,200.
13. **Christmas Lights – Update:** Discussion took place about the Christmas lights on the tall trees in the large planters (adjacent to Dob Lane & Liverpool Old Road). As two sets of lights are out and the Parish Council currently does not have the means to safely reach the upper reaches of the trees, it was agreed that no further

action would be taken this Christmas to replace the broken sets of lights, but that complete sets of new lights would be purchased for next Christmas. It was also agreed to look into the comparative cost of purchasing a pair of "A" frame ladders versus the cost of a contractor to put up the lights in future.

14. **Zip Wire for Dob Lane Recreation Park – Update:** Cllr Evald updated the meeting. The lowest quote for the provision of the Zip Wire, including groundworks, is £15,688.00 (excl VAT) from Play and Leisure. The next lowest comparable quote was £19,932.24. Two other lower quotes had been received but these were incomplete as one company could not provide the specified safety infill and another company could not supply steel feet (a requirement specified by South Ribble Borough Council) for the supports. **It was resolved** that the quote of £15,688.00 (excl VAT) from Play and Leisure be accepted. It was noted that work will begin in the New Year and will take approximately six weeks. Cllr Evald thanked South Ribble Borough Council for their help and advice, to date, on this project.
15. **Additional signatory to bank account – Update:** As agreed at the last meeting (11 Nov 2024, item 14) the Clerk reported that Cllr Ashby had now been added as a signatory to the Parish Council's bank accounts.
16. **Parish Council Logo -Update:** At the last meeting the Parish Council agreed to adopt a logo (11 Nov 2024, item 18). Cllr Evald advised the Clerk, and all Cllrs present, on how best to incorporate the logo in emails and correspondence etc.
17. **Bus Service – Update:** The Clerk agreed to follow up as to when Lancashire County Council would be issuing their consultation on possible new bus services.
18. **Proposal for purchase of LED armbands for pupils at Little Hoole Primary School:** Options were considered (e.g. battery powered v rechargeable). However, it was decided that as winter was well underway it may be more cost effective to purchase reflective strips that could be attached to pupils' coats and / or bags, at a much lower cost than LED armbands. **It was resolved** to purchase approx. 400 reflective strips at an approx. cost of £150.00, subject to this being considered appropriate by the Headteacher (Little Hoole Primary School).
19. **Information and Updates:** This item is purposefully not recorded; it is to allow Councillors a short time to discuss any matters that might result in a future agenda item. No financial or legal decisions are made.
20. **Correspondence – diversion of part of public footpath – off Station Rd, Little Hoole.** This was noted by the Parish Council.
21. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting is to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2025, 7.00pm, The Lounge, Old Mill Court.

Approved as a true record, Laurence Dryden – Chair, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.

