

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025, at Old Mill Court,  
Walmer Bridge**

**In attendance:** Cllrs L Dryden (Chair), P Ashby, S Evald, D Owen, S Rainsbury, T Wilcock, J Rainsbury. Mr P Cafferkey (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer); and 5 members of the public.



1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024, were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously.
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** None
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting:** None.
5. **Public Time - matters raised by members of the public:** A member of the public enquired as to progress regarding the reinstatement of an inspection chamber at the corner of Tristan Avenue and Dob Lane, The Chair confirmed he had already made enquiries but will ask again. Some members of the public, who are also residents of Old Mill Court, reported that some properties had been flooded on New Year's Day and that they were also without electricity for a number of hours. Some residents were evacuated to New Longton Village Hall, but initially there some confusion as a few residents first went to Walmer Bridge Village Hall, only to find it locked. The Parish Council agreed to contact Progress Housing to see what, if any, lessons had been learnt from the most recent flooding, as Old Mill Court has also been affected by flooding in the past; and ascertain what emergency plan was in place for any future flooding.
6. **Planning Applications:**
  - a) 0707/2024/00854/HOH. 57A Liverpool Old Road Walmer Bridge PR5 5QA. Single Storey Rear Extension.
  - b) 07/2024/00773/FUL. 67B Liverpool Old Road Walmer Bridge PR4 5QE. Alterations to shop front.

There were no objections to the above planning applications.

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

Date	Payee	£	Description
Current a/c			
02-Dec-24	Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	36.96	Monthly website fee

02-Dec-24	B/P to: Festive Lights	18.41	Christmas Lights
03-Dec-24	B/P to: McCluskey Window	25.00	Cleaning of Bus Shelters
03-Dec-24	B/P to: Walmer Bridge VH	50.00	Room hire July & Sept
03-Dec-24	B/P to: LT Dryden	170.00	Refund Cllr Dryden re pyt to A Watson re put up Christmas Lights, tidy Ego Roundabout, Community Garden
09-Dec-24	B/P to: Peter Ashby	119.15	Refund to Cllr Ashby re purchase of Christmas Lights
16-Dec-24	B/P to: Paul Cafferkey	59.99	Refund Clerk re annual MS365 subscription
16-Dec-24	B/P to: LT Dryden	146.09	Refund Cllr Dryden re purchase of reflective tags for Little Hoole Primary School pupils
16-Dec-24	B/P to: Paul Cafferkey	147.65	Clerk's pay for tax mth 09
16-Dec-24	B/P to: Paul Cafferkey	1.65	Clerk's expenses for tax mth 09
31-Dec-24	Service Charge	6.00	Monthly bank charge
Instant Access a/c			
31-Dec-24	Credit Interest	-131.09	Income from Interest

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

8. **Payments for approval: It was resolved** that the Clerk's claim for Dec 2024 of 14 hours and expenses of £2.40 be approved.
9. **Payments approved by email or pre-approved and retrospectively noted:**  
None.
10. **Financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024.** The Clerk presented the financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024. Little Hoole Parish Council is forecast to end the financial year (2024-25) with a budget under spend of circa £2,000, this will result in a forecast closing bank balance of circa £51,000. **It was resolved** that the financial statement be approved.
11. **Transfer of monies from Current Account to Instant Access Account:** On the advice of the Clerk, **it was resolved** that £20,000 be transferred from the Parish Council's non-interest-bearing current account to the Parish Council's Instant Access interest-bearing account.
12. **Receipt of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) income:** The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from South Ribble Borough Council that the £18,526.81 received into the Parish Council's bank account on the 8 Nov 2024 is Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies.
13. **Introduction of Bus Service 115:** It was agreed that the Clerk would write to both Lancashire County Council, and County Councillor Graham Gooch, to welcome the planned introduction of Bus Service 115. The Parish Council, has for a long time, been concerned on behalf of residents that there is no direct bus link from Walmer Bridge to the administrative centre of South Ribble i.e. Leyland.

Comment has also been made that there has been no direct bus link from Walmer Bridge to Chorley Hospital. Service 115 appears to address both of these concerns. Parish Councillors have also reported that residents, old and young, welcome the new service. For example, young people have mentioned that they will now be able to take a direct bus from Walmer Bridge to Leyland, where they attend a job club at the Leyland Civic Centre, to get support in accessing education and training courses, as well as support in searching for and obtaining work.

14. **Groundwork Around the Outdoor Gym Equipment on Dob Lane Recreation Park:** The Chair reported that the ground around the outdoor gym equipment is a quagmire of mud. Quotes are to be obtained, and presented to a future Parish Council meeting, with a view to improving the ground conditions around the equipment.
15. **Flooding (culvert):** This item was covered at item 5.
16. **“In The Know” Newsletter from Lancashire Police:** The Clerk reported that he had registered the Clerk’s email address to receive this newsletter. This was noted by the Parish Council.
17. **Lancashire Road Safety “Speed Concern” submission:** Cllr Evald confirmed that she had signed up the Parish Council to this initiative, and she had received an acknowledgment, although no definite date for a visit could be given. As part of the initiative the Parish Council had to submit three roads to be monitored, these are Dob Lane (the side with the School), Liverpool Old Road, and Liverpool New Road.
18. **Grant to Little Hoole Primary School Parent Teachers Association:** The Clerk confirmed that he has been in email correspondence with the PTA regarding payment of the grant for £2,000 for replacement playground line markings. An email has been received confirming that the work has been completed, the Clerk is just awaiting copies of the invoices.
19. **Adoption of .gov.uk email addresses:** It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.
20. **To confirm meeting dates for 2025:** Dates for 2025 will be as normal (please see website), but the dates for Aug & Sept 2025 meetings are still to be agreed. Normally there is no meeting in August, but consideration this needs to be given to the Sept meeting, due to the unavailability of the Clerk.
21. **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.



22. **Correspondence:** None.

23. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting is to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025, 7.00pm, The Lounge, Walmer Bridge Village Hall.

Approved as a true record. Laurence Dryden – Chair. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Dryden', with a period at the end.