

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 9/01/2023, at Old Mill Court, Walmer Bridge**

In attendance:

Cllrs L Dryden (Chair), D Owen, J Rainsbury, S Rainsbury, and C Foster
Mr P Cafferkey (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer);
and 11 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs T Wilcock & D Rimmer,

2. To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg held on 14th Nov 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14/11/2022 were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously.

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr C Foster informed the meeting that she is now on the Walmer Bridge Village Hall Committee.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Foster reported that her partner had recently, on a number of occasions, removed debris from the grill in the Tarra Carr Gutter ("the brook"). It was agreed that the Community Garden bin be used to dispose of the debris.

The Chair confirmed that the grill in the brook is due to be cleaned by Lancashire County Council.

The smell emanating from the brook has been investigated by SRBC (Jack Walker) but no smell was detected at the time of the investigation. However, there is an ongoing investigation by SRBC as to whether petrol / diesel is leaching into the brook from a business which adjoins the brook.

It was confirmed that the upkeep of the circular planters is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

An Engineer from Lancashire County Council is due to visit the site of the flooding on the pavement and road at the site of the bus stop and cycle shop (adjacent to the Walmer Bridge pub)

Cllr Foster reported that the large Christmas tree purchased by the Parish Council had arrived suddenly without any prior notice. Consequently, at short notice, Cllr Foster had to request two family members to help with the installation of the Christmas tree, for which she asked if the Parish Council would fund this at a cost of £60.00. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council would reimburse the £60.00 cost.

5. Public Time - matters raised by members of public

The meeting was adjourned for public participation. Eleven members of the public were in attendance and all concerns raised were in relation to the outline planning application for a residential development of 20 houses at Carver Hey Farm, Moss Lane. The main concerns were:

- a. the absence of pavements, the narrow roads, dangerous bends and lack of street lighting considered to be unsuitable for a residential development of this size;
- b. the increase in traffic, particularly in view of item a. above;
- c. the lack of any detail in the planning application as to how sewage from the development will be dealt with, especially given that all existing properties in the vicinity have septic tanks which empty the treated sewage into the local ditches which then feed the brook which flows through Walmer Bridge. Localised flooding is already a problem in the vicinity of the proposed development. Any increase in septic tanks will exacerbate the existing flooding problem;
- d. the development could impact upon the already low water pressure experienced by some existing households; and
- e. the footprint of the proposed development may well exceed that for which planning permission has previously been granted for the brownfield site due to unchecked "creep" i.e., concern that some developments on the brownfield site may not have had planning permission and some aspects of previously approved planning has been poorly enforced.

6. Planning Applications

- a. Application for the erection of 2no. dwellings and associated works, related to planning application reference 07/2022/00360/OUT. Unit 1 Lesser Marsh House Farm Station Road Little Hoole Preston Lancashire PR4 5LH. Ref. No: 07/2022/00913/REM

Discussion took place as to whether this was the same location as to a previous planning application that had been rejected by SRBC Planning. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact SRBC to establish if this was the case, a decision would then be taken by the Parish Council as to whether it wished to comment on this application.

- b. Outline Application for residential development of up to 20 dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale applied for) following demolition of existing industrial/commercial units . Carver Hey Farm Moss Lane Little Hoole Preston Lancashire PR4 4SX. Ref. No: 07/2022/00591/OUT

In view of the of the Cllrs review of this planning application, the written objections received by the Parish Council, and the representations made by members of the public at this meeting (section 5 above refers) **it was resolved** that the Parish

Council would submit a letter of objection to SRBC Planning.

7. To approve payments transacted through the bank Nov & Dec 2022

Date	Description	£
31-Dec-22	Bank Charges	18.00
22-Dec-22	Auldene Garden; Lawnmower Service re Community Garden	364.50
22-Dec-22	Refund to Cllr Dryden re Purchase of Salt re Icy weather	190.08
6-Dec-22	SRBC; Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipt	-24,008.78
1-Dec-22	Website maintenance charge	27.60
25-Nov-22	Bolton Christmas Trees	560.16
25-Nov-22	Refund to Cllr Dryden re Concrete for Christmas Tree	44.10
25-Nov-22	Subscription; Council for Protection of Rural England	36.00
25-Nov-22	WBVH; Rental of village hall Sept & Oct 2022	22.00
25-Nov-22	Royal British Legion; Wreaths & Poppies	306.00
17-Nov-22	Refund to Cllr Owen re Armbands for LHPS	399.50
1-Nov-22	Website maintenance charge	27.60

It was resolved that the above payments be approved

8. Payments for Approval

Clerk's pay (gross) for Nov 2022	£195.41
Clerk's expenses for Nov 2022	£8.20
Clerk's pay (gross) for Dec 2022	£119.11
Clerk's expenses for Dec 2022	£13.20
SLCC membership	£80.00

It was resolved that the above payments be approved

9. Payments approved by email or pre-approved and retrospectively noted

It was noted that there were no such payments

10. Financial Statement as at 31/12/2022

A detailed financial statement was presented to the Parish Council showing the following balances as at 31 Dec 2022:

current account balance of	£52,454.95
deposit account balance of	£18,660.54

The statement also showed an estimated closing balance as at 31 March 2023 of:

current account balance of	£44,435.70
deposit account balance of	£18,660.54

The Clerk highlighted to the Council the receipt of £24,008.78 from SRBC in respect of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for housing developments in the Parish. It was agreed that discussions would need to take place at a future

meeting as to how this money would be utilised for the benefit of residents

It was resolved that the financial statement be approved.

11. To Review & Adopt Standing Orders

The Clerk presented the model NALC Standing Orders, including where he had completed options (e.g., time limits for public time, length of a Parish meeting). The Clerk also explained that amendments could be made to the Standing Orders at any point in the future provided any such proposed amendments were listed as an agenda item and agreed at a Parish Council meeting. **It was resolved** that the Standing Orders, as presented by the Clerk, be adopted by Little Hoole Parish Council.

12. New £2 flat fare scheme on all Lancashire bus services

It was agreed that this scheme would be advertised on the Parish Council's website, and if room permitted, posters advertising the scheme would be put up on the Parish Council notice boards.

13. Central Lancashire Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

The Local Plan consultation was noted.

14. Appointment of Internal Auditor - Update

Following the retirement of the previous Internal Auditor the Clerk explained that he was experiencing some difficulty in finding a replacement. The previous internal audit (2021-22 financial year) had cost £100. A recent quote of £270 (inclusive of VAT) had been obtained by the Clerk from JDH Business Services Ltd. The Clerk stated he would approach the SLCC to see if they could recommend any other Internal Auditors.

15. Future Projects

Cllr Dryden stated that he was storing the three new Parish Council notice boards, pending installation by LCC.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach the Walmer Bridge Village Hall Committee to discuss potential ideas to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023.

16. Correspondence

The Clerk had received and previously sent to all Councillors, Lancashire County Council's budget consultation (2023-24). The Clerk explained that due to the tight timescale of the consultation this made it impractical for the Parish Council to respond to the consultation.

17. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13th February 2023 at Walmer Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7pm.