

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 14/11/2022, at Walmer Bridge Village Hall**

In attendance:

Cllrs L Dryden (Chair), D Owen, J Rainsbury, S Rainsbury, D Rimmer, T Wilcock
Mr P Cafferkey (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer); and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence**
Cllr C Foster
- 2. To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg held on 10th Oct 2022**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10/10/2022 were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously.
- 3. To receive declarations of interest**
Cllr Owen declared an interest in the payment listed for approval at section 7 re arm bands.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes**
The Parish Council thank Mr M Norcross for the putting up and taking down of the poppies on the lamp posts in the village.
- 5. Public Time - matters raised by member of public**
The meeting was adjourned for public participation. One member of the public was in attendance and raised the following matters:
Progress on damaged gym equipment in the park: the Parish Council is waiting for an update from South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC).
Progress on circular planters: the Chair confirmed he has followed this up with SRBC but has had no response as yet.
Smell from Tarra Carr Gutter ("the brook"): The Chair confirmed he has again been in contact with the Environment Agency. Mr Jack Walker (officer at SRBC) has agreed to follow this up with the Environment Agency on behalf of the Parish Council.
50mph road signs A59: the member of the public requested if the Parish Council ask Lancashire Police to enforce the speed limit.
Flooding on road and pavement outside of cycle shop: the Chair confirmed he had taken photographs a couple of weeks ago and had been in contact with Lancashire County Council (LCC). Chair confirmed he would follow this up and if necessary, contact would be made with the LCC Cabinet member for highways.

6. To approve payments transacted through the bank Oct 2022

3 Oct 2022	Easy Websites hosting fee	£27.60
20 Oct 2022	Walmer Bridge Village Hall rental for Parish Council mtgs	£33.00
20 Oct 2022	Walmer Bridge Village Hall donation to roof fund	£55.00

It was resolved that the above payments be approved

7. Payments for Approval

Clerk's pay (gross) for Oct 2022	£213.27
Clerk's expenses for Oct 2022	£53.79
Council for Protection of Rural England, web address (www.cpre.org.uk), subscription	£36.00
Lostock Hall Royal British Legion, payment for wreaths & poppies	£306.00
Refund to Cllr Owen re Armbands for LHPS	£399.50

It was resolved that the above payments be approved

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

It was noted that there were no such payments

9. Financial Statement as at 31/10/2022

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

current balance of	£30,441.71
deposit account balance of	£18,660.54

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

current balance of	£21,659.25
deposit account balance of	£18,660.54

It was resolved that the financial statement be approved.

10. Planning Applications

Ref 07/2022/00797/FUL, Balls Farm Brook Lane Little Hoole Preston Lancashire PR4 5JB, Proposed demolition of two existing storage buildings and erection of a replacement building for commercial storage and distribution use (Class B8), expiry date 12 Nov 2022.

Ref 07/2022/00863/VAR, 71 Hall Carr Lane Longton Preston Lancashire PR4 5JL, Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) to change height and roof style of extension, expiry date 16 Nov 2022.

The planning applications were noted and **it was resolved** that no representation

would be made.

11. Budget 2023-24

It was resolved that the Parish Council's budget for 2023-24 be set at £30,724.00.

12. Precept 2023-24

It was resolved that the Parish Council's precept for 2023-24 be set at £20,250.

This is a reduction of £2,250 (10%) compared to 2022-23. Inflation is currently approximately 10%. Whilst the Parish Council is facing increased costs, due to inflation, the Council considered it appropriate to call upon its financial reserves to enable it to meet its budgeted commitments in 2023-24, so allowing it to reduce the precept charged to residents in 2023-24 as an acknowledgement of the cost-of-living crisis.

13. Standing Orders

Due to time constraints it was agreed to defer this item to the January 2023 meeting.

14. Change of Venue for 9th Jan 2023 meeting.

Due to the unavailability of Walmer Bridge Village Hall on this date the meeting will now be held in the lounge of Old Mill Court (Retirement Housing Scheme), Walmer Bridge. There is no charge to the Parish Council other than a request to donate a raffle prize. The Clerk agreed to purchase a raffle prize, for which the Parish Council will reimburse the Clerk.

15. Christmas Lights Switch On

The Chair confirmed that the lights do work. Cllr Rimmer agreed to arrange for the lights to be PAT tested and the Council agreed to pay any associated costs. The Clerk agreed to contact the Chair of the PTA to establish if the children from Little Hoole Primary School would be attending the switch on.

16. Walmer Bridge Village Hall AGM – 19:30 in the lounge of WBVH 21 Nov 2022

This was noted by the Council

17. Future Projects

- a. *Bus Service*: given the unanticipated additional high cost to the Parish Council of introducing a new bus service it was agreed to remove this from the regular "Future Projects" agenda item.
- b. *Notice Boards*: The Chair confirmed that three new Parish Council notice boards have been ordered. The Parish Council wish to thank Kevin Hunt of Hunts Spar Ltd for allowing the Parish Council to affix one of the new notice boards to the external wall of the Spar in Walmer

Bridge, thus replacing the free-standing notice board on the edge of the car park of Spar.

- c. The Diamond Jubilee Tree has been ordered, and is likely to be planted in Feb 2023.

18. Correspondence

The Clerk highlighted two items of correspondence:

- a. Letter from LCC 13 Oct 2022 re new policy for attaching items to streetlights.
- b. Letter from SRBC 19 Oct 2022 re Parish Council's concerns about safety of footbridge over the brook between the playing field and the site of WBVH. SRBC confirmed their intention to replace the bridge and that responsibility for future repairs would be shared between SRBC and WBVH

19. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 9th January 2023, in the lounge of Old Mill Court (Retirement Housing Scheme), Walmer Bridge, starting at 7pm.