

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024, at Walmer Bridge Village Hall**

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Owen.
2. **To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024:**  
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 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:**  
Representatives of Little Hoole School PTA were present to discuss their amended grant submission for funding towards the removal of the old markings on the school playgrounds and the provision of new markings on the playgrounds to help with sport and play e.g. netball and football markings, a compass etc. The PTA representatives answered questions from Cllrs and they confirmed that the renewal of the markings was a project suggested by the Headteacher (see also item 6)  
A member of the public queried why the circular planters had still not been repaired and treated. The Chair explained that despite best efforts it had not been possible to secure someone to undertake the work (see also item 20).
6. **Grant Application from Little Hoole Primary School PTA: It was resolved to** award Little Hoole Primary School Parent Teachers Association £2,000 in 2024-25 towards the cost of improving the playgrounds at Little Hoole Primary School. Currently the playgrounds have faded markings that cannot be seen so are not fit to be used for play time activities, as learning resources, or as the extension of the learning undertaken by the Reception class. Fresh markings will provide greater opportunity for imaginative and creative play, for physical exercise, and allow the school to open up the premises to local groups such as a netball or football training space, or social games for adult groups in the area wishing to partake in such sports. The total cost of the project is estimated at £13,267 over two years, with the Parish Council contributing £2,000 in 2024-25 and an agreement in principle to fund a further £2,000 in 2025-26. The majority of the funding is being provided by the school and its PTA.
7. **Planning Applications:**
  - a) 07/2024/00469/HPD. 14 Liverpool Old Road Walmer Bridge Preston Lancashire PR4 5GA. Replacement of an existing flat roof with a pitched roof on the rear extension.
  - b) 07/2024/00477/PIP. Longton Arms 2 Liverpool Old Road Walmer Bridge Preston Lancashire PR4 5GA. Permission in principle for partial demolition and conversion of storage building to dwelling house.
  - c) 07/2024/00554/PIP. Low Barn Pine Avenue Little Hoole Preston Lancashire PR4 5LB. Application for Permission in Principle for erection of up to 1no. dwellinghouse (following demolition of existing buildings).



- d) 07/2024/00615/HOH. 14 Liverpool Old Road Walmer Bridge Preston Lancashire PR4 5GA. Replacement of an existing flat roof with a pitched roof on the rear extension.
- e) 07/2024/00619/VAR. Avondale Dob Lane Walmer Bridge Preston Lancashire PR4 4SU. Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 4 (materials), 6 (emission rate), 7 (SAP assessment), 9 (levels), 10 (drainage), 11 (landscaping), 14 (construction management plan), 15 (contaminated land), 18 (highway management), 20 (RAM statement), 21 (biological enhancement) and 22 (boundary treatments) of planning approval 07/2023/00232/FUL to permit changes to the approved plans (changes to housetype and access) and provision of 'Prior to commencement' details/information.

**It was resolved** that no representation would be made regarding the above planning applications

**8. To approve payments transacted through the bank for July 2024:**

| Current a/c July 2024        |                           |          |   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Date                         | Payee                     | £        | Description                             |
| 01-Jul-24                    | Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS) | 36.96    | Monthly website fee                     |
| 02-Jul-24                    | B/P to: Internal Auditor  | 262.50   | Internal Audit Fee for 23/24 accounts   |
| 18-Jul-24                    | B/P to: Paul Cafferkey    | 234.13   | Clerk's salary tax mth 4                |
| 18-Jul-24                    | B/P to: Paul Cafferkey    | 4.60     | Clerk's expenses tax mth 4              |
| 25-Jul-24                    | Direct Debit (HMRC SDDS)  | 145.00   | Employee's Tax to HMRC, tax mths 1 to 3 |
| 29-Jul-24                    | B/P to: Bouncelona        | 1,680.00 | Bouncy Castles Summer Activities        |
| Instant Access a/c July 2024 |                           |          |   |
| Nil transactions             |                           |          |   |

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

9. **Payments for approval: It was resolved** that the Clerk's claim for Aug 2024 of 5.66 hours and expenses of £1.50 be approved.
10. **Payments approved by email or pre-approved and retrospectively noted: It was resolved** that the Clerk's claim for July of 9.68 hours and expenses of £2.60 be approved.
11. **Financial statement as at 31 Aug 2024.** The Clerk presented the financial statement as at 31st Aug 2024. There are no actual or anticipated abnormal items of expenditure. Little Hoole Parish Council is, therefore, expected to end the financial year within budget and an estimated bank balance of circa £27,000 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. **It was resolved** that the financial statement be approved.
12. **Notice of Public Rights of Inspection – Update.** The Clerk reported that the period for the public inspection of the 2023-24 accounts had now passed and no requests to inspect the accounts had been received.
13. **Summer Activity Programme Aug 2024 – Review.** It was reported that the programme of summer activities for children on Dob Lane Recreation Park had



been successful. Some good feedback and thanks had been received from members of the public. One day had been impacted by poor weather when the bouncy castles could not be used but the climbing wall was still in operation.

14. **Old Mill Court – installation of pump in pond - update** The Chair reported that the pump had now been installed and that the residents of Old Mill Court were extremely appreciative of the help and funding provided by the Parish Council. The Chair has received the lifebuoy that is to be situated next to the pond, and this will be installed very soon.
15. **Register of Interests.** The Clerk reported that South Ribble Council had requested Parish Councillors “register of interests” be included on the Parish Council’s website. A return is outstanding from one Councillor, once this has been received, they will all be uploaded to the website.
16. **Precept 2025-26 deadline.** The Clerk reported that South Ribble Borough Council has set a deadline of before 17 January 2025 for submission of Parish Council precepts for 2025-26.
17. **Christmas Tree and Lights.** Cllr Wilcock kindly offered to liaise with the Walmer Bridge Inn regarding locating the Christmas Tree and lights in the pub’s beer garden, as has been the case in the last few years. Cllr Wilcock also agreed to obtain a quote for a Christmas Tree from Bolton Christmas Trees Ltd (who supplied last year’s tree) and Cllr Ashby agreed to obtain a quote from Mayors (Eccleston).
18. **Remembrance Sunday Wreaths. It was resolved** that 2 wreaths and 30 lamp post poppies be purchased by the Parish Council. Cllr J Rainsbury kindly agreed to place the orders with the Royal British Legion.
19. **Winter Planting.** Given the plants remaining from last year’s winter planting, it was considered that only new heathers would need to be planted this winter.
20. **Correspondence.** An email had been received from an individual enquiring if the Parish Council had any grounds maintenance type work that needed to be done around the village. Cllr Dryden agreed to make contact.
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. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting is to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2024, 7.00pm, The Lounge, Old Mill Court.

Approved as a correct record, Laurence Dryden – Chair – Little Hoole Parish Council  
14/10/24

