

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 17/01/2022, at Walmer Bridge Village Hall**

In attendance: Councillor L Dryden (Chair) Councillor J Rainsbury (Vice Chair)
Councillor D Owen Councillor S Rainsbury
Mr D Swift (Clerk/minutes)
Plus one member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Foster and Rimmer were unable to attend.

2. To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08/11/2021 were accepted by all Councillors present and agreed as a true record.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5. Matters raised by the public

The member of the public present raised two issues:

Noticeboards: Councillor Dryden explained that he has gathered information on the costs of replacement noticeboards.

Sheep worrying around Tuson's Farm: What is the Parish Council's view? It is caused by dogs owned by families living in nearby caravans. Ormskirk police have visited the site; the general opinion is that there is a bona fide reason for the caravans to be there.

6. Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the Financial Statement, as at 31/12/2021. The balances are:

- *Current Account: £25,840.19*
- *Business Reserve Account: £18,611.45 (plus interest for October to December)*

7. Payments

Payment Description	Amount
Recompense to Clerk for SLCC Membership renewal	£98.00
Clerk's invoice for hours worked in December 2021	£112.00
Recompense to Clerk for purchase of confidential paper disposal sacks	£18.00
Royal British Legion for poppies and wreath	£135.00
Recompense to Councillor Foster for installation of Christmas tree/lights	£50.00

Approval was proposed by Councillor J Rainsbury, seconded by Councillor S Rainsbury and unanimously agreed.

8. Payments approved by email and retrospectively noted

With no Parish Council meeting in December 2021, it was necessary for the payments shown below to be approved by email. The payments were retrospectively noted in the meeting.

Payment Description	Amount
Grant to PCC Hoole Parish Church	£5000.00
Walmer Bridge Village Hall for room hire	£55.00
Auldene Garden Tools Ltd for lawnmower service	£226.65
Recompense to Councillor Foster for purchase of Christmas trees	£260.00
Clerk's invoice for hours worked in November 2021	£160.00
Unity Trust Bank for quarterly bank charges (collected by Direct Debit)	£18.00
Elan City Ltd for supply of SPID and related items	£2996.39

9. Register of interests for Parish Councillors

No pecuniary interests were declared by the Councillors present. *The Clerk will ask for confirmation from Councillors Foster, Rimmer and Wilcock by email before submitting the response to South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC).*

10. Lengthsman update

After some discussion, it was agreed that: a. *the Parish Council will review and amend the contract for the Lengthsman.* b. *The Clerk will issue the revised contract to the candidates and await their responses.* The new Lengthsman will be appointed with effect from April 2022.

11. SPID update

Councillor Dryden will contact Lancashire County Council to have the SPID moved to another location within the Parish. This was proposed by Councillor J Rainsbury, seconded by Councillor Dryden and unanimously agreed.

12. Noticeboards

Councillor Dryden outlined that he has obtained quotes for different styles of noticeboard. After some discussion, it was agreed for the Parish Council to consider one of 2 options:

- A single aluminium noticeboard to be installed near to the Spar store
- 2 aluminium noticeboards to be installed: one near to the Spar store and the other near to Walmer Bridge Inn

The Clerk will email all Parish Councillors for their preferred choice.

13. Future projects

There was some general discussion about possible use of Parish precept finance. Ideas can be brought to future Parish Council meetings for consideration.

14. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence have recently been received:

- **Temporary road closure on Knoll Lane (29th and 30th January)**: this was noted. A copy of the relevant information has been posted on the Parish Council's website.
- **Note from SLCC regarding Remote Meetings for Councils in England**: there is a formal petition which has been issued for Parish and Town Councillors to read and sign if they wish to do so.
- **Walmer Bridge Village Hall have asked for confirmation of Parish Council Meeting dates from June to December 2022**. The following dates were agreed:

June 13th; July 11th; September 12th; October 10th; November 14th

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 14th, 2022, in the lounge of Walmer Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7pm.