Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12/10/2020, by Zoom video conference

In attendance: Mr J Rainsbury (Chair) Mrs S Rainsbury

Mr L Dryden Mrs C Foster
Mr D Owen Mrs T Wilcock

Mr D Swift (Clerk/minutes)

Also in attendance: Mr James Reilly from 'Easy Websites' and one member of the public.

Before the meeting began, the new Parish Clerk, Mr Swift, was welcomed and introduced.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Rimmer had been called to an emergency job and was unable to attend.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 14/09/2020 were agreed as a true record.

3. To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

As detailed in the 'matters arising' section, Councillor J Rainsbury has emailed South Ribble Borough Council and is awaiting a reply.

Mr Reilly attended by invitation, as referred to in point 12 of the minutes. He introduced the revised version of the Parish Council's website, including the new section which highlights the most recent news stories or articles. He recommended that the Parish Council create an account on 'pixabay.com' which allows appropriate royalty free images to be downloaded for use on the website.

Councillor Wilcock proposed that updates to the website be added as a standing item for future Parish Council meetings. Councillor J Rainsbury suggested that the Parish Clerk be responsible for receiving and publishing new or updated website articles. Mr Reilly said he would contact the Parish Clerk to arrange access to the website (and the Clerk's email address) before leaving the meeting.

5. Matters raised by the public

None.

6. Planning applications received since the last meeting

07/2020/00734/HOH – The Poplars, Station Rd: Two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. *No objections were raised.*

07/2020/00804/PAP – Fair Acre Farm, Moss Lane: Application for prior approval for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 domestic dwellings. Councillor J Rainsbury stated that the application was due to go to delegated decision. *The Parish Council agreed with this.*

7. Financial Statement

The Financial Statement to support the Precept for 2020/21, prepared by the former Parish Clerk and dated 30/09/2020, was presented. *Councillor Wilcock proposed the statement be accepted and Councillor Foster seconded the motion. All in favour.*

8. Payments

The list of payments shown below was presented for discussion and agreement.

Payment Description	Amount
Trash screen	£3000.00
Clerk's quarterly salary, up to 30/09/2020	£750.00
Clerk's expenses, up to 30/09/2020	£30.43
Membership renewal for CPRE	£36.00
External auditor's fee	£240.00
Acer Gardens: Work done in September 2020	£160.00

Councillor Foster proposed the list be accepted and Councillor Dryden seconded the motion. All in favour.

9. Website

The changes to the website outlined by Mr Reilly were discussed. Councillor Wilcock stated that the contact page needs to be updated.

10. Speed Indicator signs

A map of the area showing where potential Speed Indicator devices might be best situated has been prepared by Councillors Rimmer and Owen. This has been sent to Lancashire County Council and the Parish Council are awaiting a reply.

11. Dog Fouling - update

Councillor Dryden obtained prices for a potential 'dog toilet'. Councillor Wilcock expressed concern about how much it might be used. Councillor J Rainsbury also expressed concern as to possible sites. Responsible dog walkers already pick up and it is more about education.

Councillor J Rainsbury suggested a renewed campaign would be more appropriate and would speak to Mr Stammers the headmaster at Little Hoole Primary School suggesting the children produce new campaign posters, which could be laminated and placed around the village.

The Parish Council's view is that they are against purchasing the proposed facility.

12. Review and forward plan of projects for all ages in the village

Councillor Foster outlined the construction of a possible shelter in the park for general community use. Councillor S Rainsbury raised her objections referring to a previous consultation in which there was a negative public response, stating the shelter would be a magnet for youths to congregate with the problems this would bring.

Councillor Wilcock suggested a consultation exercise with local residents where they can proffer potential projects or a 'wish list'. This could be in the form of an online (and offline) questionnaire to ensure maximum reach.

Councillors Foster and Wilcock volunteered to work together in developing the questionnaire and present it for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

13. Christmas lighting

Councillor Dryden has approached Festive Lighting regarding this. It was suggested that Councillor Rimmer could inspect the wiring. Councillor Wilcock proposed talking to South Ribble Borough Council to check for electrical power capability in the area where the lighting would be installed. Councillor Foster enquired about the Christmas tree and Councillor Dryden stated that it had been ordered.

14. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider or reply to.

15. Members' additional information

Councillor Wilcock enquired about the debris in various culverts. Councillor Foster stated that most of it has now been cleared away and placed in the pub's refuse facility.

Councillor Owen stated that the former Parish Clerk has received invoices from Iain Layton of Acer Gardens. These invoices are for weeding, cutting back and clearing the brook on a number of occasions and will need to be approved for payment.

Councillor J Rainsbury informed the members that he had ordered the lamp post poppies and they would be received in due course, local residents had volunteered to put the poppies up as of previous years.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place by Zoom video conference on Monday 09/11/2020 at 7pm.