

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane

Present Cllrs A Taylor (Chairman), E Houghton, M Gelder, N Woodcock, R. Gelder, T Brown , D Fenton, K Hayes

In attendance R Weaver, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Houghton, Taylor and Brown declared an interest in Item10 for which dispensation have been granted. Cllr M. Gelder declared an interest in respect of item 7(f). Cllrs Hayes and Woodcock declared an interest in item 5 due to being PTA members of the school making a grant application. Cllr Taylor declared an interest in item 12

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th March 2019.

It was resolved to sign the draft Minutes of the meeting as an accurate record

4. Adjournment for Public Time

Two members of the public were present. Neither wished to speak, simply to observe.

5. Grant Application

A grant application for £750 was considered to develop outside play and learning areas for the local School . Cllrs Hayes and Woodcock remained in the meeting to answer questions about this application, explaining that it was a contribution towards a larger sum required to complete the work, After answering questions, they withdrew to allow discussion and voting to take place. It was **resolved** to award a grant of £1,000 to Hoole School

6. Cycle Track

Due to problems with people taking dogs onto the site, it was resolved to provide a larger and more prominent 'NO Dogs' sign at the entrance.

7. Finance

It was **resolved** to authorise the following payments: (Cllr M Gelder withdrew for item 7f, Chq 316)

| Chq 313 | PR Weaver Clerk salary and expenses (combined 7a and 7c on agenda) | £251.02 |
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| Chq312 | HMRC PAYE | £51.40 |
| Chq 314 | J Banister (Mistake on agenda where invoice is incorrectly shown as £120) | £150.00 |
| Chq 315 | Amberol Ltd | £1,502.68 |

Councillor M. Gelder withdrew from the meeting during the discussion regarding payment of LALC subscriptions. It was **resolved to authorise the following payment**

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| | Chq 316 | LALC subscription | £392.40 | |
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Councillor M Gelder returned to the meeting

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- 7(g) The bank reconciliation which shows the cashbook totals against the bank statements as at 18th March 2019 was presented to the meeting. It **was resolved** to accept and sign the bank reconciliation.
- 7(h) A comparison summary of costs / spending in 2018-19 compared to 2017-18 was noted

It was noted that the finances will shortly be subject of internal audit

8. Community led projects

- a) A financial consideration was considered to acquire the small piece of land on which the boundary marker stands and it was **resolved** that a sum of £100 would be offered.
- b) It was noted that the permissions to place a stone welcome sign at the entrance to the village had not been granted by LCC and an alternative design of sign should be considered at the next meeting.
- c) It was noted that delivery is awaited of the planters, upon which Chq 315 would be released

9. CIL money spending

A meeting between SRBC and Cllr M Gelder is planned for 17th April 2019 to consider drainage plans

10. Much Hoole Village Hall update

Cllr Taylor presented a short report to the meeting stating that planning permission was now complete and after a trustees' meeting on 25th April, tenders are likely to go out. Once tenders are back then the Clerk will review the documents with the trustees and the Council will be in a position to consider the use of the pledged money which was agreed subject to certain conditions being met.

11. Planning Issues.

Noted.

12. Lengthsman Update

Cllr Taylor withdrew from the meeting as he knew one of the candidates who had applied for the role. Cllr R Gelder and N Woodcock had been provided with anonymised applications to compare with the person specification and had drawn up a shortlist of two candidates. The identities of those candidates at this stage is known only to the Clerk, who will now arrange an interview to make a final selection.

13. Fallen Wires on Moss House Lane

It was resolved that the Clerk would formally contact BT Openreach to ask that the damaged wires lying in the hedgerows along Moss House Lane be dealt with.

14. Local Meetings

There were no reports from local meetings.

15. Items for next agenda (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Election of Chairman
Internal Audit and statement of Governance
Declarations of acceptance of office
Declarations of interests
Post box renovation

16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm (To allow time for circulation of papers to any new Councillors).