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In attendance:

Cllrs L Dryden (Chair), J Rainsbury, S Rainsbury, T Wilcock, S Evald, P Ashby, Mr D Owen.

Mr P Cafferkey (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), and three members of the public.

1. **Election of Chair:** It was resolved that Cllr Dryden be elected as Chair.
2. **Election of Vice Chair:** It was resolved that Cllr J Rainsbury be elected as Vice Chair.
3. **Apologies for Absence:** None
4. **Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting of the Parish Council:** It was resolved that the minutes of the previous annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2024 be approved.
5. **Report from Cllr Dryden (as the Chair for 2024/25) on the past year 2024-25:** Cllr Dryden gave a brief verbal report on the Parish Council's achievements during 2024-25.

Ongoing Projects:

- **Summer Planting:** Concluded successfully despite early challenges.
- **Summer Events:** Well-received, though one event was cancelled due to weather.
- **Remembrance Day:** Enhanced with additional poppies on lampposts.
- **Christmas Display:** Fell short of expectations; improvements planned for 2025.

New Initiatives:

- **Dob Lane Orchard:** 12 fruit trees planted in collaboration with county and borough councils.
- **New Zip Line:** Installed in the children's playground; very popular.
- **Mill Pond Restoration:** Area cleared and pump installed; preservation guaranteed by Progress Housing.
- **Parish Council Logo:** A new logo was adopted to strengthen the council's visual identity.

Support and Grants:

- **Assisted** Little Hoole Primary School PTA, Much Hoole Bowling Club, Walmer Bridge Village Hall.
- Donated **reflective tags** to primary school pupils for safety.
- Provided **shears** to local public rights of way volunteer.
- Supported a resident with a **planning concern**.

Transport Achievement:

- **Route 115 (Preston–Leyland–Chorley)** the parish council promoted the establishment of this bus route, connecting residents to vital services. Timetables were hand-delivered to every household.

Closing Note:

Cllr Dryden expressed gratitude to councillors, volunteers, and residents for their contributions and reaffirmed the council's commitment to a vibrant future for Little Hoole.

The Chair's full report can be found on the Parish Council's website under the News section or by scanning the following QR code.



6. **Public Time:** No matters were raised or discussed under this agenda item.
7. **To resolve to review at future meetings in the coming year: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Management Policy, Fixed Asset Register, Insurance Arrangements, Code of Conduct; and any other policies considered necessary.**

It was resolved that these policies and procedures, and any other policies considered necessary, would be reviewed during the coming year.

The meeting was immediately followed by the May 2025 Parish Council meeting.

Approved as a correct record: Laurence Dryden – Chair – 9th June 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Dryden'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot at the end.