

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
Held at 7pm on Monday 12th May 2025, at Walmer
Bridge Village Hall**

In attendance: Cllrs L Dryden (Chair), S Evald, D Owen, T Wilcock, J Rainsbury, S Rainsbury, P Ashby. Mr P Cafferkey (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer); and 3 members of the public.



1. **Apologies for absence:** none
2. **To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg:** It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th April 2025, be accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously.
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** Cllrs J Rainsbury and S Rainsbury declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting:** The Chair reported that over 800 leaflets had been distributed in the parish of Little Hoole promoting the new public bus service 115; item 16 of April 2024 minutes also refer.
5. **Public Time - matters raised by members of the public:** A query was raised as to whether it was known if the Planning Authority had reached a decision with regard to a previous planning application "07/2025/00194/FUL. Land Adjacent 26 Hall Carr Lane Walmer Bridge. Erection of 2 no. self-build dwellings". The Clerk reported that a decision was still awaited and it was agreed the Clerk would request the Planning Authority keep the Parish Council informed as to the outcome of the planning application.

A representative from Little Hoole School PTA was in attendance to express their thanks for a previous grant to help replace the markings on one of the two playgrounds. As agreed in principle at a previous Parish Council meeting the PTA representative was present to speak in support of a second grant application to help with the replacement of markings and the provision of some playground equipment for the second school playground (Item 6 refers).

6. **To consider grant application from Little Hoole Primary School PTA for £2,000 for playground markings.** In Sept 2024 (Parish Council minutes of 9th Sep 2024, item 6 refers) the Parish Council awarded the PTA a grant of up to a maximum £2,000 to replace the markings on one of the school's playgrounds, agreement was also given in principle to award up to a maximum of a further £2,000 in 2025-26 to replace the playground markings on the second playground. Agreement was again given in principle to award this grant, subject to the PTA submitting an amended grant application to include mention of the playground equipment (section 5 above refers – i.e. there is no mention of playground equipment on the current grant application). The grant will be formally considered at a future Parish Council meeting when the amended application is received.

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7. Planning Applications:

- a) Planning Applications: 07/2025/00296/HOH. Glen Dene Knoll Lane Little Hoole PR4 4TB. Raising of roof eaves and ridge to provide first-floor accommodation.
- b) 07/2025/00297/ADE. Glen Dene Knoll Lane Little Hoole PR4 4TB. Agricultural storage building
- c) 07/2025/00294/DIS. Glen Dene Knoll Lane Little Hoole PR4 4TB. Discharge of condition 2 (drainage) of planning permission 07/2025/00130/FUL.

There were no objections to the above planning applications.

8. Transactions through the bank for Apr 2025.

Date	Payee	£	Description
01-Apr-25	Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	36.96	Website monthly fee
03-Apr-25	B/P to: LT Dryden	48.00	Refund to Cllr Dryden re Purchase of Alpine Plants
03-Apr-25	B/P to: SRBC	18,825.74	Purchase & Installation of Zip Wire
03-Apr-25	B/P to: McCluskey Window	25.00	Cleaning of Bus Shelters March
03-Apr-25	B/P to: LT Dryden	54.96	Refund to Cllr Dryden re Purchase of bedding plants & compost
08-Apr-25	B/P to: Darren Wilcock	54.99	Refund to Mr Wilcock re purchase of fruit tree for community orchard
11-Apr-25	SOUTH RIBBLE BC	-21,200.00	Parish Precept income 202526
22-Apr-25	B/P to: McCluskey Window	25.00	Cleaning of Bus Shelters Apr
22-Apr-25	B/P to: Auldene Garden	499.75	Service & Repair of Lawn Mower
22-Apr-25	B/P to: Paul Cafferkey	3.70	Clerk's expenses tax mth 1
22-Apr-25	B/P to: Paul Cafferkey	226.62	Clerk's salary tax mth 1
25-Apr-25	Direct Debit (HMRC SDDS)	117.60	Employees tax for tax mths 10,11,12 2024-25
30-Apr-25	Service Charge	6.00	Monthly bank charge

It was resolved that the above transactions be approved.

- 9. **Asset Register – It was resolved** that the revised Asset Register as at 31 March 2025, as presented by the Clerk, be approved.
- 10. **Payments approved by email or pre-approved and retrospectively noted – None.**
- 11. **Payments for approval: It was resolved** that the Clerk's claim for Apr 2025 of 18.92 hours and expenses of £3.60 be approved.
- 12. **To review variances from budget for 2024-25.** The Clerk presented a financial report showing variances between actual expenditure and income compared to the budget, including reasons for any significant variances. **It was resolved** that the Clerk's financial variances report for 2024-25 be approved.



13. **Grant application for £3,000 from Hoole St Michael's Church towards refurbishment and repair of the Church Carillon bells.** – It was agreed to defer this item until such time as a member from the Church Parochial Council (e.g. Treasurer) could attend a future Parish Council to answer any questions Councillors might have.
14. **Children's summer activities programme – It was resolved** that the Parish Council would fund approximately £3,530 for a children's summer activity programme on Dob Lane Park, including the provision of bouncy castles and a climbing wall. This will be held for one day per week throughout the month of August. It was agreed that the same providers would be used as last year but that next year (2026) the Parish Council would test the market by obtaining quotes to ensure that it continued to obtain value for money. Cllr Wilcock confirmed that SRBC has approved the use of the park for this activity.
15. **Summer Planting** – The Chair reported two quotes had been received, one from A Watson circa £1,300 and one from Acer Gardens in the sum of £1,785. However, A Watson considers he may not have sufficient gardening experience at the moment to undertake the planting to a satisfactory standard, the Parish Council shared this view. The Parish Council, therefore, agreed that it would be preferable to accept the higher quote from Acer Gardens as this firm has previously undertaken this work for the Parish Council to a high standard. **It was resolved** that the quote from Acer Gardens, in the sum of £1,785 be accepted.
16. **Watering of Community Orchard – It was resolved** that the Chair would request A Watson to undertake watering of the Community Orchard as required, especially in view of the recent very dry spell of weather. **It was also resolved** that in future a budget be set aside for the maintenance of the Community Orchard.
17. **Update: Parish Council's Insurance Renewal** – The Clerk reported that he had renewed the insurance in with Zurich.
18. **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.
19. **Correspondence:** None
20. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting is to be held on Mon 9th June, 2025, 7pm, The Lounge, Walmer Bridge Village Hall.

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

