

**Minutes of the Little Hoole Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 10th March 2025, at Walmer Bridge
Village Hall**

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



1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. P Ashby
2. **To agree the minutes of the last Parish Council mtg:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th Feb 2025, were accepted as a true record and agreed unanimously.
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** None
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting:** The temporary manhole cover on the corner of Dob Lane and Tristen Avenue has now been replaced with a permanent cover.
5. **Public Time - matters raised by members of the public:** A member of the public stated that the drain workings at the corner of Dob Lane and Liverpool Old Road have still to be completed and wondered how much longer they might take. The Chair responded that it is thought that a drain inspection is awaited to ascertain if there is a blockage in the drain. A member of the public was present to thank the Parish Council for its help on a planning matter.
6. **Planning Applications:**
 - a) 07/2025/00093/HOH. 43 Hall Carr Lane PR4 5JJ. Two storey side and rear extension. Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage/summer room with accommodation on first floor.
 - b) 07/2024/00382/FUL. Lower Marsh Farm Station Road PR4 5LH. Creation of a Slurry Lagoon.
 - c) 07/2025/00070/APD. 2 Pine Avenue, Land To South Pine Avenue PR4 5LB. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of three agricultural buildings (nos. 2, 4 and 11) to general storage and distribution (under GPDO Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R).
 - d) 07/2025/00060/CLU. . 2 Pine Avenue, Land To South Pine Avenue PR4 5LB. Application for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of storage for buildings 1, 3, 5-9 and 12-16 and existing use of stables for buildings 17 and 18.
 - e) 07/2025/00058/CLU. 42 Hall Carr Lane PR4 5JJ. Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use of outbuilding for domestic storage.

There were no objections to the above planning applications.

7. **Planning Authority (SRBC) response to Parish Council letter re 07/2024/00889/FUL re Carver Hey Farm Moss Lane Little Hoole PR4 4SX.** Demolition of Existing Buildings and Erection of 9 Detached Dwellings. In response to queries from the Parish Council to SRBC regarding this application, SRBC had responded that *'the proposed development will only cover the areas occupied by the existing industrial/storage units and the associated land'*. A number of other queries raised by the Planning Authority are still awaiting a response from the applicant's agent.
8. **Transactions through the bank for Jan & Feb 2025.**

Date	Payee	£	Description
Current a/c			
02-Jan-25	Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	36.96	Monthly website fee
10-Jan-25	B/P to: SLCC	110.00	SLCC Annual subscription
20-Jan-25	B/P to: Employee 1	187.47	Clerk's pay for tax mth 10
20-Jan-25	B/P to: Employee 1	2.40	Clerk's expenses for tax mth 10
23-Jan-25	Direct Debit (HMRC SDDS)	147.00	Employee's tax to HMRC
26-Jan-25	Transfer to 20439596	20,000.00	Trsf to parish Council Instant Access a/c
27-Jan-25	B/P to: McCluskey Window	25.00	Cleaning of bus shelters
27-Jan-25	B/P to: Employee 1	79.20	Refund to Clerk re purchase of battery for defibrillator
27-Jan-25	B/P to: Little Hoole Schl	2,000.00	Grant to Little Hoole PTA re playground line markings
27-Jan-25	Much Hoole Parish Council	-1,875.00	Income from Hoole Parish Council re purchase of lawn mower re Hoole Bowling Club
31-Jan-25	Service Charge	6.00	Monthly bank charge
03-Feb-25	Direct Debit (GOCARDLESS)	36.96	Monthly website fee
03-Feb-25	B/P to: Adam Watson	20.00	Work re barrel planters & Christmas Tree
20-Feb-25	B/P to: Paul Cafferkey	171.79	Clerk's pay for tax mth 11
28-Feb-25	Service Charge	6.00	Monthly bank charge
Instant Access a/c			
26Jan2025	Transfer from 20435150	-20,000.00	Transfer from Parish Council Current a/c

The above transactions were approved.

9. **Payments approved by email or pre-approved and retrospectively noted –** None.
10. **Payments for approval: It was resolved** that the Clerk's claim for Feb 2025 of 8.34 hours be approved.
11. **To receive the Clerk's Financial Statement report as at 28th Feb 2025.** The Clerk reported that there were no significant changes compared to the previous month, although figures may change significantly depending when the invoices for marquees and the zip wire are received.



12. **To review Standing Orders and Direct Debits:** This item was deferred to the April meeting. To review signatories to the Parish Council Bank Account.
13. **To review signatories to the Parish Council Bank Account:** The current signatories to the bank were reviewed and the signatories of Clerk and Councillors Ashby, Owen, Wilcock and Dryden were approved for the forthcoming year.
14. **To approve the Parish Council's Asset Register:** this was approved.
15. **To approve the Parish Council's Risk Register:** this was approved.
16. **To consider the Central Lancashire Plan (Planning Document):** this was deferred to the April meeting. However, the Clerk did report that Cllr Paul Cocker, of Much Hoole Parish Council, has kindly reviewed the document in relation to Public Rights of Way in Much Hoole and Little Hoole to ascertain if any are impacted by the planning document.
17. **To discuss fencing to the MUGA:** it was acknowledged that in the absence of a fence around the MUGA meant that footballs often ended up in the adjacent field and hedge. Discussion took place as to the feasibility for a fence to be erected. This could well depend upon future work on the park by SRBC, but failing this the erection of a fence was discussed as a possible future Parish Council project.
18. **Grant to Walmer Bridge Village Hall (WBVH) – Update:** WBVH has obtained 3 quotes for the purchase of 2 professional marquees. All quotes are similar but the lowest quote for 2 marquees is £3766 ex vat. The Clerk is to establish if the marquees can incorporate the following wording 'Donated by Little Hoole Parish Council', and at what additional costs.
19. **Community Orchard – Update:** funding of £741.50 has been secured by Cllr Wilcock from Lancashire County Council for the purchase of 15 fruit trees. Pupils from Little Hoole Primary School are to attend the planting on Saturday 5th April 10:30am – 12:30pm. It was resolved that the Parish Council would purchase drinks and snacks for the children. Discussion took place as to the exact location of the Community Orchard and it was agreed that this would need to be mutually agreed between LCC and SRBC.
20. **Zip Wire project – Update** Cllr Evald reported that the installation of the zip wire is progressing well and is on budget. Completion is expected week ending 16th March 2025 and the equipment has an expected lifespan of 30 years.
21. **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.



22. **Correspondence:** The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a resident mentioning that the bus timetables were out of date. He had reported this to LCC who stated that they will be updated very shortly. Another resident had emailed to say that she was struggling to find an NHS dentist. Whilst the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over the provision of dentists, they felt it was important that residents did report difficulties that they were experiencing. It would seem that the provision of NHS dental provision is a national problem.
23. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting is to be held on the 14th April, 2025, 7.00pm, The Lounge, Walmer Bridge Village Hall.

Signed as a true record, Laurence Dryden – Chair. 14th Apr 2025.

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