



Minutes of a meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 9th May 2024, 8.00pm

at Hilldale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr G Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Ashcroft (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bell, Cllr D Whittington, and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk), Cllr K Jukes & 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - None
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
 - a. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors in relation to items on the agenda
 - b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
 - c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriateNone received
3. **Public Participation:** The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

Speeding and vehicle noise on Chorley Road was raised. The new PCSO will be contacted to see if he/she can attend the next coffee morning. The Chairman explained the SPID is on hold as there is no suitable location to place it (on the south side of the road). Cllr Jukes to raise speeding with Inspector John Bent, it was suggested that a traffic speed and volume survey could be requested.

Cllr Whittington received a request from Louise to have a hoist fitted in the disabled toilet. Parish Councillors requested additional information in order to explore and consider.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting - to resolve to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 07.03.24.** It was resolved to approve the minutes proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft.
5. **Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated).** The Clerk was thanked for the report, the content of which was noted. The Clerk advised of the quotation received for the plastering work and is awaiting a second quotation from the Handyman; this will be e mailed to Parish Councillors for a decision to select an appropriate contractor.
6. **Items for information - reports from outside bodies.** None
7. **To discuss whether the Parish Council wishes to host village litter picks.** It was ratified the Parish Council wish to encourage litter picks which are currently organised by the HCA but do not feel a need to host additional events.
8. **To receive an update on the Lancashire Environmental Fund tree and bulb project. The Clerk reported of the completion of the project;** a plaque has been received from LEF to display – it was ratified to place this on the fence at the bottom of the field.
9. **To receive an update on sourcing grant funding for the field path.** The Clerk advised of a new community green spaces fund which will provide £7 million of funding to support communities across the country to create restore and enhance their green spaces, this to include paths. It was ratified to go ahead and obtain quotations and samples for a new path with a view to applying for the grant.

10. **To receive an update on this year's applications for capital grant from WLBC.** The Clerk was delighted to announce both applications have been successful; to replace 30 of the existing chairs with folding stackable chairs and dedicated trolley and the fabrication to the outside railing and marking out of disabled spaces on the car park. The Clerk applied for a higher contribution (70%) and was congratulated on the successful applications.
11. **To receive an update on the Local Government Elections held on 2nd May 2024.** The hall was once again utilised for the elections which went smoothly.
12. **To receive an update on the internal audit.** The Clerk confirmed she completed all the necessary tasks and awaits the report.
13. **Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications together with any received after the agenda is published.** None to report, however Parish Councillors noted the Council's enforcement officers have visited the bungalow 'Hunters Lodge'.
14. **To receive the budget monitoring report receipts/payments summary for year-end (2023/24) for members to note.** Approved.
15. **To receive and approve (previously circulated) the bank reconciliation statement as at 31.03.24.** Approved.
16. **To receive an update on the VAT return that the Clerk has submitted.** The VAT refund was received on 24.04.24 (£177.33).
17. **To review the 2024/25 budget setting and agree the reallocation of several budget payments and receipts (report previously circulated).** The report was approved.
18. **To review and approve the Clerks home as office, internet and mobile phone payment.** The report previously circulated was approved.
19. **To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment -** Approved.
20. **Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments -** Approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.54

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Signed G Ward

G WARD, CHAIRMAN, Dated25.07.24.....