



Minutes of a meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 25th July 2024, 7.00pm

at Hilldale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr G Ward (Chairman), Cllr I Bell, Cllr D Whittington, and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr S Ashcroft
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.

It was reported that the quarry is overgrown causing issues with access to public walkways. Cllr Whittington to investigate with West Lancashire Borough Council.

Uneven pavements on Beechfield and Springmount was highlighted. It was confirmed that the procedure for reporting would be via the highway's authority (Lancashire County Council) with accompanying photographs and measurements.

Overhanging trees at the bottom of the field was reported. This will be monitored as part of the Parish Council's regular grounds maintenance checks.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting - to resolve to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09.05.24 and 06.06.24.** It was resolved to approve the minutes proposed by the Cllr Bell and seconded by the Chairman.
5. **Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated).** The Clerk was thanked for the report, the content of which was noted. The Clerk advised that she has not received any availability from the Handyman for the plastering work. Douglas Valley plastering will be approached for a third quotation. The Clerk highlighted the poor drainage at the bottom of the field (left side) and suggested utilising the budget provision to add additional hoggin. It was resolved to discuss digging out the area with Laurence pending information regarding any possible drains in this area.
6. **Items for information - reports from outside bodies.** None
7. **To receive an update on capital grant from WLBC and agree the extent of fabrication of the railings.** It was resolved to cut back 2 panels to create suitable access for disabled vehicles.
8. **To receive an update on the external audit.** The Clerk advised of the initial feedback, additional details were requested to explain the variation of income from the previous year. Secondly, attention was drawn to the date of the exercise of public rights which was the same as the date of announcement. The Clerk confirmed she has responded to both queries.

9. **To discuss if there is a requirement for access to plans for all UU assets under the field and agree a budget for this.** It was ratified the Clerk should request information from UU to establish the locations of any pipes; Cllr Bell confirmed this information should be available under freedom of information at no charge.
10. **To discuss storage issues and agree a way forward.** It was ratified to give the church x30 plastic chairs free of charge. The maximum number of chairs required for the hall being 80; this to comprise of 38 new chairs; 15 banquet chairs and 27 plastic chairs. It was noted additional chairs are stored in the loft for outside use.
11. **To decide on the number of chairs to be retained for the hall.** Ratified as per item 10.
12. **Planning Matters.** No issues to report.
13. **To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment** - Approved.
14. **Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments** - Approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00

Clerk: Trish Grimshaw E mail: Clerk@hilldaleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Signed.....G Ward G WARD, CHAIRMAN, Dated03.10.24.....