



## **DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Hilldale Parish Council**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, 7.00pm**

**at Hilldale Village Hall**

**Participants:** Cllr G Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Ashcroft, Cllr I Bell, , and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr D Whittington
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.

Concerns were expressed regarding the dangerous junction on Malt Kiln Lane, it was reported that there have been 2 accidents in the past 3 weeks, police were in attendance. The Parish council to alert the highways authority (Lancashire County Council) and request a speed survey.

Uneven pavements on Beechfield and Springmount was again 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 silver tree at the rear of 11 Springmount was reported. This will be investigated further.

Irresponsible parking of contractor vehicles on the road was reported; it was confirmed the police need to be notified of any obstructions or dangerous parking.

Ros Wes and Jimmy Kelly provided an overview of the work they have undertaken with a small committee in Parbold gathering information of fallen soldiers of WW1 and WW2 from the local area. They are looking at the possibility of a public War Memorial and are hoping to gain permission from Lancashire County Council to place the Memorial on land in the most appropriate area of Parbold village. From their research they have noted several names other than those from Parbold, a number from Hilldale, Bispham and Dalton and enquired if Hilldale and Bispham wish to be involved in adding the names of the servicemen who died in the two world wars. Resolution in item 5.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting - to resolve to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25.07.24.** It was resolved to approve the minutes proposed by the Cllr Bell and seconded by the Chairman.
5. **To discuss correspondence received from Ros Wes regarding a war memorial in Parbold and the opportunity to include Hilldale in the project.** Whilst the Parish

Councillors were on board with the proposals, however it was resolved to canvas opinion in the newsletter and via the HCA.

6. **Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated).** The Clerk was thanked for her report. The Clerk highlighted the blocked gullies which are over flowing on the car park and the hall gutters which require the leaves removing and drains unblocking. The Parish Councillors approved the quotation of £250.00 to resolve both issues. The Clerk advised the boiler will be serviced tomorrow by Parbold Plumbing (£70.00).
7. **Items for information - reports from outside bodies.** None
8. **To discuss the request from a resident regarding permission to metal detect on the playing field.** The metal detecting policy (previously circulated) was approved, the Clerk to advise the resident of the decision.
9. **To discuss progress with the request to United Utilities for plans of the field drainage system.** United Utilities were unable to provide a plan free of charge but do offer several payable plans, however it is not clear which plan will detail the information required. To move forward the Clerk to progress with the development team at United Utilities.
10. **To discuss the quotation (£320.00) received from TC Electrical for the supply and installation of LED lighting in the kitchen, office and store room and agree a way forward.** It was resolved that the store room already have an LED hence an amended quotation for the kitchen and office will be requested.
11. **To discuss submitting an application for a grant to the Champions fund.** It was resolved to apply to the Champions fund for a grant towards the stage curtain.
12. **To discuss the storage of the old chairs.** It was resolved to look at storage in the new year, meanwhile the excess chairs will remain in the office.
13. **To receive an update on progress in relation to the Annual Governance Accountability Return and feedback from the External Auditor.** The Clerk reported on a successful audit report (previously circulated).
14. **To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter one (2024/25 – April to June) for members to note.** Approved with no issues raised.
15. **Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications together with any received after the agenda is published.** No issues to report.
16. **To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment.** Approved.
17. **Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments.** Approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.01

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Signed.....G Ward ..... G WARD, CHAIRMAN, Dated .....07.11.24.....