



Minutes of a meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 7th November 2024, 7.00pm

at Hilldale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr G Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Ashcroft, Cllr I Bell, Cllr D Whittington, and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) and 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. Brian Arnold, Chairman of Parbold Parish Council provided an update on the Parbold SpID which has been converted to a solar device and following consultation and an assessment by LCC will be placed between the Common and boundary sign (on its own pole). Parish Councillors were pleased to hear this and supportive of the proposed location.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting - to resolve to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03.10.24.** It was resolved to approve the minutes proposed by the Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Bell.
5. **Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated).** The Clerk highlighted the correspondence from Jacky Denning (Democratic Services) requesting any views in relation to the Parish Remuneration Panel's recommendations. It was ratified that Hilldale Parish Councillors do not claim any type of remuneration. The Clerk confirmed Lancashire County Council have been made aware of planting that has appeared on the junction of Malt Kiln Lane which has experienced several collisions over the past year. The Clerk advised that the village hall smart metre has been reported to EON as it is not providing up to date readings.
6. **Items for information - reports from outside bodies.**
7. **To discuss progress with the request to United Utilities for plans of the field drainage system.** The Clerk reported the request to UU was once again referred to the property searches department, who offer a wealth of maps and plans stating their records are indicative only. Following discussion, it was ratified the Parish Council should make a Freedom of Information request to United Utilities, it is understood there may be a charge of up to £50.00.
8. **To discuss and agree a response to the e mail from Lancashire County Council (Jayne Elliot) regarding an application to record public rights along a route known historically as Dark Lane in October 2021. (Deadline 15.11.24).** Following discussion, it was ratified to respond to LCC expressing concerns regarding the opening up of the area between D and E which is dangerous unless major renovation work is undertaken to clear the area in order to make safe.

9. **To discuss the revised quotation received from TC Electrical for the supply and installation of LED lighting in the kitchen and office and to agree a way forward.** No further quotations received to date.
10. **To receive and update from the application submitted by the Clerk for a grant from the Champions fund and agree the specification of the stage curtain.** The Clerk reported of her successful application and provided curtain samples at the meeting. It was ratified to order a black and zinc curtain with fitting.
11. **To discuss the playing field footpath improvements and quotations received from Dandy Landscape Supplies and L Davis for Hoggin self-binding gravel (supply and install) and agree a way forward.** It was ratified to agree both quotations.
12. **To discuss cleaning of the village hall and agree a way forward.** Following discussion it was ratified to review in May next year.
13. **To discuss items for the winter or spring newsletter and agree distribution, printing and date of issue.** It was ratified to produce a newsletter early in the new year.
14. **To revisit the options for a SpID in Hildale; noting the capital grant awarded due to expire this financial year.** Two new sites were identified, the bottom of Bannister Lane and Malt Kiln Lane, LCC will be asked to consider the viability of the new locations and the Clerk to request a further site meeting with LCC and Parish Councillors.
15. **To gather further information regarding the use of mobile phone technology to gather road traffic information as evidence for the need for traffic calming measures or speeding enforcement measures.** Following discussion it was ratified to defer to the March meeting.
16. **To decide on making a request for traffic speed and vehicle type surveys on Chorley Road.** The Clerk advised of the mechanism to report speeding traffic to Lancashire Police, it was ratified to add this information to the next newsletter, advise HCA for their social media page and add to the Parish noticeboards. <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern>
17. **To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter one (2024/25 – July to September) for members to note.** Noted and approved.
18. **To agree a budget for the purchase of Christmas decorations for the village hall.** It was ratified for the Clerk to purchase for suitable decorations (battery rechargeable lights) for the village hall.
19. **Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications together with any received after the agenda is published.** None
20. **To authorise payment of the Clerk’s backdated pay following agreement of the NALC pay award for 2024/25.** Approved.
21. **To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment.** Approved.
22. **Financial reports to ratify accounts and authorise payments.** Approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.22

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Signed..... G Ward G WARD, CHAIRMAN, Dated 16.12.24