



Minutes of the Meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 6th January 2022; 7.00pm held at Hilldale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr G Ward (Chairman) (SA), Cllr I Bell (IB), Cllr D Whittington (DW) Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) (PG).

1. Apologies: Cllr S Ashcroft (Vice Chairman), Cllr May Blake (MB)

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Cllr D Whittington declared an interest in item 13

3. Public Participation: None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 02/12/21: These were agreed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr D Whittington and seconded by Cllr I Bell and will be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Parish Clerks Report: The Clerk provided a verbal summary of the work which has been undertaken since the last meeting (report previously circulated). Points to note:

The village hall has been booked for the forthcoming Borough Elections; the hire fee will be the same as last year.

BT have been working on providing broadband to the hall, it was agreed to prioritise the installation of the landline should the broadband connection not be imminent.

The Clerk has received several hall cancellations due to the omicron Covid 19 variant.

The Clerk has arranged a site visit from Brinscall Interiors to obtain a quotation for a new curtain rail and curtain.

The Clerk requested suggestions for the next capital funding applications (deadline 22/02/22).

A quotation will be obtained for the purchase of a new flag for the flagpole.

6. To consider WLBC invitation to submit topics that you feel appropriate to be considered by the Council, in relation to forming part of its work plan 2022/2023 for Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Council are inviting Parish Councils ahead of the public invitation being released, to enable each council sufficient time to consider ideas and make their submissions by 30th January 2022.

On this occasion Parish Councillors had no topics to submit

7. To receive an update on the electrical test and emergency lighting inspection of the village hall and to consider the quotation for the installation of an external security light to lighten the steps at the front of the hall.

The Clerk confirmed the electrical inspection had been undertaken; however unfortunately due to Covid the electrician has not yet reported his findings or been able to prepare a quotation for the additional work which included installation of a sensor and light at the front exterior of the building to lighten up the path and steps.

8. To receive an update on the loan of the SPID from Parbold Parish Council.

Unfortunately, the SPID is still not available from Parbold Parish Council. The Chairman of Parbold Parish Council will contact the Clerk as soon as it is available for loan.

9. To receive an update regarding the village hall floor repair and resolve a way forward.

The Parish Councillors considered all the information received from NALC and subsequent Solicitors' advice following the Clerks enquiries. A discussion took place regarding a professional assessment of the floor and a temporary repair.

It was resolved to write to the contractor once more, this to include a deadline for the contractor to arrange to view the floor. It was resolved the Clerk should not telephone the contractor again but to correspond via e mail and post.

10. Items for information - reports from outside bodies

Cllr Whittington gave an update following a meeting held with Andrew Davies from LCC Highways regarding drainage issues at Chorley Road, Beechfield, Robin Lane, Grimshaw Green Lane. A further inspection of these areas is ongoing. Andrew has also visited Sanderson Lane and taken photographs of the stones along the side of the road (item 12)

11. To report progress on the BT installation of a landline and internet

The Clerk reported this is ongoing and had received an e mail on 6/1/22 to advise the matter had been escalated to BT's IT team to try and resolve the issue by finding a workaround to process the order. It was resolved to order just the landline should the broadband not be available soon.

12. To receive an update on action taken regarding rocks and stones along grass verges

No further update from County Cllr Rob Bailey who will report back to the next meeting. See item 10 for update from Cllr Whittington.

13. To receive an update on a Village Plan renewal following the meeting with Martin Trengove.

Parish Councillors voted to take the renewal of the plan forward with Cllr D Whittington abstaining from the vote; the Clerk to locate the previous village plan and scan over to all Parish Councillors.

14. To consider the quotation for the purchase and fitting of combi notice boards/acoustic panels from the supplier of the panels already fitted for completion during the council financial year

The Clerk has not received a response from the acoustic panel company and will chase this for the next meeting.

15. To receive an update re the HCA funding application for the purchase and fitting of a stage back curtain rail for completion during the council financial year.

HCA have submitted the funding application; the decision should be received at the end of February.

16. Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to:

Ward: Parbold **Parish:** Hilldale
Application No: 2021/1433/LBC **Date Valid:** 7 December 2021
Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Installation of CCTV cameras and detached timber garden structures (retrospective).
Site Location: Harrock Hill Barn, Sanderson Lane, Hilldale,
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Collinson
Response Deadline: 14 January 2022
No comments

17. To review and finalise the draft budget proposal for the 2022/ 2023 financial year

It was resolved to accept the draft budget (previously circulated) with two amendments: Cost Centre: Funding Precept; Cost Code 29 to read £15,443 to reflect the 1.5% increase; Cost Centre: Contingency; Cost Code 37 to be increase to £985.00 thereby balancing the 2022/23 budget.

18. To pass a resolution to ring fence £1.5k of the business support grant for a cultural events project 2022/23

It was resolved to ring fence £1.5k of the business support grant for a cultural events project.

19. To confirm the precept for the 2022/23 financial year after receiving confirmation of the Council tax base and subsidies from WLBC

It was resolved to confirm the precept for the 2022/23 financial year as follows:

Support Grant 2022/23 Tax Base 270.98 (up by 4.01 from 266.97)

Precept Required before 2022/23 Grant £15,928

Less Council Tax Support Grant £485.00

Precept to be raised from Council Tax £15,443

Precept to be raised from Council Tax £15,443 with a tax base of 270.98 gives a Band D equivalent Tax level of £56.98 an increase of £0.02

20. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - Approved

21. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - Approved

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.51

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Signed

G WARD, CHAIRMAN

Dated03/03/22.....