



## Minutes of the Meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021; 7.00pm by electronic communication under the provisions of Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

**Participants:** Cllr G Ward (Chairman) (GW) Cllrs Whittington (DW), Ian Bell (IB), Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) (PG)

**1. Apologies:** Stuart Ashcroft (SA)

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr Bell raised a declaration of interest in relation to item 3; flooding issues on Beechfield.

**3. Public Participation** - no items raised.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 04/03/21:** These were agreed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr I Ward and seconded by Cllr D Whittington 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).

It was resolved that subject to Covid restrictions being lifted the village hall would be available for hire, however all activities must be Covid compliant. It was resolved that bouncy castles are not permitted in the village hall but can be used on the field as part of a village hall booking subject to certain conditions as per our insurers. 'The hirer would need to source this from individuals or firms with their own Public Liability Insurance who will not only supply the equipment but also attend the event and supervise/operate it at all times as the Parish Council insurers will not cover claims for injury, loss or damage arising from a bouncy castle or similar inflatable device'. Proof of their Public Liability Insurance would also be required.

It is anticipated the coffee mornings will return at the end of June.

**6.To discuss and resolve the course of action in relation to the ceiling fixings in the village hall.** It was resolved to contact Westhead gates and a joiner to amend the fixings to make safe.

**7.Items for information - reports from outside bodies.** These were acknowledged (previously circulated).

**8.To discuss the purchase and installation of a SPID and decide an appropriate course of action.** It was resolved to purchase the SPID from Brian Arnold at a price of up to £50.00. The frequency charging will be identified.

**9.To decide if the Parish Council should work towards applying for the Lancashire Best Kept Village in 2022 and agree which partners could be approached to assist.** It was resolved to apply for the Lancashire Best Kept Village subject to being able to recruit volunteers to assist.

**10.To discuss and decide on reviewing ways to improve accessibility on the recently repaired areas of the path on the field.** It was resolved to obtain quotations from suitable contractors in order to consolidate the path work that was undertaken in the winter.

**11.To decide on a suitable project to apply for WLBC Lancs CIL funding 2021 & Infrastructure Projects.** It was resolved that the play area and roof would be suitable projects.

**12.To consider the response received from United Utilities and subsequent information received via Cllr Bell and resolve a way forward on drainage issues concerning Hillside/Beechfield and the overflowing sewer on the field.** It was resolved to contact United Utilities providing the job number of the work which they have previously undertaken requesting that they advise of the nature of the work carried. Following this to request a site meeting.

**13.To consider registering the village hall address with the post office in order to obtain quotations from broadband providers.** It was resolved to register the village hall with the post office.

**14.To discuss the business restart grant scheme (previously circulated (6/4/21) and resolve the action to take in respect of completing a declaration from.** It was resolved not to apply for this scheme.

**15. Planning Matters** – no comments to the planning matters as follows:

Applications determined under the delegated system

**Ward:** Parbold **Parish:** Hilldale  
**Application:** 2020/1230/FUL **Decision:** Planning Permission Granted  
**Proposal:** Retention of outbuilding to house biomass boiler and pellet store.  
**Location:** Hawett House, Whittle Lane, Wrightington, Wigan, Lancashire, WN6 9QB  
**Applicant:** Mr Ian Hill

**Ward:** Parbold **Parish:** Hilldale  
**Application:** 2021/0171/LDP **Decision:** Cert of Lawfulness (PROPOSED)  
Permitted  
**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness - Proposed brick outbuilding.  
**Location:** 22 Hillside Avenue, Hilldale, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7AW  
**Applicant:** Mr Kevin Tipper

Planning Applications Received - Validated up to 10 March 2021

**Ward:** Parbold **Parish:** Hilldale  
**Application No:** 2021/0292/PNP **Date Valid:** 8/3/21  
**Proposal:** Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details – new access for agricultural vehicles to enter the land.  
**Site Location:** Stony Hall Farm, 2 Stoney Lane, Hilldale, Wrightington, Wigan  
**Applicant:** J Hill  
**Decision Level:** Delegated to the Corporate Director of Place and Community  
**Deadline:** 24/03/21

Planning Applications Received – Validated up to 31 March 2021

**Ward:** Parbold **Parish:** Bispham  
**Application No:** 2021/0319/FUL **Date Valid:** 12/03/21

**Proposal:** Proposed single storey side extension to form utility.

**Site Location:** 14 Grimshaw Green Lane, Bispham, Wigan. **Applicant:** Mr O Hulbert

**Decision Level:**

Delegated to the Corporate Director of Place and Community for determination unless Member request consideration by Planning Committee.

**16. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment** - approved

**17. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments** – approved

**18. Ratification of the financial year end 2020-21 and subsequent documents for submission to the auditor** - financial year end figures and documents to be submitted to the internal auditor were ratified and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20

**Clerk: Trish Grimshaw**

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**Signed .....G Ward.....**

**G WARD, CHAIRMAN**

**Dated .....01/07/21.....**