



DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 2nd December 2021; 7.00pm held at Hilldale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr S Ashcroft (Vice Chairman) (SA), Cllr I Bell (IB), Cllr D Whittington (DW) Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) (PG) and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr G Ward (GW), Cllr May Blake (MB)

Welcome: The Vice Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

3. Public Participation –

Mr Halkett raised concern regarding road safety and enquired as to the progress in relation to the SPID. This item is an agenda item - 7.

Mr Halkett provided an update on the 'older peoples' grant which the HCA has applied for (kitchen equipment) and requested ideas for further grant applications. Mr Halkett has identified the Dulverton Trust (an independent grant funding charity) which a grant application could be submitted to. This is an agenda item 17 & 18.

Mr Halkett was thanked for this information.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 04/11/21: These were agreed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr S Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr D Whittington and will be duly signed by the Vice 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).

6. To receive an update on the quotation received from TC Electrical for electrical test and emergency lighting inspection of the village hall. Following approval of the quotation from the Parish Councillors the Clerk reported the work will take place on Thursday 16th December.

7. To receive an update on the loan of the SPID from Parbold Parish Council. The Clerk reported the SPID is not yet available from Parbold (out for repair); LCC will place brackets on the relevant lampposts once confirmation is received that the SPID is in full working order. It was resolved the Clerk should contact the Chairman of Parbold Parish Council to explain the Parish Councils wish to have the SPID in place in January (when the schools return).

8. To receive an update regarding the village hall floor repair and resolve a way forward. The Clerk reported that no response has been received following the e mail and telephone calls to the contractor. It was resolved to write a formal letter to the company with a deadline for a response being 31.12.21.

9. Items for information - reports from outside bodies. None

10. To finalise the arrangements for the shared use of the Parish Council printer with Mawdesley Parish Council following advice from Scribe. The Clerk explained the cost of printing will be split equally, Hilldale will reclaim the VAT element and Mawdesley will be invoiced on a quarterly basis.

11. To report progress on the BT installation of a landline and internet and resolve a way forward should fibre option not be currently available. It was resolved to order a basic line rental package should fibre optic not be available.

12. To receive an update on the defib training sessions planned for the new year. The Clerk advised a reminder has been sent to Cheryl Pickford requesting her availability.

13. To consider the annual inspection report of the play equipment from the Play Inspection Company on 04/11/21 (previously circulated) and agree any action points. There were no immediate action points, however the Parish Councillors agreed the equipment will soon need replacing or will need to be removed.

14. To receive an update on action taken regarding rocks and stones along grass verges. No progress to report from County Councillor Rob Bailey.

15. To receive an update on a Village Plan renewal. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Martin Trengove and Parish Councillors on Thursday 9th December to progress.

16. To receive an update regarding the Councils wish to formulate a carbon neutral strategy. It was agreed to include an article in the new year newsletter to create a working group to progress.

17. To consider 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. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quotation and forward to HCA as a funding opportunity.

18. To consider the purchase and fitting of a stage back curtain rail for completion during the council financial year. The Clerk confirmed the quotation received from Abacus Stage Tech. A query was raised re the possibility of obtaining a medium rather than heavy duty track. The Clerk to enquire with the company. It was resolved that estimates should be sent to HCA for possible funding opportunities.

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

Ward:	Parbold	Parish:	Hilldale
Application No:	2021/1208/FUL	Date Valid:	11 November 2021
Proposal:			Single storey oak framed freestanding stables.
Site Location:			Crucked Barn, Coopers Lane, Hilldale, Heskin, Chorley.
Applicant:			Mrs Corrine Kennedy
Decision Level:			Delegated to the Corporate Director of Place and Community for determination unless Member request consideration by Planning Committee
Response Deadline: (for Ward Councillors & Parishes)			10 December 2021
Case Officer:			Mrs Debbie Walkley Tel: 01695 585342
Grid Ref			SD 351768 413648

No comments were raised regarding the planning application.

20. To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter two (2021/22 – July to September) for members to note. Parish Councilor's noted the report.

21. To review a draft budget proposal for the 2022/ 2023 financial year and agree priorities. The budget proposal was considered, minor amendments will be made to balance the budget and will be presented to the next meeting. Cost code 18 funding from WLBC should be reduced to 440 (from 485). A resolution will be presented to the next meeting to ring fence £1.5k of the business support grant for a cultural events project 2022/23

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

23. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments. Approved

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.24

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Signed

S ASHCROFT, VICE CHAIRMAN

Dated06/01/22.....