



DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Hildale Parish Council

Thursday 1st December 2022, 7.00pm

at Hildale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr S Ashcroft (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Bell, Cllr D Whittington and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence - Apologies received from Cllr G Ward, Cllr M Blake
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 appropriate
3. Public Participation: To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation.

Any member of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes within the overall time allocated. Please note that any representation or matter raised does not require any response from the Council and should not be debated since no decision can lawfully be made during this time. A member of the public is any person present other than a member or official of the Council. A member or official of the Council may (after the meeting) request a future agenda item be placed setting out what it is the Council is being asked to consider and decide upon.

A request was made by Bill on behalf of the HCA for the Parish Council to consider free use of the hall for the summer fair and Coronation on 8th May. This will be added to the next agenda.

Bill reported that warm space grants are only eligible to the freeholder of a building. An agenda item to consider an additional coffee morning utilising the Parish Council's cultural budget will be added to the next meeting.

A resident raised concerns regarding speeding in the village. It was confirmed that all speeding incidents should be reported to 101, this will be added to the next newsletter. Meanwhile due to being unable to loan a SPID from a neighbouring Parish, the Parish Council is considering the purchase of a SPID which will form part of the budget proposals for 2023/24.

Louise Southern attended the meeting and provided additional information in respect of her wish to hire the hall for independent living skills, Louise confirmed she has 3 local members from the Mawdesley/ Standish area.

Terry McMahon has decided a plaque attached to the bench near the swings will be a fitting tribute to Maureen. Terry agreed to e mail wording to the Clerk so this can be ratified at the next meeting.

A resident has reported concerns regarding the fencing at 9 Springmount Drive which she feels is higher than planning permission has been granted for. The Clerk confirmed she has e mailed the Planning Department to review.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 03/11/22 were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Bell.
5. To receive an update on the field boundary and resolve a way forward. The resident of the property on 7 Springmount Drive has verbally confirmed to the Clerk that he moved the fence in excess of 10 years ago and will sort out any appropriate tree work.
6. To receive an update on the tree survey – the Clerk confirmed the tree survey has been undertaken a copy of which has been forwarded to Parish Councillors and will be considered in detail at a subsequent meeting.
7. Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated).
8. To receive an update on Whitemoss Community Fund application in respect of the village hall floor. The Clerk confirmed she has completed the application, receipt of which has been acknowledged. A decision will be made by the end of January 2023.
9. To receive an update on village plan questionnaires. The Clerk reported receipt of 48 questionnaires, a summary of which had been send to Parish Councillors. Any additional responses will be added and re-circulated.
10. Items for information - reports from outside bodies. None to report.
11. To receive an update following the ROSPA play area inspection and agree any actions. The Clerk advised the inspection had been delayed due to illness of the surveyor, however this will now take place on Friday.
12. To receive an update on the use of signage disclaimers. The Clerk contacted Ecclestone Parish Council who provided their disclaimer. It was ratified the Parish Council should adapt for Hilldale playing field, wording to be drafted for the next meeting.
13. To respond to the request from LCC who are undertaking a review of all aspects of the Public Realm Agreements held between LCC and the 12 district councils to 2 questions. 1) Do you have any concerns about the present operation of the highways Public Realm Agreement (agreement template attached) and particularly the relevant work functions as carried out by the county council or respective district council as indicated in the 'Who Does What' table (also attached)? 2) Do you have any relevant suggestions for improvement of the operation, scope and/or specifications of the Public Realm Agreement functions? It was resolved the Parish Council has no comment to add to the public realm agreements.
14. To resolve to set the dates of the Parish Council meetings for 2023/24 (dates previously circulated). The dates of forthcoming meetings were resolved and will be placed on noticeboards and the website.
15. To review the village hall policy and guidance on hire of the village hall. It was resolved to review the policy and guidance which should incorporate a balanced and wider programme of activities.
16. To respond to the request for a long-term block booking for the village hall for 2023 2 days per week. Standing orders were suspended. Louise confirmed she would be flexible should the hall be required for other functions i.e., elections/NHS and other occasional one-off bookings which may require the hall earlier than 3.30pm. It was resolved to accept the booking from Louise Southern (Wednesday and Thursdays 9.30 to 3.30pm) commencing in January, proposed by Cllr Bell and unanimously agreed by Cllrs Ashcroft and Whittington.
17. Planning Matters – none to report.
18. To receive an update on the boundary gateway. The Clerk advised that Parbold Parish Council have had to return their sign to the manufacturers due to a fault. A bespoke attachment will have to be made to ensure the Hilldale sign fits neatly onto the reverse of the Parbold sign. Laurence has estimated the cost being £200 to Hilldale. It was resolved

to accept the estimate, proposed by Cllr Ashcroft and unanimously agreed by Cllrs Bell and Whittington.

- 19. To review a draft budget proposal for the 2023/2024 financial year and agree priorities. The Clerk was thanked for the draft proposal. A discussion around hall hire fees, energy, a fuel surcharge and carbon neutral reserves will be added on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 20. To consider and approve the schedule for accounts for payment – approved.
- 21. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.
- 22. To authorise payment of the Clerks backdated pay following NALC pay award - approved.
- 23. Staffing review – in view of the confidential nature of this item members of the public and press were excluded at the point and a separate confidential minute has been made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.28

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Signed

S ASHCROFT, VICE CHAIRMAN

Dated05.01.23.....