



Minutes of the Meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 7th January 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), Stuart Ashcroft (SA), Ian Bell (IB), Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) (PG)

1. Apologies: None

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None declared.

3. Public Participation

Dog Fouling

Bill Hackett raised concern regarding an increase in dog fouling on pavements and the field over the winter months.

It was agreed to issue further posters on noticeboards advising residents of the reporting channels in order that this is highlighted to WLBC. The Clerk to contact WLBC to see what other support is available. An updated banner for the field was suggested; the Clerk to explore funding with Hilldale Community Association and Parish Champions funds.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 5/11/20 & Special Meeting 17/12/20: These were agreed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr I Bell and seconded by Cllr G Ward and will be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes: Stop Parbold Hill Landfill

DW provided an update regarding the Stop Parbold Hill landfill campaign. It was resolved to issue a donation via bank transfer of £250 to Action for Recycling and Reduction of Waste for the specific use for legal fees to remedy against the landfill proposals under Application 2019/0028/LCC. This was proposed by Cllr I Bell and seconded by Cllr G Ward.

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

7. Update on Response to Covid 19; to acknowledge and accept the business support grant from WLBC due to national lockdown 5/11/20.

An Ultra Violet room sterilisation unit and thermometer will be purchased prior to the re-opening the hall. The Parish Councilors confirmed their acceptance of the business support grant; a timetable for reopening to be considered as soon as restrictions ease.

8. To receive an update regarding the order to Playsound for the installation of the springer (2020/21) and climbing frame (2021/22) in the junior play area, thereby splitting payments over the 2 financial years.

The Clerk confirmed that Playsound were able to spread the cost of the springer and climbing frame over 2 financial years thereby enabling us to apply for match funding from WLBC.

9.To discuss the play area equipment annual report (previously circulated) and agree the priorities and actions required.

Parish Councillors agreed that on reading the report there was nothing major reported that needs immediate action; however, monitoring was essential to highlight any deterioration. It was agreed that the protruding tree root on the entrance to the junior play area will be rectified following receipt of a quotation from Laurence.

10.To discuss and decide on a specific small project (match funding) in order to make an application to WLBC for capital funding (deadline 12/02/21)

The Parish Councillors agreed that the Clerk should make an application for match funding for the A frame (junior play area)

11.To discuss the Woodland Trust ‘free trees for communities’ promotion and decide if an application should be made and the types of trees/shrubs/hedging required.

The Parish Councillors resolved the Clerk should apply for Wild harvest shrubs which will provide 40 – 50 metres of double row hedge.

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

13.Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments – approved

14.Update on external audit completion – the Clerk reported on a successful audit which has been duly advertised on noticeboards

15.Discuss and agree action in relation to additional stone and labour quotation for the playing field footpath.

Parish Councillors agreed the quotation to undertake the work from Laurence on receipt of an appropriate risk assessment.

16.To receive an update on the cleaner vacancy.

Due to the continued closure of the hall Parish Councillors agreed to review this again in March.

17.To review and finalise the draft budget proposal for the 2021/ 2022 financial year as discussed at the special meeting on 17/12/20.

The draft budget (previously circulated was acknowledged and agreed)

18.To confirm the precept for the 2021/2022 financial year after receiving confirmation of the Council tax base and subsidies from WLBC. This was agreed by Parish Councillors as follows:

Support Grant - 2021/22 Tax Base 266.97 (up by 2.12 from 264.85)

Precept Required before 2021/22 Grant £15,693.00

Less Council Tax Support Grant £ 485.00

Precept 20/21 to be raised from Council Tax £15,208.00

Precept to be raised from Council Tax £15,208 with a tax base of 266.97 gives a Band D equivalent Tax Level of £56.96 an increase of £1.21

19.To consider the NALC 2020/21 pay award and agree to process backpay for the Clerk - approved.

20.Date and time of next meeting – 4th March 2021 7.00pm

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10

Signed*G ward*.....

G WARD, CHAIRMAN

Dated04/03/21.....