



Minutes of a meeting of Hilledale Parish Council

Thursday 5th January 2023, 7.00pm

at Hilledale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr G Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Ashcroft (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Bell, Cllr D Whittington and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence - Apologies received from 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.

Concern was expressed by a resident regarding dog owners who are not in control of their dog on the playing field. It was confirmed that WLBC are reviewing their policy on this issue; meanwhile incidents of dog attacks should be reported directly to the police.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 01/12/22 were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft.
5. Following a request from HCA to consider free use of the village hall for the Coronation event. It was ratified to hold the event as a joint event of the HCA and Parish Council hence there will be no charge applicable.
6. To consider an additional coffee morning utilising the Parish Council's cultural budget. It was ratified to use the cultural budget of £1,500 towards a community event in the Spring and to delegate this to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to progress.
7. To consider any actions following receipt of the tree survey. Following receipt of the tree survey it was ratified to obtain estimates for the tree work prioritising as per the report. Tree work will need to be undertaken before the end of March to incorporate in this year's budget. It was suggested Myerscough college could be contacted who may wish to consider an environmental project in respect of the managing the hedgerow.
8. Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated) – the report was noted.
9. To receive an update on Whitemoss Community Fund application in respect of the village hall floor. It was confirmed a decision on the application will be received at the end of January.

10. To receive a final summary of the completed Village plan questionnaires. It was confirmed that 48 responses had been received which will be useful information for the first stage of the village plan. This information will be detailed in the next newsletter.
11. Items for information - reports from outside bodies. None to report.
12. To receive an update following the two play area inspection reports (ROSPA & Play Inspection Company) and agree any actions. Following discussion based on the inspection reports it was ratified to remove the timber structure play area. Quotations will be sought to remove and dispose of the equipment with the decision of an appropriate contractor being delegated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
13. To receive draft wording for use of signage disclaimers on the playing field and agree final wording. It was ratified that the final wording will be agreed via e mail.
14. To receive an update on village hall policy and guidance in respect of hiring the village hall. This agenda item to be added to a future agenda.
15. Planning Matters – To discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications received after the agenda is published.
Application Number: 2022/1180/FUL Proposal: Various extensions and remodelling works to existing dwelling. Works include proposed front extensions, rear two and three-storey extensions and side covered entrance. Various works to existing roof including new slate roof tiles. Location: Brookfield House, Robin Lane, Hilldale, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7BE
Deadline 13.01.23 It was ratified that the Parish Council wished to query why the garden had been excluded from the planning application.
16. To receive an update on the Hilldale boundary gateway. The Clerk advised she had been in touch with Parbold Parish Council who were waiting for their faulty sign to be returned at which time both signs will be installed at the correct boundary of Hilldale and Parbold.
17. To agree the subject of this year's capital grant application to WLBC. The Clerk provided suggestions such as a SPID and folding chairs for the village hall. It was ratified to apply for a solar powered SPID.
18. To review and finalise the draft budget proposal for the 2023/2024 financial year. Budget proposals were finalised. An additional line will be added to the budget for the replacement of the play area (£40K) which will require a successful grant application to fund. Due to increased energy costs, it was ratified to increase the village hall hire to £11.00 per hour with effect from 01.04.23; the kitchen remaining at £5.00.
19. To confirm the precept for 2023/24 financial year after receiving confirmation of the Council tax base and subsidies from WLBC.

It was resolved to confirm the precept for the 2023/24 financial year as follows:

Support Grant 2023/24 Tax Base 271.42 (up by 0.44 from 270.98)

Precept Required before 2023/24 Grant	£16,724 (5% increase)
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Less Council Tax Support Grant	£495.00
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Precept to be raised from Council Tax	£16,229
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Precept to be raised from Council Tax £16,229 with a tax base of 271.42 gives a Band D equivalent Tax level of £59.79 an increase of £2.81

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

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.21

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Signed ... *G Ward*

G WARD, CHAIRMAN

Dated 02.03.23