



Minutes of a meeting of Hilldale Parish Council

Thursday 3rd November 2022; 7.00pm at Hilldale Village Hall

Participants: Cllr G Ward (Chair), Cllr I Bell, Cllr S Ashcroft and Trish Grimshaw (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence - Apologies received from Cllr D Whittington, 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.

It was reported that over the last couple of days a small hole has appeared at the corner of the sink hole at the bottom of the playing field where united utilities had recently installed a new access cover. It was resolved that the Clerk would arrange for it to be repaired and residents should also report incidents of this nature this directly to United Utilities which will assist in creating a documented record of incidents.

In relation to the request to consider a boules pitch in Hilldale it was confirmed that this was considered approximately 10 years ago at which time the cost was between £8k and £10k. Given that the Red Lion in Mawdesley have recently installed a boules pitch, it was resolved to establish if there is a demand for a further boules pitch in the area, this will be included in a future newsletter.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 30/09/22 were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Bell.
5. To receive an update on the field boundary and resolve a way forward. It was resolved to write to the resident to clarify the field/back garden boundary of the property on Springmount Avenue.
6. To consider quotations received to undertake a tree survey and select a contractor. Following receipt of 2 quotations it was resolved to appoint Tree Consultancy to undertake the tree survey.
7. Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated). The clerk highlighted particular items on the report. The Clerk reported 2 roofing contractors recently undertaken a survey of the flat roof. One contractor provided an estimate for re-bedding the ridge tiles and adding

guttering; the other contractor cleaned out the blocked guttering explaining that the fascia has been fitted over the pitched roof i.e., the rubber that goes up the upstand. It was resolved to monitor the situation as there has been no further issues since the guttering was cleared. A request was made to hire the hall on a regular basis for a group 2 days per week. It was resolved to obtain additional information in order to consider the booking.

8. To receive an update on Whitemoss Community Fund application in respect of the village hall floor. The Clerk reported she has partly completed the application form and requested the Parish Councillors view this before submission. It was resolved to hold a zoom meeting to finalise the details.
9. To receive an update on the village plan flyer and distribution. The village plan flyers are printed. It was resolved to circulate these asap to meet the deadline of 30.11.22.
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 reported she has not received notification of an exact date of inspection however this will be within the next 4 weeks.
12. To receive an update on the use of signage disclaimers. The Clerk reported the Parish Council's insurance company suggested contacting the HSE website for advice. However, the HSE site does not provide specific information on disclaimers. It was resolved to contact Ecclestone Parish Council who it is understood have disclaimers on their site.
13. To discuss the request to purchase a memorial bench and plaque and resolve the type, specification and location of the bench. The Clerk confirmed she had e mailed a link (Lathom Memorial Benches) to the resident who enquired about a new bench for the field.
14. Planning Matters – To discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications received after the agenda is published. **Application Number 2022/1017/FUL** 10 Andertons Mill, Bentley Lane; – single storey extension to rear. **No objections.** **Application Number 2022/1083/FUL** The Barn, 48 Chorley Road, Hilldale; Re roofing existing flat roofed dormers; widening dormers; re-roofing existing garage and installation of solar panels. **No objections.**
15. To receive an update on the boundary gateway. The Clerk advised that Parbold Parish Council have selected Laurence to install Parbold's new sign (with Hilldale's sign on the reverse) the cost of which is being shared. It was resolved to request Laurence remove the existing Hilldale sign at the time Parbold's is ready – the additional cost being paid for by Hilldale Parish Council.
16. To ratify the updated Equality and Diversity policy (previously circulated). The draft has not been finalised and will be circulated at a future meeting.
17. To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter two (2022/23 – July to Sept) for members to note. Members noted the report.
18. To consider and approve the schedule for accounts for payment – approved.
19. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.49

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SignedG Ward.....

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