



Minutes of a meeting of Hilledale Parish Council

Friday 30th September 2022; 7.00pm at Hilledale Village Hall

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

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

Declarations of interest were declared from Cllr Bell in relation to item 20

Application Number: 2022/0977/FUL

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.

Speeding concerns were raised by a resident. It was resolved the Clerk would request the attendance of the police at a future meeting to discuss ongoing concerns.

It was reported that the footpath on Grimshaw Green Lane and Chorley Road has been narrowed. It was resolved that this can be reported directly to LCC via their website.

A request was made to purchase a bench and plaque be placed on the playing field. It was resolved to add this to the agenda for the next meeting, meanwhile the Clerk will source details of the previous bench supplier.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 28/07/22 were approved.
5. Minutes of the annual meeting on 28/04/22 were approved.
6. To discuss the correspondence received regarding the proposal of a boules pitch on the playing field and resolve a way forward. It was confirmed that this was considered approximately 10 years ago at which time the cost was between £8k and £10k. However, within the last 6 months the Red Lion has 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.
7. To discuss the correspondence received regarding the trees that overhang the playing field to the rear of 7 Springmount and 15 Beechfield, both of which have tree preservation orders and resolve an appropriate course of action following receipt of quotations. It was resolved to go ahead with the tree work for 15 Beechfield with SMN trees. However, the boundary of

the tree located at the rear of 7 Springmount needs clarifying with Land registry, the Clerk to action this.

8. To consider appointing a suitably qualified tree specialist to undertake a tree survey. It was resolved to obtain quotations for a tree survey.
9. Parish Clerks Report (previously circulated). The clerk advised of additional new items not on the report – a contractor has been booked to repair and service the front doors of the village hall; Parbold Surgery have booked the hall for vaccinations; the Church have kindly agreed to accommodate any overspill parking; an appointment has been booked for installation of a smart meter in the hall on 6/10/22.
10. To receive an update on the sink hole on the playing field and UU plan. The Clerk reported of the response from UU (Lynton Makinson) on 23/08/22 (previously circulated) which confirmed a full investigation had been undertaken on the full length of the public sewer from Bannister Farm/Bannister Lane/Chorley Road/Grimshaw Green Lane/Robin Lane and down the rear of the common in Parbold and found no evidence of any location where surface water is getting into the system. Future issues should be reported immediately to UU.
11. To receive an update on the village hall floor and confirm receipt of settlement funds which have been allocated to earmarked reserves. It was confirmed the settlement funds have been received and are allocated to earmarked reserves.
12. To consider applying to Whitemoss Community Fund (closing date 23/11/22) in respect of the village hall floor. The Clerk advised the grant funding requires a donation to Whitemoss at a ratio of £11 donation to release £100 of funding. It was resolved the Clerk should submit an application.
13. To receive an update on progress made with the Village plan. The Chairman had previously circulated wording which will be incorporated into an A4 flyer. It was resolved to approve the wording, the Clerk to arrange printing of 300 colour copies which will be circulated to all residents.
14. Items for information - reports from outside bodies - none.
15. To receive an update on the capital funding projects (noticeboards/bespoke curtain and curtain pole). The Clerk reported the funding has been received in respect of the noticeboards, however the HCA received a full grant for the curtain and curtain pole hence the Parish Council will not require the funding from WLBC.
16. To receive an update on a grant application (Lancashire Environmental Fund) to plant additional wild garlic and English bluebells in appropriate areas around the field perimeter. The Clerk has enquired with Lancashire Environmental fund who have grants of up to £1,000 for this type of project. However, if we applied now the project would need to be completed by March 2023 which is not the best time to plant bluebells. Hence this will be revisited in March. Meanwhile the Clerk has e mailed Sarah Raven's company for further advice regarding planting/quantity/type etc.
17. To receive a quotation to replace the existing 8+ play equipment. The plans and quotations were well received, the play structures being timber based which would fit in well with the environment. It was resolved to seek funding opportunities.
18. To ratify the chosen insurance provider following quotations received. It was ratified the chosen insurance provider being BHIB who offered the best value and a 3-year deal.
19. To discuss the use of appropriate signage disclaimers. It was resolved the Clerk to contact the new insurer for advice.
20. Planning Matters – To discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications received after the agenda is published.

Application Number: 2022/0943/FUL 7 Hillside Ave WN8 7AW; Proposed Residential Dwelling

It was resolved that Parish Councillors supported the view of WLBC Drainage Officer in relation to concerns regarding adequate drainage.

Application Number: 2022/0977/FUL 9 Springmount Ave WN8 7AP; Proposed single storey side extension and 2.10m high garden boundary fence to replace existing conifers.

It was resolved to highlight with the planning department there may be a restrictive covenant in place.

21. To receive an update on the boundary gateway and sign following site visit by David and Trish, to agree the location and arrangements regarding funding of installation. It was resolved to place the sign on the boundary gateway with Parbold Parish Council's sign on the opposite side, installation costs being shared with Parbold.
22. To provide an update on the loan of the Parbold SPID and consider the purchase of one for Hilldale. There is no progress with the loan of the Parbold SPID. It was resolved to obtain quotations for a SPID with a view to incorporating in next year's budget.
23. To discuss the e mail from LCC re the 'warm and welcoming buildings' initiative regarding details of publicly accessible buildings that are free of charge where people are welcome to keep warm and comfortable. e.g., coffee mornings; returnable to parishcouncils@lancashire.gov.uk by the beginning of October. It was resolved that the HCA coffee morning may fit into this criteria.
24. The Health and Safety policy (previously circulated) was ratified. Proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Bell.
25. To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter one (2022/23 – April to June) - members noted the report.
26. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved.
27. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.02

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Signed G Ward

G WARD, CHAIRMAN Dated03.11.22.....