

# HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL** held on What's App Video@ 11am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Mrs. P. Dawes(Chairman), Cllr. N. Craddock, Cllr. J. Turner, Cllr. A. Rushton, Clerk Chris Gracey

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present on this occasion.

### **1.0 APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllr. Keith Yardley

### **2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Cllr. Nigel Craddock commented that 3.1 minute from the 19<sup>th</sup> February should have been that the barrier work on Wolverhampton Road is now completed. Proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock and seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the correction.

### **3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **3.1 FOOTPATH IN DARK LANE TRAFFIC LIGHTS on A460 junction NEW ROAD**

The Chairman Cllr. Pam Dawes commented that funds are going to be available to Staffs CC to carry out highways work. Members asked the clerk to write to County Cllr. Bernard Williams & Cabinet Member for Highways Cllr. David Williams & ask if the footpath can be relayed from the traffic lights in Dark Lane to the Nr.42, after the new road works have been completed and the end of road is closed to traffic. Members commented that there are 4 disabled residents who live along that stretch of road that have mobility difficulties and are unable to use the footpath because of the unevenness, potholes & the general condition of the footpath. Residents of Hilton Parish are most affected by the development of the new road & residents with have to get use to the closeness of the road to their homes, with the excessive noise, air pollution and as part of the mitigation the footpath should be replaced. If funds are available, then it could be set aside & earmarked for this footpath. The Parish Council are hoping that the aged green fencing will be replaced and plan to enhance the visual impact by planting bulbs & small shrubs, and possible outside furniture.

Members commented that no work has been carried out on the sequence of the traffic lights.

### **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 None

### **5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

5.1 None

### **6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

6.1 None

**7.0 MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 The lawn mower has been serviced and is now ready for the mowing season due to commence shortly.

7.2 The alley from Park Road to A460 needs clearing, and weed treating on both sides & the litter removed, the Chairman will ask the Ground Maintenance Contractor to clear & weed treat.

7.3 Members discussed the wall along the alley which appeared to be leaning, the Chairman will get it checked & if required the clerk will contact SSHA.

**8.0 PLANNING**

8.1 None received

**9.0 FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve – proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded by Cllr. & carried

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded Cllr. Ann Rushton & carried

9.3 The balance of £7763.26 was available in the Parish Council current account @ 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

9.4 The clerk confirmed the year end figures & documents were complete, awaiting the bank statement before they go to the internal auditor for checking.

9.5 Consider & approve online banking facility proposed by Cllr. Jacquie Turner seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock & carried

9.6 Members discussed petty cash & agreed an amount of £100 proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton Seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock & carried.

9.7 Consider grant to St. Mary’s Church Shareshill – Members agreed a donation of £350 proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton & carried.

**10.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

10.1 Members discussed small tokens for residents & children at Christmas & Easter and agreed to consider it further at future meetings.

10.2 The Chairman commented that the pipe protruding in the road has been inspected & sprayed.

10.3 The Chairman confirmed that she had attended a meeting with Highways England about the new road, the underpass/bridge over has been dismissed, as the police would not support it. The statement of Common Ground has been agreed subject to the amendments discussed. The spend for Hilton from the designated funds has not been agreed.

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 7pm on What’s App video link.

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