

# HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @7pm at Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre Banberry Lane, Featherstone.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Mrs. P. Dawes(Chairman), Cllr. N. Craddock, Cllr. J. Turner, Cllr. Keith Yardley, County Cllr. B. Williams  
Clerk Chris Gracey

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## **Chairman's Annual Report:**

The Chairman Cllr. Pam Dawes read her annual report:

Good evening everyone & thank you for attending. The past 18months have been difficult but I'm pleased to see you all in person, in one place at last. Hopefully things will continue to get back to some sort of normality as we go forward.

The M6/M54 link road is now at the inspectorate stage and we are awaiting the outcome, District Cllrs Bob Cope, Frank Beardsmore & myself have been involved in meetings with Highways England to agree on a statement of common ground. Cllr. Bob Cope was involved in meeting with the inspectorate and spoke on behalf of Hilton Parish, I would personally like to thank him for that.

Highways problems as always featured in the last 12months, after along wait the safety barriers around the pedestrian crossing on the A460 were replaced. Dark Lane has been resurfaced with tar & chippings recently, but speaking to Highways Manager Mark Keeling there are some issues and the contractor has got to come back & address these.

The extremely poor state of Dark Lane pavement has been raised again. We asked our County Cllr. Bernard Williams for his support in getting the pavement not just repaired but totally replaced. There are at least 4 quite seriously disabled residents in Dark Lane who say the condition of the pavement restricts them as they are afraid of injury. I have spoken to Highways England and asked if there is any chance of this work being done out of the designated funds, I am not very hopeful but I will keep trying.

Tim Davies continues to cut the grass and weed spray the parish and I thank him for all his hard work. The mower was serviced at the beginning of the year.

A donation of £350 was made to St. Mary's & St. Lukes Church Shareshill to assist in the upkeep of the churchyard. A thank you letter was received from Mary Ann Burke.

We received one planning application for a 3 bedroom detached property to be built at Nr.1 Cannock Road, no objections were received and the building work has commenced.

It was agreed not to increase the precept this year.

Going onto finance the bank balance stands at £10,042.86 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

I want to thank the Councillors & the Clerk for the past 12 months continuing hard work. I think you will agree with me that the whatsapp meetings worked quite well but as I said at the beginning it's nice to see you all in person again.  
Thank you Chairman Cllr. Pam Dawes.

## **1.0 APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllr. Ann Rushton & District Cllr. Bob Cope.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner & carried that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to any correction.

## **3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** FOOTPATH IN DARK LANE Cllr. Jacquie Turner has looked into the Discrimination Act and feels that the Public Sector Equality Duty is most suitable to the present situation. No further action can be taken until the new road is complete & the top of Dark Lane has been closed off.

County Cllr. Bernard Williams left the meeting at 7.55pm

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 None

## **5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

5.1 As discussed in item 3.

## **6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

6.1 None

## **7.0 MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 Invoices received for grass cutting, payment to be held over until the Autumn.

## **8.0 PLANNING**

8.1 None received

## **9.0 FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve – proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded by Cllr. Jacqueline Turner & Carried.

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – proposed by Cllr. Jacqueline Turner seconded Cllr. Keith Yardley & carried

9.3 The balance of £10,042.86 was available in the Parish Council current account @ 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

## **10.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

10.1 2 trees on Park Road junction Dark Lane in need of crowning, grass cut on Dark Lane recently which was very overgrown, looking better but still quite untidy.

10.2 A460 when declassified with the new road is not to be used for anti-social behaviour.

10.3 Members agreed to proceed with a new website to meet the transparency code.

10.4 Hilton Hall large marquee being used for weddings with large numbers of people attending despite covid guidelines. The marquee has not been granted planning permission, therefore the clerk will report to SSC Enforcement.

10.5 Storage of caravans & campers at Tower House being stored without planning permission, the

owners are stating that this procedure has been happening for the last 10 years although the proof is being supplied by family members. An original application was submitted & withdrawn several years ago.

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 7pm on Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre

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