

# HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL held at Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre Baneberry Road Featherstone at 7pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Members observed a minute silence for Cllr. Ingrid Craddock a serving councillor of the Parish who had recently passed away. The Chairman said that Ingrid was looking forward to joining the council and working in the community, but unfortunately she became very unwell at the commencement of her service.

**PRESENT: Cllr. P Dawes (Chairman) Cllr.A Rushton Cllr. J Turner, Cllr. T Davies**

**Chris Gracey, District Cllr. John Brindle, Cllr. Bob Cope**

**Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy** – Jacqueline Turner and Tim Davies have come forward to be co-opted onto the council, proposed by the Chairman Cllr. Pam Dawes seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

The Chairman welcomed our two new councillors to this month's meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - none

## **1.0 APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllrs. Bernard Williams, and Nigel Craddock submitted apologies for tonight's meeting.

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

2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried.

## **3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Coach Company parking vehicles on Hilton Lane causing an obstruction, over the school holidays and the ongoing road works the parking has stopped , but will commence again now that the holidays are over. The clerk will write to the company and ask them to stop parking inconsiderately.

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 Letter from St Mary's and St.Luke's Church, Shareshill for a donation towards roof repairs. Members discussed the requested and Cllr. Jacquie Turner proposed a grant of £300 seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

## **5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

5.1 None

## **6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

6.1 Cllr. John Brindle reported that South Staffs Council have been reviewing Officers

salaries, comparing them to similar roles with other district councils and their remunerations.

6.2 Cllr. Bob Cope reported on the following:

Closed churchyards are the responsibility of SSC, they have set up a fund to allocate funds to meet the expenditure should it be required.

Monmore Green is closing for Speedway Racing and a new location is being sought by their main sponsor. The proposal is to create a multi-sport track stadium, land in South Staffordshire is being considered but the noise levels need to be assessed.

## **7.0 MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 The bollards on Park Road are to be painted, when the weather permits.

## **8.0 PLANNING**

8.1 Hilton Hall have lost their appeal keep their unlawful marquee, they have two existing bookings which they will be allowed to take place.

8.2 Layby towards Shareshill – utility work complete but the contractor has left the spoil.

## **9.0 FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE June, July, August and September	£ 200.00	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's salary June, July, August and September 2023)	£ 800.00	Approved
Featherstone & Hilton CC (Hall hire £20.00 13/09/23)	£ 21.00	Approved
C E Gracey (reimbursement of green bin licence)	£ 43.60	Approved
BHIB Insurance (2023-24 renewal)	£ 323.83	Approved
SSC (Election charges 04/05/2023)	£ 70.00	Approved
C E Gracey (reimbursement of plants and compost)	£ 24.93	Approved
Total	<u>£1483.36</u>	

Proposed by Cllr. Jacquie Turner seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – proposed by Cllr. Tim Davies seconded Cllr. Jacquie Turner & carried.

9.3 Consider grant to St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church Shareshill for roof repairs, see item 4.1

9.4 MacMillan coffee morning at the Chapel £50 donation proposed by Cllr. Jacquie Turner seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

9.5 A donation of £50 was proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried.

9.5 The balance of £9,302.95 was available in the Parish Council current account @ 30th September 2023.

## **10.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

10.1 Rent increase for hall hire, Members agreed to find another venue, Shareshill Village

Hall will be contacted for availability. Wednesdays are not available so the meetings will be held on Thursday evenings, agreed.  
Park Road garages sold for private use.  
Cars turning right from A460 into Dark Lane  
HGV turning into Hilton Lane then into Dark Lane

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at Shareshill Village Hall at 7pm

**12.0** The meeting closed at 9pm

**SIGNED.....DATE.....**