

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL held at Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre Baneberry Road Featherstone o@ 7pm on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

CO-OPTION : Members agreed to co-opt Jacqueline Turner to the council proposed by the Cllr. Pam Dawes (Chairman) seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.

PRESENT: Cllr. P Dawes (Chairman) Cllr. N. Craddock(Vice-chairman), Cllr. J Turner, Clerk Chris Gracey, District Cllr. John Brindle, County Cllr. Bernard Williams

ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman's Report 2022-23

Last June we gave every household a commemorative mug to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Work was due to start on the M54/M6 Link road last September but nothing occurred. After repeated attempts to obtain some information as to why the work had not commenced I received an email from the Project Manager Andy Kelly saying that the work would commence in 2023, the delay being to allow the teams to complete further detailed designs so they could deliver the scheme in the most efficient way. He stated that National Highways are still committed to building the scheme.

It was agreed that the corner of Dark Lane where the notice board is needed tidying up. We approached Featherstone Fencing for a quote and they offered to do the work free of charge if they could place a small advertising board at the location, this was agreed and I'm sure we all agree it looks a lot better.

Hilton Hall events continue to hold weddings at Hilton Hall despite not having planning Permission. Last September they in an appeal against the decision of refusal to allow them to install a large marquee. A joint representation from Shareshill and Hilton Parish Councils was sent to the appeal.

It was decided to remove the flower boxes from the grass bank in Dark Lane, the plants had become too large and the planters were rotting. Some pruning of suckers at the base of the trees was also carried out as they were growing into the road and becoming an issue with drivers having to avoid them.

For the coronation of King Charles III commemorative tins of shortbread biscuits were purchased - one per household, residents were very pleased to receive them.

I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for their attendance at meeting this past year and for all their hard work and commitment to the Parish.

I would like to thank our Clerk Chris Gracey for her continuing work.

Hilton Parish Council would like to thank County Cllr. Bernard Williams for attending our meetings and keeping us up to date with County news. District Cllr. Bob Cope for his continued support and to congratulate him on being re-elected and congratulations to District Cllr. John Brindle on being elected.

The bank balance at 31st March 2023 was £8031.91

1. Election of Chairman

- 1.1 Cllr. Jacquie Turner proposed Cllr. Pam Dawes for the post of chairman seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock and carried that Cllr. Pam Dawes be Chairman for the forthcoming year.
- 1.2 The Chairman thanked Members for their continuing support and accepted the role of Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2 Election of Vice-chairman

- 2.1 Cllr. Jacquie Turner proposed Cllr. Nigel Craddock as Vice-chairman seconded by Cllr. Pam Dawes and carried.
- 2.2 Cllr. Nigel Craddock accepted the role for the forthcoming year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

1.0 APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Cllrs. Ingrid Craddock, Ann Rushton submitted apologies for tonight's meeting.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- 2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 19th April 2023 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Coach company inconsiderate parking on Hilton Lane, District Cllr. John Brindle will visit and suggest alternative parking.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Letter from St. Mary and St. Lukes Church asking for a donation towards roof repairs -

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- 5.1 Cllr. Bernard Williams reported:

A460 poor condition of the road with many potholes, this has been inspected and categorised 3 which determines that the road is not considered dangerous.

It was agreed that many of the local parish councils have reported the road and asked for it to re-inspected, we will report it and ask for it to be re-visited.

6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 6.1 Cllr. John Brindle commented that his recent meeting at SSC was to consider the new councillor's training requirements and to determine their future roles and responsibilities, his colleague Cllr. R Cope was on the Planning Committee and he would

be visiting the parish meetings subject to other commitments.

7.40pm Cllr. Bernard Williams left the meeting.

7.0 MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The Chairman reported that the bollards around the grassed area on Park Road need painting, we will provide the paint and ask our grounds maintenance contractor for a cost to paint them.

It was agreed to purchase top soil and plants for the two planters, the clerk will purchase the items and claim back the expense.

8.0 PLANNING

8.1 No applications to consider.

8.2 A460 layby Shareshill – wood adjacent appears someone is making an entrance across the verge and the hard standing and trees have been removed. The clerk will report to enforcement.

9.0 FINANCE

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE May)	£ 55.60	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's salary May 2023)	£ 194.40	Approved
Featherstone & Hilton CC(31 st May 2023 hall hire)	£ 20.00	Approved
Black Rose Solutions (Internal auditor 2022-23)	£ 123.00	Approved
Total	<u>£ 393.00</u>	

Proposed by Cllr. Jacque Turner seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) & carried

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1st April to 31st May 2023 – proposed by Cllr.Nigel Craddock seconded Cllr. Jacque Turner & carried.

9.3 The balance of £10,966.31 was available in the Parish Council current account @ 1st June 2023.

10.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

10.1 None

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on September 2023 @ 7pm on Featherstone & Hilton Community Centre, date to be agreed.

12.0 The Chairman dismissed the other councilors and went into closed session.

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