

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the ANNUAL and COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL held at Shareshill Village Hall Elms Lane Shareshill on Thursday 25th April 2024 at 7pm

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

Other: Chris Gracey (Clerk), Cllr. Bob Cope and Cllr. John Brindle.

ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman's Report 2023-24

In June last year the appeal put forward by The Wedding Marquee Organisers at Hilton Hall was upheld by the Planning Inspectorate.

In July, was the sad death of Cllr. Ingrid Craddock, her passing came before she could take up her role of councillor. This was very sad as I'm sure she would have enjoyed being a parish councillor. It was agreed to make a donation to Compton Care, who cared for Ingrid in her final weeks.

A request was received from St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church in Shareshill for a donation towards roof repairs, a donation of £300 was made, we received a thank you letter from them.

A MacMillan Coffee morning was held at Featherstone Chapel and a donation of £50 was made by Hilton Parish Council.

There has been no work started on the M6/M54 link road and we have had no information from Highways England as to when the work will commence.

There have been many highway issues in the last 12 months, mainly potholes, this seems to be a nationwide problem. If it is a pothole or other road defect I find the best way is to photograph it and if possible report it on the "MyStaff App" which can be downloaded. I have found this the quickest way to get a response.

The bollards on Park Road are to be painted this Summer and the planters will be filled with bedding plants. Thanks to Tim Davies for his work on our grounds maintenance.

A planning application was received for Keepers Cottage, Hilton. This was to demolish the existing dwelling and erect a new one. Councillor's objected to this proposal because the proposed new dwelling will be 90% bigger than the existing building. The current policy is that a new dwelling should be no more than 40% bigger, the council thought this was inappropriate within the green belt.

Hilton Parish Council submitted objections regarding planning applications for Battery Storage facilities at New Road Featherstone and Latherford Lane Saredon.

I would like to thank Chris Gracey for her continued work, also I would like to thank County, District and Parish Councillors for their attendance at our meetings and their continuing support.

The bank balance at 31st March 2024 is £9,233.52

Pam Dawes – Chairman of Hilton Parish Council

1. Election of Chairman

1.1 Cllr. Ann Rushton proposed Cllr. Pam Dawes for the post of chairman seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried that Cllr. Pam Dawes be Chairman for the forthcoming year 2024-25.

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. Pam Dawes (Chairman) proposed Cllr. Nigel Craddock as Vice-chairman seconded by

Cllr. Jacqueline Turner and carried.

2.2 Cllr. Nigel Craddock accepted the role for the forthcoming year.

The annual meeting closed and the council meeting commenced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 None

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 7th March 2024 were proposed as an accurate record proposed by Cllr. Tim Davies seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 None

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 None

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

5.1 None

6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

6.1 Cllr. John Brindle reported on the following:

The draft Local Plan has been issued and is out for consultation, the draft plan outline the proposed housing development in all the South Staffordshire parishes.

Cllr. Bob Cope reported on the following:

An interim enquiry has been made to develop land opposite the Hollybush Garden Centre for use B2 commercial units industrial estate.

Cllrs. Bob Cope and John Brindle reported on a new proposal by SSC to allow Street Scene operatives to carryout work in the parishes and annual time has been allotted to the District Councillor's areas, for Bob and John it is 12 days, 3 days per parish that they cover. The work will cover any ground maintenance as chosen by the parish council.

The work chosen by Hilton PC:

General tidy-up and cleansed of the pavement along Dark Lane from the junction with Park Road to the Hilton Lane junction.

Cleansing and tidy-up of the Mile Wall (From the traffic lights at Dark Lane/ Wolverhampton Road A460/New Road) the wall is the original wall boundary of Hilton and the weeds. soil and debris are extensive.

7.0 MAINTENANCE MATTERS

7.1 The grass cutting has commenced but a new mower is required as the present one is struggling with the amount of grass to cut. A budget of £500 was proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Tim Davies and carried. Members discussed the weed control

8.0 PLANNING

8.1 No applications to consider.

9.0 FINANCE

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk’s PAYE April)	£ 50.00	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk’s salary April 2024)	£ 200.00	Approved
Shareshill Village Hall (Hall hire 7 th March 2024)	£ 36.00	Approved
Total	<u>£ 286.00</u>	

Proposed by Cllr. Tim Davies seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1st April to 31st March 2024 – proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.

9.3 The balance of £ 9233.52 was available in the Parish Council current account at 31st March 2024.

9.4 Review and approve Asset Register – Members agreed the revised figures proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

9.5 Review and approve Financial Regulations proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.

9.6 Review and approve Standing Orders proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman) seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried

9.7 Review and approve Risk Assessment proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton, seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman) and carried.

10.0 REMOVAL OF A BUS SHELTER

10.1 The Chairman outlined a proposal to remove the old bus shelter, which is a poor state of repair, Members discussed the proposal and comments were made about the shelter being used.

11.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

11.1 Cllr Jacquie Turner reported that the car boot traffic is blocking Hilton Lane from as early as 4.30am on a Sunday morning, waiting for the field to open. The clerk will report this to SSC Enforcement for action and copy to Cllrs. Bob Cope and John Brindle.

11.2 Cllr. Tim Davies reported that the car boot traffic is parking in the junction area of Park Road, in front of the garages and blocking the access, cones are required to prevent the vehicles. The clerk will report this to SSC with the above report.

12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at Shareshill Village Hall at 7pm

13.0 The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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