

# HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL held at Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 7pm

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

Other: Chris Gracey (Clerk), District Cllr. R Cope

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - none

## **1.0 APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllr. Tim Davies, Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman) and District Cllr. John Brindle.

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

2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Jacquie Turner seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

## **3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 All the Christmas event was delivered and received well.

3.2 The Chairman met officer from SCC Highways, walked the parish and discussed various works that need attention, the chairman will confirm the discussed work in an email to the Highways Manager. Some of the work will be carried out by the Community Team when they are next available in the area and some items will be passed over to the landowner.

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 None

## **5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

5.1 None

## **6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

6.1 Cllr. Bob Cope reported on the following:

Devolution in line with the government's white paper of a merging of county and district councils as one Unitary Council by 2028 this could mean that SSC election in 2027 may not take place. An Elected Mayor will be in charge of given areas of 850,000 persons, which may not be local to the present parishes and Strategic Planning will be the responsibility of the Mayor, so no local opinion of residents will be considered especially when considering planning.

At present there are 28 planning applications for consideration on battery storage and under the new scheme they could be decided by a Mayor who may not be familiar with the area.

6.2 Housing under the local plan is presently 233 dwellings but the white paper is stating that south staffs area should be building 651.

6.3 Green bin charges may change and waste food caddies may come in to force from 1<sup>st</sup> April in the SS Area.

## **7.0 MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 As discussed in item 3 the Chairman met with Highways and discussed various work required in the Parish, this is to be emailed to the manager for programming..

**8.0 PLANNING**

8.1 No applications to consider.

**9.0 FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk’s PAYE January)	£ 50.00	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk’s salary January)	£ 200.00	Approved
Shareshill Church Room (Hall hire 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025)	£ 30.00	Approved
Clear Insurance Renewal 2024-25	£ 391.83	Approved
 Total	 £ <u>671.83</u>	

Proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman) and carried

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – proposed by Cllr. Pam Dawes (Chairman) seconded Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

9.3 The bank account balance at the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 was £10,453.03.

9.4 The clerk reported that from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 the bank were changing the account to a Community plus account, which would involve various changes to the T’s and C’s but would also attract a monthly charge of £4.25, it was agreed to accept the charge and leave the account with the present bank.

**10.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - at the next meeting.**

10.1 None

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Church Room, St. Mary’s’s and St. Luke’s Church, Church Road, Shareshill at 7pm

12.0 The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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