

Hilderstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd August 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Shelley (Chairman), Cllr Stringer (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Clark, Cllr J Davies, Cllr P Davies, Cllr H Woodward, Borough Cllr A Harp and Cllr J Crump who took the minutes in the absence of the clerk Mrs Amanda Kingston. There were no members of the press or public present.

1. Chairman's Welcome. Cllr. Shelley welcomed councillors to the meeting.

2. Apologies. None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. These were read, approved and signed.

4. Matters arising. None.

5. Public Participation. Cllr J Davies asked about procedure with regard to a member of the public coming to present a case to the council. He offered to bring a copy of Stone Council's procedure. Cllr Shelley said that members of the public were allowed a 5/10/15 minute slot and added people generally came if they had a grievance and only came once.

6. Borough Councillor's Report. Cllr Harp said it was quiet as it was holiday time. He asked if the bin collection had been sorted out and it has. The filling of potholes is going on around the area. Cllr Woodward said it had taken three days to mend a manhole opposite her house. Cllr Harp said all the work was now done by Amey. He reported there was no gully cleaning going on (there are no vehicles or operatives). He informed the council that now was a time of austerity with savings being made across the board. Cllr Shelley asked if the borough is on target for housing and had sufficient land been earmarked. He highlighted the danger of parking at The Bird in Hand and the development on the car park. This development is subject to a visit of the enforcement officer as is the development at The Roebuck. Cllr Shelley said the advice he had given the landlord of The Roebuck was to contact Cllr Harp for help with regard to the proposed development.

7. County Councillor's Report. None.

8. Planning. No information received from the clerk with regard to this.

9. Traffic and Highways. The tragedy of the horse and car on the Uttoxeter Road came up. It was reported that more traffic is coming through the village at speed.

10. Footpaths/Village Maintenance/Best Kept Village

Footpaths. Cllr P. Davies has spoken to the householder about their hedge. The hedge on The Meadows still needs more trimming. As far as stiles are concerned repairs have been carried out. Cllr Woodward pointed out that there was one unnecessary stile which needs to be removed.

Village Maintenance. The banks have been mown, weeds sprayed and saplings cutdown. This work was done by Weston Ground Maintenance and they will come again in October to do more work.

Best Kept Village. Discussion took place and it was noted that the work needed to be done in connection with the competition was done by a few people. Hilderstone is a linear village and is in competition with villages such as Burston. More people are needed. Cllr Crump to write a piece for the Parish Magazine thanking people for their help.

11. Village Events

Harvest Supper

World War One commemoration – silhouettes had been available but it was now too late to order these. It is therefore proposed to purchase two cut out figures in Khaki which would be placed under the churchyard path. One to be purchased by the PCC and the other by the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed.
Cllr Woodward asked if more daffodil bulbs could be purchased and this was agreed.

12. Correspondence.

None has been handed over by the clerk. Cllr Crump presented a report on Members' Digest 244. P6.34
Awards for local heroes
Closing date for nominations Friday 7 September
Five categories eg inspiring individual (under 18 and over 18)
How to enter www.staffordbc.gov.uk/communityawards or contact 01785 619595 or email communityawards@staffordbc.gov.uk

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The council has come with a novel World cup anti litter initiative to stop Stafford getting Messi! Smokers to be encouraged to cast their votes on the performance of the England Football team using cigarette butts in a bid to stop the litter situation becoming dire. More information on the scheme from www.staffordbc.gov.uk/keepitclean

13. Finance.

Nothing to report.

14. AOB

Cllr Shelley reported that the occupant of the Bread Store (Mr. Hughes) has received a letter asking him to maintain his hedge. The letter was a result of a village walk around undertaken by Cllrs Clark and Stringer and the clerk. Discussion took place regarding overhanging hedges and "the narrows".

Cllr J. Davies reported that he had attended the open day at Hilderstone Hall. He also drew the council's attention to the RAF 100 years celebration in Stone and that Flight Sargent Frank Spencer's name would be added to the list of those remembered.

Cllr Crump reported an incident of dog fouling on the Meir Heath Road. A report about this to be put in the Parish Newsletter.

15. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

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Cllr M. Shelley, Chairman 26.9.18