

Hilderstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr. Shelley (Chairman), Cllr. Crump, Cllr. Stringer (Vice Chairman), Cllr. J Davies Cllr. Woodward, Cllr. P Davies and Mrs Amanda Kingston (Clerk). There were no members of the public or press present.

1. **Chairman's Welcome.** Cllr. Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies.** Cllr. R. Clark, Stafford Borough Cllr. Harp
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were read, approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising.** None
5. **Public Participation.** None
6. **Borough Councillor's Report.** Cllr. Harp was not in attendance to provide a report.
7. **County Councillor's Report.** Cllr. Parry was not in attendance to provide a report.
8. **Planning.** Cllr. Shelley declared an interest withdrew from the discussion regarding the following planning application. 18/29235/FUL at Heathy Close Farm Sharpley Heath Road Hilderstone Stone ST15 8SJ. The application is described as a proposed agricultural building to house, feed and finish livestock **The Parish Council have no objections to the above application.**

18/29154/HOU at 2 Spot Lane, Spot Acre, Stone. The application is described as two storey alterations and extension to the rear of a dwelling. **The Parish Council have no objections to the above application.**

Status of Earlier Applications: 18/28990/FUL at Land at Former Bird In Hand Carpark Cresswell Road Hilderstone Stone Staffordshire. The application is described as the retention of three bay carport to provide covered parking for vehicles, to reduce impact visually of neighbouring metal sheds and containers, provide roosting site for bats – **Awaiting decision**

18/28657/FUL at Heathy Close Farm, Sharpley Heath Road, Hilderstone. The application is described as a proposed open plan agricultural building to house and feed livestock. **Decision made – allowed.**

18/28490/HOU Netherfield, 7 Barnes Croft, Hilderstone, Staffordshire, ST15 8XU. Extension of double garage to form triple garage and new habitable room with toilet facilities on the first floor. **Decision made – appeal has been refused.**

9. **Traffic and Highways.** The replacement sign for the Village Hall is awaiting scheduling. Signage is delivered based on highest priority first (that being road user safety). This may mean it will take some time for the sign to be replaced.

The road sign pointing to Meir Heath at the junction of the B5066 has been reported again as the sign is loose and therefore not accurately positioned. It was last reported in August but at the time assessed as not requiring replacement.

Blocked drains on Roebuck Hill have been reported. As drains are clear further down the hill no action will be taken at this time. Any flooding caused by blocked drains should be photographed and either reported on line to Staffordshire County Council Highways at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffshighways/Roads-and-highways.aspx> or

emailed to the Parish Clerk at clerk@hilderstone.staffslc.gov.uk including date, time and location.

10. Footpaths/Village Maintenance/Best Kept Village. It was noted that two of the recent stile replacements were provided by the Stone Ramblers Association. Cllr. Stringer to determine if the incorrect stile was also provided by the Stone Ramblers.

It was noted that the weeds in the gutter on Roebuck hill have not responded to the first application of weed killer and will be treated again shortly.

It was noted that the hedge at Priory Cottage still requires cutting back. A further letter will be sent requesting the hedge is cut back to the boundary of the property.

Hilderstone were Highly Commended in the Best Kept Village competition 2018. The judges report was read out in full and will be sent for inclusion in the parish magazine.

11. Village Events. The Jumble sale went well and raised in the region of £100 which will be split between the church and the Christmas party fund. The Harvest supper and the film night also both went well.

Forthcoming Events:

Race Night, Saturday 3rd November 7pm in Hilderstone Village Hall. Further details to follow.

Film Night, Friday 16th November in Hilderstone Village Hall. Doors open 6:30pm. The film will be 'Sing Along Mamma Mia'

Village Christmas Party, Tuesday 11th December, 7.00 for 7.30pm in Hilderstone Village Hall. Further details to follow nearer the time.

Christmas Concert, Saturday 22nd December at Hilderstone Village Hall. Further details to follow.

Bingo Night, Saturday 19th January at Hilderstone Village Hall. Further details to follow.

12. Correspondence.

- Manor Hill First school expansion consultation
- Stone Parish Liaison Group re-scheduled to 31st October at 3pm
- Remembrance Day Parade Sunday 11th November
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Press release
- Stone Town Council – Mayors Trafalgar Dinner – 19th October
- Stone Town Council – Lymestone Brewery Charity event – 8th November
- Members' Digest 245
- Members Digest 246

13. Finance. A discussion was held regarding budget setting for 2019-2020. The Clerk will reduce the number of budget headings in advance of the next meeting. All councillors to consider current budget allocations and come to the next meeting with any suggested additions or amendments.

The monthly accounts were presented and signed by the Chairman. The current account is £10229.78 in credit and the deposit account £3122.42 in credit. Although most of these funds are allocated as indicated by the monthly accounts which are circulated to all Councillors prior to each meeting. The following payments were approved:

1. Mrs A Kingston, Web Hosting renewal and expenses - £47.95
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2. Weston Grounds Maintenance - £132.65
3. A. Stringer – Remembrance Wreath - £18
4. Creative Bee – Silhouettes for Remembrance - £60
5. Hilderstone Village Hall CF - £469
6. Church Burial Ground Annual Maintenance - £469

14. Any Other Business.

Clerk to contact Cllr. Parry and to see if applications can still be made to the Councillor fund for a village trip.

Hilderstone Hall have fixed a sign to the railings. Clerk to speak with the hall and determine how long the sign will be there.

A discussion was held regarding fly tipping. If witnessed, a photo of the vehicle should be taken if it is safe to do so or a note made of the number plate along with the date, time and location. All information should be reported to Stafford Borough Council.

Cllr. Crump reported seven cars racing through Hilderstone at about 3.30 pm on Sunday 23 September. Anyone witnessing similar activity in the village should report details to the Parish Clerk.

The Clerk will attend the Parish Forum on Thursday 27th September at the Civic Centre.

15. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9pm.

..... Cllr. M. Shelley, Chairman. 24.10.18