

## Hilderstone Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. P. Davies, Mrs. H. Howie (Clerk), Cllr. J. Jones, Cllr. M. Shelley (Vice Chairman) and Cllr. A. Stringer. Cllr. J. Crump joined the meeting at approximately 8.40pm. There were no members of the press or public present.

1. **Chairman's Welcome.** Cllr. Shelley welcomed the councillors to the meeting.
2. **Apologies.** These were received from Cllr. Clark and Cllr Harp.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were read, approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising.** Matters arising were dealt with under the agenda headings.
5. **Borough Councillor's Report.** No report.
6. **County Councillor's Report.** No report.
7. **Planning.**

#### New Planning Applications August 2016

16/24138/FUL Heathy View, Sharpley Heath Road, Hilderstone. Demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with new outbuilding. **Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to these plans.**

16/24533/OUT Land at Uttoxeter Road, Uttoxeter Road, STONE. Outline application for development of residential housing site for 51 market houses and 34 social rented houses. This development is not in the approved Plan for Stafford Borough. **Resolved: The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is a major housing development which is not included in the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough. The increased traffic joining Uttoxeter Road near a busy junction and level crossing is likely to worsen congestion at this point. This would directly impact on Hilderstone residents who use Uttoxeter road as a main commuter road to Stone, Stafford and beyond.**

16/24629/HOU Priory Cottage, Church Down, Hilderstone. Two storey rear extension, first floor extension over garage, single storey orangery extension and associated internal alterations. **Cllr. Stringer declared an interest as a neighbour to Priory Cottage and abstained from discussions. The remaining three councillors present said that they were against the application due to the size of the extension to the rear of the garage and also the balcony. Both of these features are out of keeping with a rural conservation area and the original cottage style design of the properties on Church Down (which was intended to reflect the local vernacular along Sandon Road) . The neighbouring property to the North may be affected by the increased side wall area created by the extension. As the meeting was inquorate, it was agreed that details of the application would be circulated electronically around the absent councillors to determine an overall decision.**

#### Status of Earlier Applications:

16/24332/HOU Vernon Cottage, Sandon Road, Hilderstone. Amended single storey extension, first floor extension over existing garage and internal alterations. **PERMITTED.**

8. **Traffic and Highways.** Staffordshire County Council Highways Department had circulated their new Infrastructure Asset Management Policy document for consultation. It was agreed that whilst the document was well written, there was little indication of how the policy will

actually be delivered in terms of highways improvements and repairs. Ultimately what is important to Highways users is that repairs take place promptly and efficiently. Despite a whole section in the document on communication, in practice there is very little communication between Highways inspection officers and the Parish Council. It is currently extremely difficult to find out via the Highways Hotline why a reported repair has been outstanding for several months or more, particularly if it is more complex than a pothole. It would be helpful if the call centre staff had more information about likely repair dates on the system they use. The Clerk was asked to feed these comment back to Highways as part of the consultation process.

Cllr. Davies reported that the new road name sign on Farm View has finally been installed by Stafford Borough Council.

**9. Footpaths/Village Maintenance/Best Kept Village.** Nothing to report on footpaths; all appear to be in good order currently. Hilderstone was not placed in the Best Kept Village Competition but received a Highly Commended certificate again. Hopton won the Stafford Area small village award, with Church Eaton and Haughton coming joint second. It was agreed that Hilderstone had looked very attractive and tidy all summer, especially Eastholme where residents had put in a great deal of effort. The judges' report is normally issued in late September. Hilderstone should continue to enter the competition as it helps to motivate residents and foster a sense of community pride.

**10. Village Events.** Forthcoming village events include:

Jumble Sale on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.00pm in the village hall.

Harvest Supper on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the village hall.

Village Trip to Acton Scott Working Farm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 leaving at 9.00am.

Village Christmas Party on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the village hall.

Village Christmas Concert on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

**11. Correspondence August 2016.**

- Notice of Meeting Organised by Stone Rural Parish Council re: HS2
- Electoral Register Changes
- Members' Digest 223

**Members' Digest 222 (Cllr. Crump):** PP 2.1-2.2 - Tree Management Policy. Where a tree on council land is removed, it will endeavour to plant one tree of a suitable species at the most appropriate site.

PP 2.29-2.31 - Design advice on major housing sites. Services of a Design Advisor secured in June 2015.

PP 2.43-2.115 - Heritage site museum policy approval for accreditation submission; relates to Stafford Castle, Izaak Walton's cottage and the Ancient High House. Renewal application requested by ACE (Arts Council England) for October 2016. Each museum site apparently has its own collections development policy.

PP 4.15-4.21 - Presentation on Stafford and Surrounds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-20.

Planning: 16/24130/TCA. - T1 Lime - reduce to previous reduction points whilst retaining the balance within the canopy. Mistletoe House, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone, Stone, Staffs GRANT2

16/24158/FUL - Erection of new vehicle storage building Hammond Autos. PERMIT.

16/24238/NHPD - Single storey extension to extend beyond the rear wall by 5.137m, eaves height of 2.451m and overall height of 3.932m. 8 The Meadows, Hilderstone. CONSENT NOT REQUIRED.

**12. Finance.**

The monthly accounts were presented and signed by the Vice-Chairman. The current account is £6296.95 in credit and the deposit account £3120.40 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. Creative Bee Limited, Village Jumble Sale Signs x 3 – £54.00.
2. Mr W H Holmes, Village Maintenance August - £75.00.

The second precept payment will be received in September.

**13. Any Other Business.** Cllr. Davies reported that The Roebuck Landlord Darrell Dobson has gained employment at the Issac Walton pub. The Parish Council gave recognition to the hard work and dedication that Mr Dobson had expended in keeping The Roebuck open. It is hoped that Admiral Taverns will find a new tenant soon and that local residents will continue to support The Roebuck.

Cllr. Crump reported that the residents living at Priory Cottage on Church Down continue to park on The Meadows near to the junction with Hilderstone Road potentially causing a road hazard and obstruction.

Cllr. Shelley reported that the Bird in Hand development is still progressing and the first floor is nearly complete. The build has moved along significantly in recent weeks.

**14. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

..... Cllr. R. Clark, Chairman. 28.09.16