**Hilderstone Parish Council Meeting**

**On Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Attendance**:

Cllr M Shelley (Chairman) Cllr J Crump Cllr A Stringer (Vice Chairman)

Cllr P Davies Cllr R Clark Cllr H Woodward

Cllr J Davies Cllr A Harp Nikola Evans – Clerk

**Minutes**

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| 1 | Chairman’s Welcome |
| 2 | Apologies - None |
| 3 | Minutes of the last meetings  Approved by all that attended that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24.03.21 are a true record of the meeting. |
| 4 | Public Participation - None |
| 5 | Borough Councillor’s Report – Cllr Harp reported on:   * SBC – extra payment to put towards re-inventing Stafford and kick-starting businesses. * Litter picking |
| 6 | County Councillor’s Report - None |
| 7 | Planning   1. Feedback from SBC re planning permission for the building at Newfields Farm, Cotwalton Lane - "the application in question was invalid on receipt and therefore could not be validated.  The agent was notified of the required amendments/additional information on 15 December 2020 and SBC are still awaiting some of that required information.  Until that is received the application cannot be made valid and viewable online." 2. 21/33718/OUT – Land at North East of Dingle Lane Farm   The council unanimously objected to this planning application as it is on Greenbelt Land – Clerk to send objections to the planning team. |
| 8 | Traffic and Highways   1. Severn Trent and Cotwalton Junction to B5066 ref: 4181743 – Update - Monitor 2. HGV sign near crossroads ref: 4236290 – update - Monitor 3. Missing bollards, severn trent entrance ref: 4237100 – update - Monitor 4. SIDS – update Clerk   Awaiting further information from ElanCity regarding quotes. Cllr A Stringer offered to accept delivery of any items purchased.  The question was asked if the current SID’s could be turned around – Clerk to investigate and report. |
| 9 | Footpaths, Village Maintenance   1. Hilderstone Walkway / Dingle Lane – Tidy up   Planting of trees were discussed in this area. Areas to be pinpointed and type of trees to be planted and carried forward to next meeting. Clerk to contact woodland trust to see if they can help. Cllr Shelley has some trees he will be able to plant as well.   1. Litter within the village   A litter pick was arranged by Hilderstone Village Hall, the parish council wish to convey their thanks for organising it. It was well attended unfortunately the litter started to accumulate soon after again.   1. Bus Shelter – Moss lane – Cllr Woodward   The parish council agreed to sell the bus shelter to Hilderstone Village Hall for £1 – Clerk will issue paperwork and amend asset register. |
| 10 | Village Events  Village market is still going strong with lots of continued support. |
| 11 | Correspondence   1. Welcome back fund.   A brief outline of this fund was given by Cllr A Harp and further information will be supplied on how much the fund will be and how to apply in the coming months. |
| 12 | Finance - RFO   1. To approve the monthly payments to be made - approved.      1. To approve monthly bank reconciliation - approved 2. To receive report on performance against budget 2020/21 - approved 3. To approve clerk’s salary, increase for completing ILCA - approved. 4. To approve expenses for Cllr Clark - £22.68 - approved |
| 13 | Councillor Information and items for the next Agenda – None to add clerk to issue agenda before the next meeting |
| 14 | To agree date of next meeting   * 26th May 2021, annual parish meeting and annual parish council meeting, starting at 7pm at Hilderstone Village Hall. – Face masks and social distancing will be mandatory. Clerk will supply further information closer to the time. |
| 15 | Meeting Closed – The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.28pm |