Hilderstone Parish Council Meeting

## On Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 7.30pm

This meeting was held at Hilderstone Village Hall, Sandon Rd, Hilderstone, Stone ST15 8XS

**Attendance**:

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

Cllr P Davies Cllr R Clark Nikola Evans – Clerk

Minutes

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| 1 | Chairman’s Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting |
| 2 | Apologies – Cllr J Crump, Cllr H Woodward and Cllr A Harp |
| 3 | Minutes of the last meeting – Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 21st July 2021, by all that attended. |
| 4 | Declaration of Interests on agenda items – Cllr P Davies Item 12c |
| 5 | Local PCSO update – None attended |
| 6 | Public Participation – None attended |
| 7 | Borough Councillor’s Report – None attended |
| 8 | County Councillor’s Report – None attended |
| 9 | Planning  21/34877/LBC – at Bethany Cottage, Sandon Road, Hilderstone. – No objections |
| 10 | Clerks Report   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Item | Date | Action | | Severn Trent and Cotwalton Junction to B5066 ref: 4181743 & 4237100  Missing bollards. | 18.12.20 | Monitor | | SIDS – Still awaiting installation – Chased AMEY on 7.09.21 and they assure me it will be done by the end of the month. | 26.01.21 | Clerk to Monitor | | Ground’s maintenance contracts – areas to be maintained by the contractor have been replayed to the new contractor TGM. They have already carried out some of the work. – Contract has been approved. Suggested another cut by the end of October with additional works to include Roebuck Bank, as on going and to cut the village green conifers as a one-off job. | 23.07.21 | Clerk &  Cllr R Clark | | Queens 70th anniversary – Approved to purchase to cherry trees and a plaque the same as the 60th anniversary. | 26.05.21 | Clerk in 2022 | | Hedge cutting – Farm Lea, letters have been sent to all the residents | 02.02.21 | Monitor | | Hedge cutting - The Bread Store, letter has been sent to the property owner | 02.02.21 | Resolved | | Hedge cutting – 2 Farm Lea, pictures have been taken and sent to Stafford Rural Homes to investigate. | 02.02.21 | Chase - Clerk | | Hedge cutting – Priory Cottage, letter has been sent to the property owner | 02.02.21 | Resolved | | Two trees cut down by contractors.  Agreed to cancel the current contractors and ask TGM to include it in their ongoing works. |  | Cllr H Woodward & Clerk | | Hilderstone Walkway / Trees  Site has been identified, clerk to find out who owns the land. |  | Clerk | | White lines – Cotwalton Junction to B5066 - 4251576 | 21.07.21 | Monitor | | White lines – The Narrows – Roebuck to Chicane - 4255981 | 23.09.21 | Monitor | |
| 11 | Traffic and Highways – None reported |
| 12 | Footpaths, Village Maintenance –   1. Brought forward from item 5e – Parish Council meeting on 21st July 2021. Possibility of having a bin in the layby. 2. Grass verge Contract – TGM - Approved 3. Purchase of new lawnmower – Quotes below:  * Shinglers Mower Services Ltd - £376 + VAT * G & S J Johnson Engineering Ltd - £280 + VAT * Buxton’s - £312.58 + VAT   Approved to purchase G & S J Johnson Engineering Ltd @ £280 + VAT  It was reported that the hedges are overhanging the road causing an obstruction to vehicles on the corner of Sandon Road and Dingles Lane. Bank Farm and The Old Byer. Clerk to write a letter requesting they be cut back to the original wall.  Footpath 9, was overgrown and has now been cut back  Footpath 12, broken style. Has been reported to rights of way to be fixed  Church Style, Broken and has been reported to rights of way to be fixed  Clerk to contact streetscene regarding the emptying of bins within the village. Dingle Lane and Cotwalton bins are not being emptied. |
| 13 | Village Events  From 25.09.21 to 18.12.21   * Monthly Arts and Craft Market * Charity Afternoon Tea * German Theme pop-up pub * Thursday café and fresh produce market   More information of Hilderstone Village Hall website.  Great turnout for the Harvest festival.  Formal letter of thanks to be sent to the Village Hall for all their efforts during the Covid 19 pandemic – Cllr J Davies. |
| 14 | Correspondence - None |
| 15 | Finance – RFO   1. Monthly payments     Also included £82 for W H Holmes   1. Budget Summary - approved 2. Bank reconciliation – approved 3. Approval of Internal Auditor 2021/22   Quotes:  Mrs Vivien Evans £35 - Approved to accept Mrs Vivien Evans on the proviso she can carry out the internal audit due to the relationship between herself and the clerk.  Toplis Associates - £122 + travel expenses + VAT  Sandie Morris (Black Rose Solutions) £30 per hour + travel expenses + VAT (we would need 2-3 hours so it would be £90 + travel expenses + VAT) |
| 16 | Councillor Information and items for the next Agenda   1. Church maintenance, Trees need cutting back, Cllr R Clark will contact a tree surgeon, council to approve at the next meeting. 2. Proposed cancellation of the school transport vacant seat scheme. The Parish Council wish it to be known that they strongly object to this service being cancelled by Stafford County Council. Clerk to write a letter to Cllr I Parry, outlining the parish councils objections, bringing their attention to the extract taken from Department of Education “ For those over the age of 16 who are still attending school, every reasonable step should be taken to ensure they are not prevented from attending an education setting” and that is placed upon the local education authority, Stafford County Council, to make sure that happens. |
| 17 | To agree date of next meeting – 27th October 2021 @ 7.30pm |
| 18 | Meeting Closed - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:09pm |