

Hilton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hilton Parish Council **held at Hilton Village Hall at 7:00pm on** **Wednesday 5 June 2024**

Present

Councillors M Coney (Chair), C Cuddington, G Andrew, S Stanton, C Nield, H Marchis, J McCreadie

Also Present

District Councillor J Davies, 3 members of the public

289/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gaskin

290/24 Variation of the Order of Business

RESOLVED that discussion on the Parish Council support for the Village Hall extension (item 6 on the agenda) be taken before consideration of the Section 137 Grant Application (item 5 on the agenda).

Proposed by: Cllr Andrew Seconded by: Cllr Cuddington

291/24 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of Members' Interest

292/24 Public Speaking

a) Members of the Public

Three members of the public attended. A member of the public requested clarification on the purpose of the meeting. It was noted that the meeting had been called to discuss options for financial support for the proposed construction of an extension in the Village Hall. Planning permission had previously been granted for an extension, but requirements had since been reviewed. Jenny Hickling, Chair of Hilton Village Hall, outlined plans for the extension, including an additional large hall which could be split into two if necessary, a cafeteria, additional storage space and additional toilets. The plan was to improve facilities for the whole community in as flexible a way as possible. Views of users had been canvassed and they were in favour of changes.

A survey is to be undertaken to capture exact user requirements so that the Architect can produce designs in preparation for making a planning application. Following the survey, the Architect would produce a structured summary of requirements and deadline dates.

b) Police Matters

No report

c) District / County Council Member Reports

No reports were required for this meeting

293/24 Parish Council Support for Village Hall Extension

The plan to extend the Village Hall, to provide additional resources to the village, was supported by the Parish Council. It was agreed that in the first instance the Village Hall Committee should explore the availability of alternative sources of funding, such as National Lottery monies, for the extension. In the event that top-up funding for the extension was required, it was noted that the Parish Council had the option to borrow finance of up to £500,000 from the Public Works Loan Board (Government body which provides long-term, affordable loans to support local authority investment). Ways to repay the loan would be from surplus monies held by the Parish Council or by increases to the precept. The Parish Council would have the option to repay over a period of 50 years.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that, if required, the Parish Council would apply for a Public Works Loan for up to £500,000 to enable the Village Hall proposed extension.

Proposed by: Cllr Andrew

Seconded by: Cllr Cuddington

294/24 Consideration of Section 137 Grant Application

The Village Hall Committee had submitted an application for a grant of £6,000 to assist them in making the planning application to extend the Village Hall. It was noted that an Architect had been appointed by the VH Committee. As part of the process for making the Planning Application, open sessions would be held to ensure community involvement, obtaining input and feedback from the public. A date for feedback on proposals would be set.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the grant of £6,000 be approved, with the condition of community involvement and the production of a feasibility study.

Proposed by: Cllr Andrew

Seconded by: Cllr Nield

295/24 Parish Council Support for Village Hall S106 Grant Application

The Village Hall Committee had applied to SDDC for S106 monies to enable them to upgrade electrical systems to correct legal standards and also to become more sustainable with greener options. There were no financial commitments for the

Parish Council but the Council are required to confirm approval of the application. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the application be supported

Proposed by: Cllr Cuddington

Seconded by: Cllr Nield

Action: Cllr Cuddington to write to the Village Hall Committee to confirm Parish Council support for the application.

296/24 Parish Council Accounts

Cllr Andrew had had discussions with the External Auditor about the availability of Parish Council accounts for the financial year 2023/24. Following these discussions, it was RESOLVED that the accounts should be made available between 1 July to 9 August 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Andrew

Seconded: Cllr Coney

Action: Cllr Andrew to update the Parish Council website.

297/2024 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting to be held at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 26 June 2024** at Hilton Village Hall.

The meeting was closed @ 8.30 pm

Signed _____ Chairman / Vice Chairman

Notes taken by Cllr J McCreadie