

# HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL held at Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllr. P Dawes (Chairman), Cllr. Ann Rushton. Cllr. Jacquie Turner.

Other: Chris Gracey (Clerk), County Cllr. Thomas Baker, District Cllr. Bob Cope and District Cllr. John Brindle.

## COUNCIL MEETING

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - none

### 1.0 **APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllrs. Tim Davies and Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman) submitted apologies for this evening's meeting.

### 2.0 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Jacquie Turner seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

### 3.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 None

### 4.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 None

### 5.0 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

5.1 Cllr. Thomas Baker reported on the following:

Warstones Road - constantly running water from the quarry area, being investigated, possible pipe burst.

Expenditure charts and report from Staffs CC.

### 6.0 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

6.1 Cllr. Bob Cope reported on the following:

Fly Tipping problem on Dark Lane, a possibility maybe an overt camera.

Caravan sites for travellers are being considered for South Staffordshire.

Planning is to be considered under new regime, rules and regulations are to be set.

Possible change of strategy will affect that locally we may not have a chance to comment.

6.2 Leader of the Council reported on finance for SSC, expenditure, salaries.

Vesting Day 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### 7.0 **MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 Nothing to report.

### 8.0 **PLANNING**

8.1 26/00145/COUM Change of use from Arena, Leisure Facilities and Equestrian to Mixed Commercial use and Creation of HGV Parking Area and all associated works at Hilton Park Arena and Stables Hilton Park Hilton Lane Essington. – objections inappropriate development with no special circumstances – no local bus service for employees – Lane is not suitable for HGV vehicles.

9.0 **FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE February)	£ 51.20	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's salary February )	£ 204.82	Approved
Shareshill Church Room (Hall hire 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026)	£ 30.00	Approved
Bank charges(Community account fee January)	£ 4.25	Approved
C E Gracey (Defib post)	£ 100.00	Approved
Turtle Engineering Ltd(Serious bleed kit)	£ 107.98	Approved
SCC Digital Services(Website hosting)	£ 137.99	Approved
Total	<u>£ 636.24</u>	

Proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried.

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1<sup>st</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 proposed by Cllr. and seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

9.3 The bank account balance at the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 was £.£14,356.32.

9.4 Website – Domain name and email addresses – Members discussed attained a .gov.uk domain name and 6 email accounts for members and the clerk. An IT policy will be reviewed and approved once the domain name and email accounts are set up, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried.

9.5 Earmarked Funds – It was agreed to earmark funds of £3,000 towards community projects, possibly the purchase of another AED if the electricity supply could be sorted, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton.

10.0 **SECTION 106 MONIES**

10.1 The expenditure from the section 106 monies is almost complete apart from a donation to Featherstone Academy, we are waiting on the bank details to make the transaction.

11.0 **DEVOLUTION – Re-organisation of Local Councils**

11.1 SSC have submitted their proposal, 5 proposals have been submitted for the Staffordshire area and a consultation is open to residents who wish to read and submit comments on the proposals. The closing date is 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

12.0 **Review and adopt IT Policy**

12.1 Deferred until the next meeting, when the domain name and email accounts have been set up.

13.0 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - at the next meeting.**

13.1 None.

14.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 at the Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill at 7pm

15.0 The meeting closed at 8.45pm

**SIGNED.....DATE.....**