

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting and Council meeting of Hilton parish council held at Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. P Dawes (Chairman), Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman), Ann Rushton, Cllr. Tim Davies, Jacquie Turner.

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

Prior to the commencement of the meetings, Council held a meeting with Patrick Thomason Skanska Ltd senior contact for the duration of the 3year term of works for the proposed M54, M6 Link Road.

The following was discussed:

Commencement on site – August 2026 work commences Spring 2027 when the disruption will be felt, the closure of Dark Lane from the commencement of work in Spring 2027.

Local resident update meeting will commence before any construction works start.

ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman's report 2025-26

Good evening everyone and thank you for attending Hilton Parish Council annual meeting.

Highways

After a very long wait it now looks like the M6- M54 Link Road is going to be built. The removal of trees and vegetation is scheduled to start around August 2026 time. Going forward we will be in consultation meetings with National Highways and the construction company.

Quarries

We have had many discussions regarding the problems that arise from the quarries in our area, heavy loaded lorries using weight restricted lanes, sand clay and debris is being deposited on our highways thus clogging up drains leading to flooding and damage to road surfaces. We have brought these concerns to the attention of our County Cllr. Thomas Baker and asked if he can look into the matter for us.

S106 Monies

We received £10,250 in S106 monies from South Staffordshire Council, it was spent as thus:

£2,500 to Havergal Primary School, £2,500 to Featherstone Primary School, Havergal are going to use the money to fund several projects. Featherstone are going to purchase a building to be used as an outdoor classroom. The balance of the monies was used to fund an electric connection to the island on Park Road to facilitate a AED and cabinet purchased on Park Road and also to purchase lights for a Christmas tree and baubles, the tree looked lovely for the festive season.

Devolution

Staffordshire is undergoing a major local government reorganisation with the County and District Councils being replaced by one larger authority. A final decision on how the counties will be split is due in July.

Planning

We received a planning application for Hilton Equestrian Centre to be developed into commercial units and a

HGV park, this has been refused.

A planning application regarding conversion of redundant farm buildings into 5 dwellings at The Shrubbery Hilton Lane was also received. This is still awaiting decision.

I would like to thank County Cllr. Thomas Baker, District Cllrs. Bob Cope and John Brindle for their support.

Thank you to Mrs Chris Gracey for her continued work as our clerk.

Thanks to Tim Davies for keeping Hilton Parish looking tidy.

Lastly I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for their continued attendance and support.

The bank balance at the 1st June 2026 is £11,136.34.

- 1.0 Election of Chairman - Cllr. Jacque Turner proposed Cllr. Pam Dawes as chairman for 2026-27 seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock and carried.
- 2.0 Acceptance of Chairman – Cllr. Pam Dawes accepted the post of chairman and thanked councillors for their continued support.
- 3.0 Election of Vice-chairman – The Chairman proposed Cllr. Nigel Craddock as Vice-chairman seconded by Cllr. Jacque Turner and carried.
- 4.0 Acceptance of Vice-chairman – Cllr. Nigel Craddock accepted the post of Vice-chairman for 2026-27 and thanked Members for their continued support.

COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

1.0 **APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Cllrs. Thomas Baker, submitted apologies for this evening's meeting.

2.0 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- 2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 23rd April 2026 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Tim Davies 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 None

6.0 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- 6.1 Cllr. John Brindle reported on the following:

The funding available at SSC through the ward councillors. Members discussed the funding and agreed to apply for funding to purchase a second AED, cabinet and post. An electrical connection to supply the device. Soft play for the area on the island at Park Road.

- 6.2 Cllr. Bob Cope reported on the following:

Potential proposed planning application on land surrounding rural villages.

HomesPlus have announced that they will be building 6102 homes this year.

7.0 **MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 Lawnmower needed a repair and a part was necessary to purchase. A leaf blower/mulcher was Purchased.

8.0 **PLANNING**

8.1 None

9.0 **FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE April & May)	£ 102.40	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's salary April & May)	£ 409.64	Approved
Shareshill Church Room (Hall hire 4 th June 2026)	£ 30.00	Approved
Bank charges(Community account fee March, April + May)	£ 12.75	Approved
Leaf blower + mulcher	£ 79.87	Approved
Total	<u>£ 634.66</u>	

Proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) seconded by Cllr. Tim Davies and carried.

9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1st April to 31st May 2026 proposed by Cllr.Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

9.3 The bank account balance at the 31st May 2026 was £11,136.34 proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.

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

10.1 Waiting on a final decision from Central Government which should be through in July.

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

11.1 None.

12.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th July 2026 at the Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill at 7pm

13.0 The meeting closed at pm

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