

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 9th July 2026 at 7pm

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A person came to represent the Featherstone First Responders, who at present have 3 trustees and 1 responder, they need support from the surrounding parishes both financial and physical support. The council agreed to consider any commitment and let them know.

1.0 **APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllrs. Tim Davies and John Brindle submitted apologies for this evening's meeting.

2.0 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 4th June 2026 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) 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:

The accumulation of water on Warstone Road from the quarry workings, work has been carried out but has failed to solve the problem. Negotiations are ongoing with the quarry with regards to the work and cost.

6.0 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

6.1 No comments.

7.0 **MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 Grass cutting and tidying of the parish is ongoing.

8.0 **PLANNING**

8.1 None

9.0 **FINANCE**

9.1 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE June)	£ 51.20	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's salary June)	£ 204.82	Approved
Shareshill Church Room (Hall hire 9 th July 2026)	£ 30.00	Approved
Bank charges(Community account fee June)	£ 4.25	Approved

Weed spraying
SPCA (2026-27 fees)
Total

£ 50.00 Approved
£ 165.31 Approved
£ 505.58

Proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) seconded by Cllr. Jackie Turner and carried.

- 9.2 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1st April to 30th June 2026 proposed by Cllr.Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.
- 9.3 The bank account balance at the 30th June 2026 was £10,680.76 proposed by Cllr. Ann Rushton seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.
- 9.4 A grant of £200 was agreed to the Church Group who are trying to keep the church open, the funds will assist with printing and clerical costs, proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

10.0 DEVOLUTION – Re-organisation of Local Councils

- 10.1 More information and decision by the end of the month.

11.0 POLICIES

- 11.1 Asset Register
Financial Regulations
Risk Assessment
Standing Orders
Data Audit

All policies reviewed and approved, proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock seconded by Cllr. Ann Rushton and carried.

12.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - at the next meeting.

- 12.1 Featherstone First Responder – consider funding and joining the charity.

13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at the Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill at 7pm

- 14.0 The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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