

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 3rd September 2026 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. P Dawes (Chairman), Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman), Jacquie Turner,
Other: Chris Gracey (Clerk), District Cllr. Bob Cope, County Cllr. Thomas Baker,
Cllr. John Brindle.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllrs. Ann Rushton and Tim Davies submitted apologies for this evening's meeting.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2.1 The minutes from the last meeting held on 9th July 2026 were proposed as an accurate records proposed by Cllr. Nigel Craddock (Vice-chairman) seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 None

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Email from Skansa about M54-M6 link road works and road closures
Emailed to council on 29th August 2026. ***Members discussed the forth coming proposal and the disruption in closing roads and the problems it will cause to residents getting to/from work.***

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

5.1 Cllr. Thomas Baker reported on the following:

The reorganisation of the District and County councils and the affect on parish councils.

The quarry on Warstones Road are proposing to extend their work on the site, when they submit a planning application, it will be the time to set up a liaison committee and discuss the water leakage onto Warstones Road, an existing problem which has not been solved by the work previously carried out.

6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' EPORTS

6.1 Funding – Cllrs Bob Cope and John Brindle comments on the two funds which have been available, the Community and group Initiative Fund has been over - subscribed and it maybe that applicants will be unsuccessful as no more funds are available, the leader of SSC and officers will be reviewing the applications and a decision will be reached.
The Community Investment fund is still open and will be determined by each ward councillor(s), therefore it was decided that Hilton Parish Council would submit a form for that fund and include 3 planters for community use.

6.2 Cllr Bob Cope reported that WMI project want to vary the agreed conditions as they can't meet the terms and conditions to install the rail link as they have not got 25% of the total warehousing in monetary terms to cover the cost of installing the rail link. This is not a

district council matter as it is led by Central Government. As most of any disruption will be felt by local parishes, objections should be supported and sent to the Secretary of State. It was agreed that Hilton Parish Council would support the objections.

7.0 **MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

7.1 Grass cutting has been minimal due to the hot and dry weather.

8.0 **PLANNING**

8.1 Members discussed future developments in Featherstone, Hilton, Shareshill and Essington.

9.0 **FINANCE**

9.1 Approve national pay award for clerk 2026-27

9.2 Payments to approve as follows:

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE July + August)	£ 102.40	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's salary July + August)	£ 409.64	Approved
Shareshill Church Room (Hall hire 3 rd September 2026)	£ 30.00	Approved
Bank charges(Community account fee July + August)	£ 8.50	Approved
Shareshill Church Group (Grant)	£ 200.00	Approved
C E Gracey (Clerk's September salary + back pay £307.02 incs. Backpay £42.50)	£ 245.62	Approved
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE September)	£ 61.40	Approved
Total	<u>£1,057.56</u>	

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

9.3 Financial statement – Receipts & Payments 1st April to 31st August 2026 proposed by Cllr.Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and seconded by Cllr. Jacquie Turner and carried.

9.4 The bank account balance at the 31st August 2026 was £11,092.55 proposed by Cllr. Jacquie Turner seconded by Cllr. Nigel Craddock(Vice-chairman) and carried.

9.5 Community Groups + Local Initiatives Fund (£1,000-£10,000) – discussed under item 6.

9.6 Community Investment Fund £50,000 for all 4 parishes in the ward.- discussed under item 6.

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

10.1 as discussed under item 5.

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 29th October 2026 at the Church Room, St. Mary's and St. Luke's Church, Church Road, Shareshill at 7pm

13.0 The meeting closed at 9pm

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