

HILLAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**DRAFT MINUTES of HILLAM PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
Monday 4th NOVEMBER 2024, 7pm
held at Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre****2425/11/1. Present and Apologies (Chairperson to confirm quorum)**

Councillors in attendance: S. O'Connell, C. Hayburn-Hayhut (Vice Chair), R. Evans, L. Hutchinson-Hayhut Councillor Tuddenham. County Councillor Tim Grogan. Also in attendance: J. Janik (Clerk), D. Cockayne (resident) and P. Austwick (resident)

Apologies received from P. Atkinson.

2425/11/2. Declarations of Interest from Councillors

With regards to Agenda item 9b (Planning application ZG2023/0888/FULM), RE, SO and NT declared a non-pecuniary interest.

2425/11/3. To approve and sign the minutes for the PC meeting 7th October

Resolved: The minutes for the PC meeting were approved by Council and signed by the Chair.

2425/11/4. To receive updates from PC Dion Wood

PC Wood provided an email update: There have been patrols on Stocking Lane when resources allow, leading to Positive Action taken against one male and words of advice to another. 'New pressing concerns' can be sent to PC Wood via email directly. Parking concerns and other existing matters raised are to be reported via 101 to log the incident.

2425/11/5. To receive updates from County Councillor Grogan**TG reported on the following:**

Road Chef development delayed because the Green Energy projects in the area mean pylons on site need to be moved before any building works start. Building unlikely to take place for another year at least.

Legal action being taken against travellers on the unauthorised site at A63 Lumby, now awaiting court date for the hearing of the individuals.

Unauthorised caravan site set up at Biggin.

Lumby Quarry plans and development is ongoing.

SO enquired about the following:

Lane widening at JP Plant – no progress

Potential for By-pass as crossing not supported by NYC – it is not off the table

Light Valley Solar Consultation information on 16th November at MFHCC – TG attending

Noventum Solar Projects at Ferrybridge – TG to find out more

2425/11/6 To receive attendees comments

PA: Concern that streetlights at Hillam Lane end (Ashfield Villas) have been out for years and nothing has been done. And the hedge in the same area is so overgrown people are walking on the road. **RE:** A

regular audit of streetlights is carried out weekly, several weeks ago all lights were on. More recently maintenance and replacements for these specific lights have been ordered by the PC, this order is to NYC who carry out work and then have to have NPG attend to connect the electricity, not a quick fix but is in process. The hedge is over a verge, Highways unlikely to cut this for pedestrian benefit as it wouldn't encourage walking on the verge. The PC can report and will look at carrying out the maintenance, for aesthetics if nothing else, if Highways doesn't. **Action JJ:** Clerk to report/enquire.

DC: Old Pumping Station land on Stocking Lane finally acquired on behalf of Football Club, following a 4 year negotiation with Yorkshire Water who have now gifted the land. The proposal is to use this land relatively quickly to alleviate the parking and congestion issues on match days; will the PC support and can it contribute toward the transformation? Longer term the land will be used to provide other valuable community services, however, the most urgent being to reduce the concerns of the community around parking on match days. **Action All:** PC to discuss funding options and share known funding sources that may have more accessible cash to help.

DC: Requests clarity on what the PC does want with regards to the objection submitted against the planning application for a boot room extension at Roselea House. Amended plans submitted which are more in-keeping with the current style of the property (SO shared via projector). **SO:** Objection is to protect the original façade within the Conservation Area, especially when a property has significant history within the village documented as this does. If a change must be made, one which is more in keeping with the property would be more preferable. PC awaiting the amended plans.

2425/11/7 To receive updates from Projects Group and meeting dates

SO for Projects Group: Light Valley Solar proposes to use a much larger area than the much opposed Noventum; all proposed to be added to the much increased industrial development in the area already. Opens the possibility of a By-pass from the industrial estate to the Hambleton roundabout? Community benefits from these developments is £100k +. Next meeting is to meet and discuss opportunities with groups that may benefit from funding that comes from this community benefit.

Hillam PC in response: Understands the Projects Group intends to follow up and capitalise on the potential benefits for the community however it must be clear that Project Group members do not represent the opinions of the Parish Council they may be a member of.

NT for JBC: Substantial maintenance planned and in process. Precept request for 2025-26 year will be sent soon, for Hillam PC budget preparations.

2425/11/8 Village Maintenance

- a) It was proposed (LHH) and seconded (CHH) Hillam PC donate £500 for 2024 Christmas Lights event. Other ways of fundraising, including 'sponsor a tree' will be used to raise additional funds going forward. **Resolved: All in Favour.**
- b) No response from KW Maintenance. LHH engaged services of another contractor to lightly prune the Ring Tree and carry out the remaining landscape work. Winter Bedding plants have been purchased and resident volunteer RP will be planting them this week. Cleaning and repointing of stone entrances has highlighted the poor condition – probable need to replace in the next few years.
- c) VAS pole will be installed 15 November. Protection to O/H cable has been completed as necessary. VAS units to be ordered after the poles are installed. Following on from this Planters to protect the poles are to be sought and installed. **Action PA or RE:** Order VAS after poles installed. **Action LH:** Organise planters to protect poles.
- d) To discuss and propose a potential plan to extend the footpath on Chapel St. **Resolved:** Hillam PC agreed the extension of the footpath along Chapel Street to Stocking Lane or ideally Austfield Lane, would be a worthwhile project and would support the project if funding became available.

- e) Updates on ongoing matters: Betteras Hill PROW to Hillam Lane, final clearance to be done. Contractor due to carry out at same time as Ring Tree prune.
- f) Matters to report: None

2425/11/9 Planning:

- a) Appoint a representative to focus on the influx of Green Energy/industrial Planning Applications in order to have a summary each meeting or update PC when necessary. **Resolved:** Deferred.
- b) Applications to review:
 - i) ZG2023/0888/HPA | AMENDED PLANS AND DRAWINGS | Land off Main Street. **Resolved:** With 3 of 5 attending members submitting a DOI in this item, the remaining councillors felt the amended plans did nothing to alleviate the original concerns of the Parish Council and should therefore be submitted again.
- c) Notices of Decision: None at time of meeting.

2425/11/10 Finance

- a) To approve the finance summaries and bank reconciliations for both Barclays and Virgin Money for October 2024. **Resolved:** The reconciliations were explained and compared against the Bank Statements and approved. Signed by the Chair.

OCTOBER 2024		BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACC:		VIRGIN MONEY ONLINE		
CASHBOOK OPENING BALANCE: 24.8.24	£ 15,563.33	NB: AT YEAR START £862.0915 ring-fenced grant for website and £500 is ring fenced for pump maintenance gifted by Hillam Historians. INCOME RAISED FROM THE PREVIOUSLY INCREASED ANNUAL PRECEPT WILL NOW BE USED TOWARDS THE ENERGY		CASHBOOK OPENING BALANCE: 1.10.24	£ 8,201.24	
OCTOBER RECEIPTS	£ 7,500.00			OCTOBER RECEIPTS	£ -	
OCTOBER PAYMENTS	£ -			OCTOBER PAYMENTS	£ 501.81	
CASHBOOK CLOSING BALANCE: 24.10.24	£ 23,063.33	O/S CHEQUES	CHQ NO	CASHBOOK CLOSING BALANCE: 30.10.24	£ 7,699.43	OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS
RECONCILIATION:		NONE		RECONCILIATION:		
BANK STATEMENT Balance 24.10.24	£ 23,063.33			BANK STATEMENT Balance 31.10.24	£ 7,699.43	
LESS O/S CHEQUES	£ -			LESS O/S PAYMENTS	£ -	
ADD O/S RECEIPTS	£ -			ADD O/S RECEIPTS	£ -	
Reconciled Balance:	£ 23,063.33	TOTAL	£ -	Reconciled Balance:	£ 7,699.43	TOTAL £ -

BARCLAYS BUSINESS SAVER			
OPENING BALANCE: 25.9.2024	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	CLOSING BALANCE: 24.10.24
£ 1,257.60	£ -	£ -	£ 1,257.60
BANK STATEMENT: 24.10.24			£ 1,257.60

- b) To approve payments to be paid in NOVEMBER. **Resolved:** The payments were checked against the invoices and approved. **Action JJ:** Set up online payments. **NT & SO** to check and authorise.

PAYMENTS ONLINE MADE FROM VIRGIN MONEY				
NO.	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST	VAT: To Reclaim
V054	JUVINA JANIK	OCTOBER SALARY	£	
V055	SG PARKIN LANDSCAPES	INV 3429 17/10	£ 240.00	
V056	L. HUTCHINSON-HAYHUT	BEDDING PLANTS X 3 ENTRANCES	£ 177.42	£ 29.57
TOTAL ONLINE SPEND			£ 716.33	£ 29.57

- c) To finalise Budget and Precept request for 2025-26. **Resolved:** Deferred due to time.

2425/11/11 To approve clerk salary in line with NALC recommendations

Resolved: Deferred due to time.

2425/11/12 Items for the next PC agenda

Deferred items. Confirm approval of JBC minutes.

2425/11/13 Items for Social Media or Hillam News

Change the graphics and HN contact. MFEF update.

2425/11/14 To confirm the date and time of the next PC meeting

Resolved: Monday 2nd December, 7pm at Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre.
Apologies in advance from RE.

2425/11/15 Meeting close 9.25pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____