

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2002 AT THE VILLAGE HALL PECROFT LANE

PRESENT: Cllr Mr J Cumpstone (Chairman) Cllr Mr P Hickinbotham  
Cllr Mrs L Hall Cllr Mrs R Walton  
Cllr Mrs A Mottram Cllr Mr D Smith  
Cllr Mr E McCreadie 3 Members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mr D Allen and PC C Fetherston

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It was resolved the minutes be signed as a true record.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Flooding and drainage on Main Street and Uttoxeter Road was discussed.

### PRESENTATION BY SDDC ON THE LOCAL PLAN

Gill Hague the local plan manager for SDDC gave a presentation regarding the new local plan, the first draft 2002.

She stated she is willing to take questions from the public and council.

Gill explained the background to the next local plan. This is to include the release of employment land for an extra 150 new house. There is a need for a spread of housing in sustainable developments; sites under consideration include Bolton Moor, Willington and Hilton.

There will be a public enquiry into the proposed plan, probably in the spring of next year.

A discussion in the form of question and answers followed, some of the points raised were:

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Leisure facilities; a briefing on the cycle route between Etwall & Hilton; Children's play areas; Teenage problems; Educational facilities – a new school is to be provided in the future; Affordable housing; Adoption of new development roads and the possibility of a short term loan to provide the facilities.

The Chairman thanked Gill for attending and making the presentation. He expressed grave concern over the provision of facilities.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr J Cumpstone presented the following report: -

#### **Chairman's Report 2001/2**

#### **Councillors and Staff**

Councillor Byrd resigned in March of this year. We thank her for contribution to the work of the Council

We welcome Mr David Smith as her replacement and trust that he will find the work rewarding.

Mr. Bob Butler resigned from the position of Groundsman due to ill health. Bob has been an asset to the Council and has put in a great deal of work to maintain our facilities.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Gordon Hall as our new Groundsman

The Staff continue to give the village excellent service. It is good to see Derek Woolliscroft more mobile and back at work. Our booking clerk and caretaker Sue Smith works hard to

maintain the pavilion. Our clerk John Walton puts in time beyond the call of duty to ensure that Councillors are well-advised and able to function properly. My

There seems to be little take up on the Industrial area of the old

MOD site, although it is good that Hilton Garage is moving to the Mease to expand their business in the village.

It is hoped that the Greenway will soon be completed to provide a footpath from the new development to Back lane. It is hoped that this will alleviate some of the traffic problems in Peacroft Lane.

### **Recreation**

The Hard courts have been refurbished and continue to be well used. New play equipment was installed on the small playing field paid for jointly by the Parish and District Councils. New fencing will also be erected on the small playground in the near future.

The Parish Council proposes to spend some money on the Junior Football pitch to bring it up to a better standard.

Whilst trying to maintain these facilities we are still suffering from vandalism and inconsiderate people allowing their dogs to foul the play areas. We urge you to report any incidents to the Police as quickly as possible.

### **Final remarks**

The Parish Council continues to work hard on behalf of the village. Although the wheels of progress grind slowly we do keep badgering away and sometimes are successful. I feel that the SDDC are now more responsive to Parish Council requests and complaints. The Etwall area meeting is proving to be a good forum to air matters face to face with District Councillors and their Officers.

My thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their continued input and dedication.

Also to Roma Walton our District Councillor for her hard work on our behalf and to Margaret Littlejohn for looking after County matters.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk gave a brief report of the accounts. An unaudited income and expenditure account was circulated. This is reproduced below: -

### **Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2002**

#### **INCOME**

Concurrent Functions & Agency	£8,229.00
Precepts	£10,000.00
Playing Fields	£2,213.19
Advertising Income	£180.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,622.19</b>

#### **EXPENDITURE**

Salaries (Clerk/Booking Clerk)	£5,143.78
General Admin	£2,512.98
Section 137 Payments	£380.00
Open Spaces	£458.69
Playing Fields (see note)	£15,408.58
Agency Services: -	

Groundsman	£1,886.49
Lengthsman	£1,849.61
Footpaths	£137.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27,777.88</b>
Income/expenditure	-7155.69

Notes.

£3000 was spent on new play equipment and £11447 to re-surface and re-fence the tennis courts.

£12896 was brought forward from 2000/2001 to fund these items

#### EDUCATIONAL CHARITY REPORT

Cllr Mr J Cumpstone advised the following grants had been made: -

Grants to 7 students	£1050
Grants to Hilton School	£11000 (£10000 towards new computers)
Grant to Hilton Playgroup	<u>£500</u>
Total	£12550

#### MARSTON ON DOVE & DISTRICT RELIEF CHARITY REPORT

The Clerk to the Charity Mr J Walton gave a brief report. An emergency grant of £100.00 was awarded, financial details are: -

Investments	£4152 as at 31/12/01
Bank	<u>£ 142</u>
	£4164

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concern was expressed about rubbish being dumped in Hilton brook at the rear of West Avenue.

The lack of policing and non-compliance with the 7½ tone limit through the village.

The Church Playgroup objected to the parish council's "help for nursery provision" and from where did the figures on which it was based come from? Why didn't the parish council obtain figures from the Church Playgroup?

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A vote of thanks was made in appreciation for the work done by the parish council on behalf of the village.

The need for a pedestrian crossing at the southern end of the Northern Link Road was expressed.

Concern was voiced about facilities and the adoption of Marston Brook. There were also complaints about the Redrow estate and Witham Close.

The meeting closed at 2120