

## ILLSTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021 6.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

**Present:** Cllrs. Neil Brouder Kathy Moss and Louise Heard.

**In the chair :** Chair Richard Hilliar

**Clerk :** Karen Bullough

#### 1. Apologies

Ian Lauder

#### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 13th 2021 approved unanimously as a correct record.

#### 3. Register of interest

None

#### 4. Progress check

##### a. Conservation and village improvements suggestions from residents:

##### i. Clean and clear village signs.

Since this meeting a working party has been organised by KM and MM. Signs now clear and clean.

Thankyou to all volunteers.

##### ii. Gardening volunteer group.

Council has no objections to this proposal.

##### iii. Replace stiles with kissing gates.

Not suitable for fields with livestock.

##### iv. Electric charging point at the village hall.

To be considered at a later date.

##### v. Conservation village plaque.

New village sign to be sourced with conservation plaque. Consultation with residents KB

##### vi. Promote awareness of country code on display boards.

Rejected

##### vii. Dog fouling notices, dogs not permitted and dog bins.

Dog Warden has been consulted previously and she has placed notices around the village. She informs me that they are the only signs available.

Harborough council do not use designated dog bins.

Dogs not permitted is already on the sign displayed at the playground entrance.

**viii. Hedge height near cricket club and playground corner.**

The former is not considered by council to be a problem and the playground hedge is cut regularly.

**ix. Speed signs.**

MH council have been consulted regarding safety on the Illston Road.

Sign into village rejected.

**x. Protection of oak tree.**

This is protected by planning requirements.

**xi. Protection of churchyard monuments.**

This proposal needs to be referred to the church/ village trust

**xii. Improvements to churchyard pathway and memorial preservation.**

As above

**xiii. Heritage and conservation display in the church.**

As above

**xiv. Bridle path, playground and church disability access review. Cars parked on pavements.**

Accessibility to the church needs to be referred to the trust. Two members of the council have taken pushchairs onto the playground so this is not a problem. Wheelchairs can only enter by removing the fence post as H does to mow. However they would then have to negotiate the hill. The act states that you have to provide reasonable measures as it would be impossible to make a play area suitable for all forms of impairment. Cars parked on pavements is considered necessary should emergency vehicles need access. Home owners will be approached to keep hedges cut back so more of the pavement is available. Accessibility to bridle paths to be audited and discussed at the next meeting.

**xv. Audit skills of residents.**

Rejected.

**xvi. Communication between village groups and residents consultation.**

A representative from each group to be invited to the next council meeting.

The parish council was not involved in the open gardens or social event decisions.

**xvii. Circulation of information to residents.**

Data forms were sent to residents with options for contact preferences. Clerk to update them.

**xviii. Use of clerks email by other village groups.**

Not considered a problem. They take very little time.

**b. Wet pour glued. Council agreed to gap being filled with foam. RH**

**c. Algae on the playground cleaned with little success. More information required as to what cleaning products have already been tried before purchasing anything else. KB to ask IL.**

**d. swing seats replaced**

- e. Offensive literature still a problem. All incidents reported to the police.
- f. Registering of green spaces rejected by council unanimously.
- g. Defib training. KB has contacted trainer with no response. LH to contact.

#### **5. Finance**

Unity Trust £1406.08

Bank of Ireland £1880.06

Total £3286.14

**6. Date of next meeting: FEBRUARY 1ST 6.00PM VILLAGE HALL**