**WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2023**

The Annual Parish meeting of the Haile and Wilton Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th May 2023, in Haile Village Hall 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT** Gordon Smith

 Eva Watson-Graham

 David Riley

# CHAIR’S REPORT

Gordon gave a brief report for the past 12 months.

Main points were decline in PC members as now Jane has left and we are down to quorate membership – meaning all members must be able to attend future meetings.

The Lengthsman scheme is now under review as we are not sure we are getting value for money. An ongoing issue at Gyspy Square has now been resolved – need to keep an eye on the land going forward.

Thankfully crime seems to be low in the parish.

Gordon thanked the members for their constant support.

# APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS/DECLARATION

Gordon was elected as chair, and a copy of the “Declaration of Office” form was signed.

# MEMBER’S INTERESTS

There were no changes to the member’s interests forms held at CBC.

# INSURANCE

It was agreed to renew the insurance with Zurich Municipal. The premium of £283.53 covers public and employer’s liability. There has been no increase for the last four years in premium.

# CALC MEMBERSHIP FEES

It was agreed to renew the membership with CALC at a cost of £179.17 (an increase of £18 on last years fee).

# HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL

An invoice was received for hall bookings from April 22 – March 23 for £90. The rise in cost is due to the hourly rate increasing.

**VILLAGE HALL CONTRIBUTIONS**

It was agreed to delay this contribution until events have been firmed up in the diary.

# GRASS CUTTING

It was agreed to make a contribution of £300 towards the grass cutting at the church.

# AUDIT

The completed accounts were presented and agreed. The council accepted: -

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2022/23

Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2022/23 (Yes was answered to all questions with the exception of No 9 which was N/A)

Explanatory notes and bank reconciliation were also agreed.

# CLERK’S SALARY & EXPENSES

NALC have yet to review rates so currently remain at £14.67 (SCP23). The clerk is paid for 152 hours per year, which equates to £229.84, and expenses of £84, which were both agreed, totalling £2313.84.

# BREATHING SPACES

We have been advised that the bridge is in a dangerous condition. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to carry out the repairs. Dave has some surplus composite decking which may be useful for the repairs.

# BANK BALANCE

The account balance at 31/4/23 was £10,962.82. This amount includes the £5000 precept payment received.

# RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment and asset register were reviewed and no changes made.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:** TIME - 0.5 hour