**MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024**

A meeting of the Haile and Wilton Parish Council was held on Monday 9th September 2024, in Haile Village Hall, Haile @ 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT** Gordon Smith - Chairman

 Eva Watson-Graham

 Dave Riley

 Lesley Fowler – Clerk/Treasurer

# MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**SAFETY OF E-BIKES & BATTERIES**

We have been asked to support a campaign (already supported by NALC, SLCC & over 400 local councils) to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal. This campaign has been set up following over 1000 battery fires in the last few years. We agreed to support this campaign and the clerk will inform Mr Ron Bailey, and will display any information that is sent our way.

**PLANNING UPDATES**

Planning Application 4/24/2232/OF1 – Change of use from B&B to domestic use at Oxenriggs Farmhouse (Retrospective) for Mrs Hocking – No objections were raised

Planning Application 4/24/2296/OF1 – Creation of new access – Oxenriggs Farmhouse. This will effectively turn a T junction into crossroads if passed. There are already issues of speeding on this section of road as well as subsidence. Cars have aquaplaned on this section of road when wet. The PC don’t support the application and strongly support a site visit is carried out before a decision is made.

**REVIEW OF AUDIT FINDINGS - AMENDED**

The following points were picked up by CALC during an internal audit:-

Expenditure over £100 needs to be logged on the webside – The clerk has spoken to CALC and this doesn’t need to be done as every expenditure item is minuted.

End of year accounts need to be issued on the webside along with the annual governance statement and internal audit report - complete

Details of public land and building assets need displayed – The PC has land registered at Gypsy Square (Carleton), Church car park and the Breathing Space behind the village hall.

List of councillors and their responsibilities need displayed – the names are already displayed on the website and members don’t have individual responsibilities

PC agenda required to be advertised 3 days ahead of meeting – complete

PC minutes to be displayed within one month of meeting being held - complete

PC accounts to be moved to an Excel spreadsheet – ongoing

**WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

Gordon agreed to seek advice on whether we should have a gov.uk website address.

**CLERK’S PAY/CONTRACT**

Going forward the clerk hasn’t to be paid gross pay. There was a query as to why NIC wasn’t been paid on the clerk’s salary. The clerk to seek clarification on this.

Lesley provided Gordon with a copy of her current contract. Gordon to see if there is a NALC template that could be used as the PC agreed that the current one is out of date.

Due to an administrative error the clerk had been overpaid – SCP rate of 32 paid instead of 23. Arrangement are in place to rectify this situation when salary next paid. Salary scales have how been amended and the clerk will be paid SCP 14 going forward.

**SUMMARY OF CALC NOTIFICATIONS**

Dave and Eva have agreed to attend the CALC AGM.

**HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Large potholes all along the road from junction towards Far Head of Haile. Broken drain at junction and grass growing down middle of road – EI/210144 – now complete

The clerk to report the potholes at Stockbridge and the blocked drain along Carleton Moor Wood.

Large branches are growing over the wall at the village hall and causing an obstruction on the road. The clerk to ask if Clive/Mel will cut these back.

**FOOTPATHS**

Upon further checking, it has now become apparent that there is no public footpath in the area we indicated and no new signpost will be located outside “Rhovanion”, . The owners have been informed of this decision.

**WEBSITE**

Nothing to report

# BANK BALANCE

The bank balance at 30/7/24 was £8464.21.

The cheque for £146.94 web hosting has been presented and there are no payments outstanding.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Dates of forthcoming meetings have been circulated via e-mail.

# UPDATES/FEEDBACK

Wilton Project - The cost for 2 railway sleepers from Lawsons, Cockermouth will be £32 + VAT (8’6” x 9” x 6”) including free delivery. This price was agreed and the clerk to order.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th October 2024

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**

TIME - 1.5 hrs