

CLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hilltop Stakeholders Virtual Meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 6.30 p.m. via Zoom

Attending: Cllr Holliday (Chairman), Cllr Allen, Cllr Meadows, Cllr Holman, Cllr High, Cllr Williamson and Parish Clerk Gemma Harrison.

A.Black, N & P Fairplay, A & R Cargill, C&A Crunkhorn, P.Sharp, A&L Batten, S. Stevenson, Patrick, J. Davidson, J.Hook, J.Davidson, P. Lamb.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies.

1.1 Cllr Holliday welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cllr Baker gave his apologies as he was unable to join the meeting.

2.To receive declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed.

2.1 None

3. To receive an update on the allocated Budget for Hilltop

3.1 The Clerk confirmed that there was £300 in the budget to be spent on Hilltop, any proposed expenditure will still need to be AGREED at Full Parish Council meetings.

4.To agree the position of a new bench at Hilltop

4.1 A resident who lives along the Coast Road raised concerns regarding the location of the proposed new bench at Hilltop. The resident was concerned that the bench would overlook their property. A Hilltop resident suggested erecting a small fence in front of the bench which would help restrict the view. A site meeting was requested to agree a suitable location with representatives from all parties present.

4.2 A resident asked for reassurance that the height of any fence erected would not restrict their view.

4.3 It was AGREED that a site visit to place the bench in the New Year. The Parish Council promised to try and be as inclusive as possible to those residents that are unable to travel due to Covid 19.

5. To discuss accessing the east end of the conservation area

5.1 A Hilltop resident suggested cutting a path to access the eastern end of the conservation path, not a permanent path but a path to allow access for maintenance purposes.

5.2 Another Hilltop resident reminded Cllrs to be aware of any privacy issues.

5.3 It was suggested that there should be minimal intervention due to the wildlife and the importance of the conservation area.

5.4 Hilltop residents suggested to maximize the biodiversity of the area, access should be confined to the western end for practical purposes.

6. To discuss the future management programme for Hilltop

6.1 The Clerk suggested 3-4 working parties in 2021, dates to be confirmed.

6.2 The Management Plan will be reviewed at a meeting held in February after the site visit has been carried out.

6.3 Cllr Meadows stated that all stakeholders would be involved including those along the Coast Road.

7. To discuss the open space at the bottom of Old Woman's Lane

7.1 The new sleepers placed on the land at the bottom of Old Woman's Lane were discussed. Residents were concerned that the sleepers may be dangerous, and many preferred the parking area as it was a good place for builders and workers to park.

7.2 A resident was concerned that the parking restrictions would push parked vehicles further into the village. This will be discussed further by Cllrs at the next Parish Council meeting. The area can be looked at as part of the Hilltop site visit.

7.3 A discussion took place on the hedge adjacent to the turning circle. Parish Cllrs were keen for the hedge to be cut back, whereas Hilltop residents are keen to leave the hedge as they do not want to encourage parking in the turning circle.

7.4 The Public Footpath sign at the east end of Hilltop has fallen down. Clerk to inform NCC.

7.5 Cllr High left the meeting at 19.28.

8. To agree the time and date of the next meeting

8.1 14th January 2021 Site Visit on Hilltop at 2pm. (*POSTPONED DUE TO COVID 19 LOCKDOWN*)

8.2 It was AGREED that 2nd February the Full Parish Council will discuss the revised Management Plan. (*POSTPONED DUE TO COVID 19 LOCKDOWN*).

8.3 The proposed date of the next Stakeholders Meeting is 10th February. (*POSTPONED DUE TO NO HILLTOP SITE VISIT DUE TO COVID 19 LOCKDOWN*).

Meeting ended 19.40