

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 16th October, 2007**

There was one member of the public present.

PRESENT

- Mr. E. Clark (in the Chair)
- Mrs. S. Sawyer
- Mr. Trevor Carbin
- Mrs. J. Waring
- Mr. R. House
- Mr. K. Jackson
- Ms. P. Turner
- Mr. B. Cullern
- Mr. J. Willis
- Mrs. K. Hayes

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Karen Beedon

At the open forum Mr. Tom Oatley spoke in favour of planning application 07/03118/FUL.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. V. Bielecki, Mr. W. Jameson and County Councillor S. Content.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Planning Application 07/03008/FUL: Mr. E. Clark – personal, the applicant being known to him.

Planning Application 07/03008/FUL: Mr. R. House - prejudicial

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th September, 2007, had been distributed. Mrs. Waring referred to Minute 4 (matters arising), 12c, and said that the second sentence should have read ‘Mrs. Waring had been informed that the car was taxed but in fact this was not the case’. Subject to this amendment the Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 6 – Mrs. Hayes asked the Chairman if there had been any further developments regarding the Section 106 agreement on the public house site on Paxcroft Mead but he said he had nothing to report at this stage.

Minute 7 – Parish Forum: This had now been combined with a WCC ‘Meet and Greet’ evening on Thursday, 18th October, with County Hall as the venue. Both the Chairman and Mrs. Hayes would be attending.

Minute 7 – Statement of Licensing Policy: The Clerk had written to WWDC acknowledging the Statement.

Minute 7 – Bus Stop Clearway: The Clerk had written a letter of support to Mouchel Parkman.

Minute 7 – Post Office Closures: Ms. Turner did not have much to report since the last meeting other than to say that this area was not yet affected.

Minute 12a – The state of the hedge at Sonas House, Horse Road, had been reported to WCC and it had now been cut back.

Minute 12d – The Clerk had spoken to WWDC’s Commercial Services about the lack of maintenance of footpaths between different developments. However, she had learned that from November this

department would cease to exist and a company would be taking on the contract. Some members of staff would be joining them and the Clerk said she would find out as soon as possible who the new contacts were.

Minute 12e – The Clerk had spoken to Chris Kirk at WWDC who had confirmed that power companies were able to do what they needed to keep power lines clear.

Minute 12f – The Clerk had sent a photograph of the recycling site at Paxcroft Mead and had received a letter from Kevin Gibbs, interim Commercial Services Manager at WWDC. He had confirmed that there had been some problems associated with recycling centres across the district but he was confident that, within a month or so, capacity issues would be largely resolved either by the provision of further containers or additional weekend emptying of the sites.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman said that he had nothing to announce.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

County Report

Cllr. Content was not in attendance, had given her apologies and had sent a report to the Clerk, copies of which were tabled.

District Report

Mr. Clark said that the Trowbridge Rugby Club planning application would be considered by the planning committee at WWDC on the 25th October.

Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Carbin would be giving evidence at the appeal shown on the additional agenda item list.

Regarding the unitary authority bid by WCC, the District Council would be meeting with counsel later in the week to decide whether or not to continue with their challenge. Meanwhile the Deputy Leader of WWDC had asked the Minister of the South West to look at this bid again.

Police

PCSO Karen Beedon reported that her team would be looking into speeding along Marsh Road. As mobile speed cameras had been in the area recently, Mr. Jackson asked her if the Parish Council could have some feedback and she said she would get in touch with the safety camera unit.

There had been problems over the past few months concerning trespassing at Hilperton Primary School and Ms. Turner, as Chair of Governors at the school, said that vandalism was a huge problem, especially in the swimming pool area. As it cost so much to maintain the pool, governors were beginning to wonder if it was viable.

The Chairman had received reports of HGVs being parked near the school at Newleaze and PCSO Beedon said she would investigate.

Another priority for the team was the trouble with youths/cars/rubbish/vandalism around The Mead school area, and PCSO Beedon had been in contact with the Head Teacher of the school about this continuing problem.

7. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

WWDC – Election Charges

A response had been received to the Clerk's letter to the Returning Officer at WWDC, which did not fully satisfy members of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the charges should continue to be contested as the Parish Council had not been given any formal notification that they were to be levied.

Requests for Litter Bins

Requests had been received for litter bins to be positioned in the following areas:-

- a) Princess Gardens – one bin at the junction a few yards inside the entrance off Marsh Road.
- b) Horse Road – two bins, both at the Wyke Road end by the bus stops, one opposite St. Mary's Church and the other by the bus stop at the clearway on the same side as the church.
- c) Whaddon Lane – one bin in the vicinity of Hill Farm.

After a short discussion it was agreed that bins should be requested from WWDC for Horse Road but not at the other locations.

Newsletter

The Chairman said he had started work on the Newsletter but asked members if they would e-mail him with ideas.

Parish Steward's Visit on the 18th October

The Clerk said that the following jobs had been given to Dave Self to do during his one-day visit:-

- a) Clear the footpath east of No. 129 Devizes Road up to the next batch of cottages.
- b) Clear overhanging vegetation at the part of Ashton road cut off in the middle.
- c) Uproot or spray with weedkiller stinging nettles opposite Marsh Farm.
- d) Cut down large elderberry bush outside No. 100 Church Street.
- e) Sweep the pavement of pine needles and leaves outside Oriel House by the post box.
- f) Cut down overhanging brambles by the bus stop on the opposite side of St. Mary's Church in Horse Road.
- g) Clear weeds etc. in The Knap in readiness for the Remembrance Day parade in November.

The Clerk said that the Parish Steward would be visiting again on the 13th and 14th November and the 13th December. Priority at this time of the year would be given to the clearing of drainage grips and gully covers of straw, grass and soils, with the help of the Division's Unimog machine.

Sir William Roger Brown's Coal Charity

Under Standing Order 68 this item was classed as confidential. Although discussion took place later in the meeting it is minuted here, in line with the agenda.

The Clerk read out the list of the 2006 recipients – nine in all – who had received £10 each. Members were asked to bring the names of addresses of any further possible recipients for 2007 to the November meeting. The Chairman reminded members that the Parish Council could only pay out the interest which had accrued, which this year had amounted to £53.22, so he proposed (as in previous years) to take the rest of the money required from the Chairman's allowance.

War Memorial

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the new stone planters were now in place and he expressed his thanks to Mrs. House for already planting them up. This meant that the other planters were now surplus to requirements. It was agreed that the four small ones should be offered to St. Michael's Church and the other three should be advertised via the parish magazine. It was also agreed that any money received for the planters should be given to one of the forces' charities for ex-service people suffering from mental stress.

Affordable Housing

The results of Community First's parish housing needs survey for Hilperton had been received and had either been e-mailed to members or delivered. It was agreed that the report should be used as a reference document and that Carol Southall and her team should be thanked for their work. It should also be pointed out, however, that some people in Hilperton thought the survey was being carried out by speculative developers and had decided not to take part.

West Wiltshire Central Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

Mr. Jackson had been unable to go along to the latest meeting on the 4th October but he had learnt that it was not well attended. The next meeting was scheduled for the 24th January, 2008, and it was agreed that any ideas for agenda items should be brought to the December parish council meeting.

Vehicles parking in Newleaze

The people who had complained about this were not at the meeting and it was agreed that this should be deferred to November. Earlier in the evening the problem with HGVs parking near the school had been reported to PCSO Karen Beedon.

Trowbridge Rugby Football Club Relocation

The Chairman had already reported that the planning application would be considered by the planning committee of WWDC on the 25th October.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

Mr. House left the room whilst the following planning application was discussed

07/03008/FUL: Mr. D. Overton, land to the rear of 175 Devizes Road

Erection of detached two-storey house and double garage including alterations to access

After a short discussion it was agreed that an objection should be made to this application, the land being outside Village Policy limits and contrary to District Council policy H19 (non essential to either agriculture or forestry needs). The Chairman asked for his vote to be recorded that he was in favour of refusal.

Mr. House returned to the meeting

07/03087/FUL: Mr. A. Mabey, 19 Kings Gardens

Conservatory

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this application

07/03118/FUL: Edward Oatley and Son Limited, Paxcroft Farm

Change of use of houses 3 and 8 from poultry houses to light industrial

The Clerk gave details of a similar application in 2006 when the applicants had asked for a change of use of grain stores and poultry houses to light industrial. This was subsequently approved in January, 2007. After a short discussion it was agreed that an objection should be made to this application unless conditions were imposed by the planning authority regarding hours of operation, i.e. there should be no movement of large commercial vehicles between the hours of 21.00 and 8.00

Decisions

07/01332/FUL: R. A. King, 2 Woodmill Terrace, Devizes Road

Canopy across front of house – Permission with conditions

07/02151/FUL: Mr. D. Tucker, Units 1 to 2, 75 Whaddon

Variation of condition 5 on planning consent 06/00633/FUL – Permission with conditions

07/02388/ADV: Primesight Limited, Marsh Road Filling Station, 8 Marsh Road
One double sided pole mounted display unit – Consent

07/02483/FUL: E. Wynne, 123 Ashton Road
Demolition of new wing to old wall and installation of gates – Permission with conditions

07/02672/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tilley, 150 Wyke Road
Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of single storey extension and conservatory at rear – Permission with conditions

07/02245/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, 1 Apsley Close
Double storey dining room/bedroom – Refusal

07/02635/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. M. Sturrock, 45 Wyke Road
Erection of conservatory at rear of property (re-application following 07/00372/FUL) – Permission with conditions

07/02883/TCA: Mr. and Mrs. K. Jackson, 126 Devizes Road
Felling of Beech and Conifer trees and crown raising and pruning of Yew tree
No Tree Preservation Order made

Notification of Inquiry Date

Planning application 01/01971/OUT: Residential development and associated roads, land off Hackett Place, Paxcroft Mead. Inquiry to start in the morning of the 4th December, 2007, in the Council Chamber at WWDC with two days allocated for proceedings.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) WALC Newsletter for September, 2007 (already circulated)
- b) Letter of thanks from Friends of Bath and District Samaritans re. Section 137 grant
- c) Letter of thanks from 1st Hilperton Brownies re. Section 137 grant
- d) Letter from WWDC re. review of polling districts and polling places (to be discussed at the November PC meeting)

10. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Wiltshire News – October, 2007
- b) WALC Annual Report and Accounts 2006/07
- c) Wiltshire Music Centre – Annual Review 2006/07
- d) Hills Wiltshire Waste Contract Annual Service Review 2006/07

11. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised:-

Clerk's Salary for October	£434.71)	
Clerk's Expenses	£143.20)	£577.91
James Long (Masons) Ltd. – York stone troughs (including £217.88 VAT)		£1,462.88
File It Limited – Stationery (Including £12.40 VAT)		£85.62

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Mrs. Sawyer said she would like to know the number to ring concerning emptying of litter bins.
- b) Mr. Carbin said that English Landscapes would be taking over commercial services at WWDC and Mrs. Sawyer said that they had not emptied the rubbish at the cemetery. The gates had burst open and the place was a mess.
- c) Mrs. Hayes said that the nursery at Horse Road was now a rubbish dump and that Persimmons should put back the fence.
- d) Mrs. Hayes said that one of the Horse Road road signs had been flattened.
- e) Mrs. Hayes said that at the top of the lane leading to her house some people were making an unofficial access. It was generally thought that as the lane was not adopted this would probably be a private legal matter but she said she would make some investigations.
- f) Mr. Cullern asked what was happening at the far end of Marsh Road and was told that an archaeological survey was taking place prior to the land being developed.
- g) Mr. Cullern again made reference to the public house site on Paxcroft Mead and the Section 106 agreement. The Chairman advised him to contact Richard Rogers at WWDC and said he would also do so as officers of the Council had been instructed to work with the applicant to try to resolve this matter.
- h) Mr. Jackson said that a matter had been raised by two local residents in respect of the premises of Delta Kitchens and Bathrooms along Devizes Road. For the last six months it was believed that the owner had been living there and there had been a lot of noise late at night. This was surely a breach of planning and the Clerk was asked to contact both the enforcement officer at WWDC and the environmental department.

13. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) Recycling Centre – Paxcroft Mead
- b) War Memorial planters
- c) Notification of the results of the housing needs survey
- d) Litter Bins for Horse Road

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 20th November, 2007

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

Signed Date

