

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 13th December, 2011**

There were four members of the public present

PRESENT	Mr. E. Clark	Mrs. S. Sawyer
	Mr. K. Jackson	Mr. T. Carbin
	Ms. S. Carleton	Mr. V. Bielecki
	Mr. R. House	Mrs. K. Hayes
	Mr. S. Uncles	Mr. W. Jameson
	Mr. D. Tucker	Ms. P. Turner

Before the start of the meeting, members of the Paxcroft Mead Community Forum gave a presentation on their proposals to establish a skate part for young people. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.55 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. John Willis and PC Mark Hough.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Planning application 11/03112/LBC: Mr. E. Clark, Mrs. S. Sawyer, Mr. R. House and Ms. P. Turner, all personal, the applicant being known to them.

Planning application 11/00271/REM: Mr. R. House, prejudicial, due to his involvement in the application.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th November, 2011, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8 – Village Hall lease: The Clerk said she would shortly be sending a draft to the Secretary of the Village Hall committee.

Minute 8 – Sir William Roger Brown’s Coal Charity: The Clerk said she had sent out the donations and Christmas cards to this year’s recipients.

Minute 8 – Dropped kerb requests: The Chairman said that Pat Whyte from Wiltshire Council Highways had identified a suitable location in Greenhill Gardens, but was unsure of the exact spot in Horse Road. The Chairman said he would contact Mr. Willis on his return from holiday.

Minute 13 – Accounts: Despite sending a number of e-mails to Withy, King, the Clerk said she had not yet received a reply to her request asking for a breakdown of the fees in connection with the allotments option issue.

Minute 13 – Dymott Square: The Clerk had made a request for the Parish Steward to trim the borders of the grass on the verge at the entrance to Dymott Square. She said a request had also been made to clear the drain by the Lion and Fiddle.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- a) The Chairman invited members to join him for some Christmas refreshments in the bar of the Village Hall following the meeting.
- b) He gave information on an initiative from the charity SPLASH to raise money for the organisation by recycling old ink jet cartridges.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark said that more redundancies were in the pipeline at Wiltshire Council, which would result in fewer members of permanent staff.

7. POLICE

PC Hough had sent a report to the Clerk, as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Over the past month there were fifty-three crimes locally, eighteen of which were in the village. As anticipated, the arrest of a burglar last month had had an effect on figures, and there were only two burglaries in the rural area, neither of them in Hilperton.

There were five reports of ASB, a minor harassment, two minor neighbourhood disputes and a malicious communications on facebook. There were three criminal damages, six thefts, two traffic-related matters and two further matters of a minor nature.

Two further incidents at the children's home were causing some concern and this matter continued to be a priority for the police. The home had since agreed to review its tenants' policy and PC Hough's team would endeavour to build closer ties with the residents to see if things would improve as a result.

In conclusion, PC Hough's report stated that the appointment for the post of rural PCSO had been given to Maria Badder.

Mrs. Hayes said that the next NPT meeting would be on the 11th January, 2012, (probably in Southwick) and members of the Parish Council should contact her if there were any issues they would like to raise.

The Clerk was asked to get in touch with PC Hough to inform him that a recent mugging along Middle Lane had given people cause for concern

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Paxcroft Mead Community Forum – Skate Park Proposal

Discussion took place on the presentation by members of the Community Forum at the beginning of the evening, when they had outlined their proposals for a skate park. There was general agreement that the presentation had been very good but members were uncertain about the proposed location.

The Forum had asked if the Parish Council would:-

- a. Support the proposal: It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the idea in principle but that issues regarding the location should be addressed, as it was felt that there must be better siting for the skate park, which would appease everyone. It was suggested that the planners should reconsider their position regarding the positioning of the skate park on the area of the flood plain, and take into account designs and materials which would minimise the impact on the flood plain.
- b. Sponsor the planning application: It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider sponsoring the planning application when it was submitted for consideration, but would only be willing to do this if the plans were fully approved by members of the Parish Council beforehand.

- c. Adopt the skate park: It was agreed that at this stage the Parish Council was not in a position to make a decision with regard to the adoption of the skate park.

Allotments

Mr. Bielecki said that the plot that had been given up by Mr. Alastair Hughes (plot 36) had been taken on by Christina Edwards of Newhurst Park. The Clerk said she would send out a Tenancy Agreement shortly for her to sign.

At Mr. Bielecki's request, the Clerk had sent letters to a number of half-plot holders who appeared to be using the adjoining path at the end of their plots as an extension for storage. As this contravened section 5 of the Tenancy Agreement, he said this matter should be pursued if it was not rectified soon.

In conclusion, Mr. Jackson said that the year's water costs were well within budget.

Parish Steward

The Clerk said that the Parish Steward had been working in the village during the day and would complete his visit on the 14th December. A request had been made for him to clear away leaves on the corner of Trowbridge Road and Hill Street.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Council's Liaison Group – Proposed weight restriction on the Cleveland Bridge, Bath

Mr. Jackson said that he had nothing to report since Councillor Tonge's unhelpful response to the Group's letter. It was agreed that a further letter from the Parish Council should be sent to him suggesting that a traffic count be carried out pre and post the eighteen month experimental period, along the B3105 through Hilperton. (A copy of this letter should be sent to Mr. Jackson).

Community Speed Watch

The Chairman said that eight volunteers had now been trained and a few more had come forward. There had been two speed watch sessions between the past two weekends, which appeared to be having the required effect on traffic. The roads where there was a speeding issue were the Trowbridge Road and Marsh Road/Hill Street.

Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012 - Village Hall Play Equipment

Ms. Turner said that the working group had met to look through three quotes with a revised 'wish list'. They had decided that Playdale was their first-choice provider, and one of their designers had come to see Ms. Turner to go through a list of queries, with a positive response. There were a few changes the working group wished to make and they were now waiting for the designer to come back to them on those.

Playdale's quotation was now in the region of £35,000 but Ms. Turner said she would receive a final price shortly which she would bring to the January meeting. The company's credentials were excellent, she was very happy with the dealings she had had with them to date, and no other company could match their guarantee in respect of the timbers they used.

Members agreed that good progress had been made and the situation was very encouraging.

Lighting – Bus Shelter in Hill Street

The Clerk had received a quote from the bus shelter manufacturers of £1,980 to supply and install solar-powered lighting, and £465 to supply and install mains powered lighting. In respect of the latter,

the Clerk had been informed by Wiltshire Council's highways office that it would cost in the region of
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£550 to connect to mains electricity. After a short discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with this matter any further.

CPRE – Best Kept Village Competition: Receipt of Certificates and Prizes

The Clerk had received from the Chairman of the West Wiltshire group of the CPRE a certificate awarded to Hilperton for coming first in the large village class in the West Wiltshire round of this year's competition. She had also received a certificate awarded to Hilperton for coming equal second in the large village class in the Wiltshire County Round, together with a cheque for £62.50.

Discussion took place on the merits of joining the local branch of the CPRE, the cost being £29 a year. It was agreed that the Parish Council should become a member, the cost of which should be covered - in the first year – by the prize money. It was also agreed that the rest of the prize money should be donated to the Coal charity.

The Chairman said that, as the Parish Council had a number of certificates, it would be helpful if they could be hung somewhere in the Village Hall, and he would discuss this matter with the committee.

Wiltshire Council – Dog Control Orders

A letter had been received from Wiltshire Council, wishing to consult with the Parish Council on their proposed dog control orders. The Chairman read out the letter and said that this could be an opportunity to bring in new measures in respect of dog control.

Wiltshire Council said it would agree to insert specific areas of land into the proposed control orders, over and above the proposals contained in their letter, at the specific request of a parish council, relating to areas where dogs were excluded or where they must be put on leads. After a short discussion, it was agreed a request should be made in respect of the following:-

Dog Exclusion Areas: The Village Hall play area, with the exception of the public footpath to Paxcroft Mead, where dogs should be kept on leads; and the Allotments, again with the exception of the public footpath where dogs must be kept on leads.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

11/02833/FUL: Mr. Richard Allan, Whaddon Grove Farm

Installation of up to 80 panel solar array on roofs of two agricultural barns

It was agreed that there should be no objection to this application (proposed by Mr. House, seconded by Mr. Bielecki, ten in favour with two abstentions, one being from the Chairman).

11/02981/FUL: Mr. P. Cole, 175 Devizes Road

Brick outhouse (retrospective)

It was agreed that there should be no objection to this application (proposed by Mr. House, seconded by Ms. Turner, ten in favour, one objection and one abstention from the Chairman).

Mr. House left the room whilst the following application was considered.

11/00271/REM: Cadfan Developments, Durlston, Hilperton Road

Revised plans for plots 1 and 2

After considering in detail the proposed amendments, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not make any further comments over and above its original objections made in August.

Mr. House returned to the meeting.

11/03112/LBC: Mr. I. Greatwood, The Old Cornerstores, 87 Hill Street
Replacement of a single pane fixed wooden window with double glazed window
It was agreed that there should be no objection to this application (eleven in favour with one abstention from the Chairman).

Decisions

11/01374/CAC: Mr. R. Pike, Church Farm, Church Street
Demolition of buildings and realignment of boundary wall to allow for residential development of 20 units including conversion of existing buildings, new build and associated works – consent

11/01373/FUL: Mr. R. Pike, Church Farm, Church Street
Residential development including conversion of existing buildings, new build and associated works – permission

11/02480/FUL: Mr. S. Arnold, 5 Helps Well Road
First and second floor extension – permission

11/02716/CLP: Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, 11 Painters Mead
Lawful development certificate for a proposed rear conservatory – the development will be lawful

Notice of Appeal Decision

11/01389/FUL: Mr. A. Symonds, 6 Woodhouse Gardens
Appeal against the decision of Wiltshire Council not to allow planning permission for the applicant to erect a white UPVC conservatory to the front of his property – appeal allowed

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Mr. Neil Miller regarding the non-attendance of a representative of the Parish Council at the planning meeting when a decision was made in respect of the Church Farm development proposal. It was agreed that a reply should be sent to Mr. Miller saying that the matter was discussed at the previous parish council meeting and no-one was available to attend.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) The Clerk – November, 2011
- b) War Memorials Trust magazine – November, 2011
- c) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee: Minutes of a meeting held on the 2nd November, 2011, and agenda for a meeting on the 7th December.
- d) Local Council Review – Winter, 2011
- e) The Butty – Winter, 2011/2012

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised:-

a. Since the last meeting:

Hilperton Home and Garden Maintenance – cleaning of Parish Council-owned bus shelters	£50.00
RAF Association – donation re. Mr. Harry Potts decd.	£25.00
Cash for charity recipients	£120.00

b. This meeting:

Clerk's Salary and expenses for December, 2011	£544.28
Futurform Ltd. – stationery (including £12.58 VAT)	£75.48
Alpha Taxis – Sunday Club transport (including £4.48 VAT)	£26.88

Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual subscription

£97.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Mr. House said that recently a large number of cans and bottles had been found on the football pitch. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the secretary of the Village Hall to say that this was not acceptable and the committee must take a much firmer line with the people using the pitch.
- b) Mrs. Hayes reported incidences of Apetito lorries going down Horse Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the Apetito management about this.
- c) Mrs. Sawyer said that cars were crossing the grass verge at Greenhill Gardens by the Selwood properties. It was thought that Wiltshire Council owned this land and they should be informed of this.
- d) Mr. Jackson asked for a list of parish councillors to be placed on the notice boards.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) Recycle 4 Charity
- b) Community Speed Watch update.
- c) CPRE Certificates and prize
- d) Skate Park presentation
- e) Other general items discussed

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 17th January, 2012, with a Planning Committee meeting before this date.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Signed Date