

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 15th January, 2013**

There were three members of the public present.

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

Also Present PC Mark Hough

Before the start of the meeting, David Sharp and Amanda Drabble spoke about the Hilpertont Allotment Association's wish to install fencing along the two sides of the public footpath passing through the allotment site. Pam Fisher then spoke against planning application 12/02306/FUL. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.40 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors Clark, Carbin and Bielecki declared that they had a disclosable pecuniary interest which was shown on their Register of Interests. The remaining nine Parish Councillors in attendance, all residents of Hilpertont, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, as Hilpertont council tax payers.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th December, 2012, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8 – Grant Request: The Clerk said she had written to the One Love Community Group to let them know why the Parish Council - on this occasion - had decided not to give a grant.

Minute 8 – Dispensations: The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had granted a dispensation to all members of the Parish Council – to discuss and vote on the setting of the precept - which would be effective up to the date of the local council elections in early May.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

a) The Chairman said that the Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council to inform them that Mr. Willis had resigned, and to ask if it was necessary to co-opt a new member when the local elections were only a few months away.

b) The Chairman informed members that, following the granting of dispensations by the Clerk, it would be necessary for those who had not already declared a disclosable pecuniary interest to Wiltshire Council, to do so within 28 days. This could be done on line, by telephone or by letter. The Clerk would again send details to all parish councillors, by e-mail.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark had nothing to report.

7. POLICE

PC Hough reported 54 rural crimes over the past month, 26 of which had been in Hilperton. These included anti-social behaviour issues, incidents of criminal damage and assault, burglaries, drugs offences, thefts and violent crimes.

PC Hough confirmed that the next NPT meeting would be on the 6th February, 2013, before the Liaison Group meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that she had again written to the new Wiltshire Police Crime Commissioner, saying that as the previous letter contained congratulations from the Parish Council on his new post, it had been expected that a response would have come from him personally. To date no reply had been received.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Approval of the Budget and Setting of the Precept for 2013/2014

Copies of two suggested budgets had been tabled beforehand. The Chairman said that the estimated number of band D properties in the parish was 1733.23. Therefore, if the charge remained at £12.49, this would bring in a Precept of £21,648.04. This would then be 'topped up' by Wiltshire Council to the tune of £2,590.68, giving a Precept of £24,238.72, i.e. exactly the same as last year. If, however, the Parish Council wished the charge to go up to £12.75 (around 2.2%), this would bring in a precept of £22,098.68 which, with the 'top up' of £2,590.68, would bring in a precept of £24,689.36, or approximately £450 for the year.

A discussion followed, at the end of which it was agreed that the levy should be increased to £12.75, bringing in a precept of £22,098.68, plus the 'top up', making £24,689.36 in total (Proposed by Mr. Bielecki, seconded by Mr. Carbin, eleven in favour and one against).

The question of the possible acquisition of more allotment land in the coming years was raised which, if the Parish Council went ahead with the option, would cost in the region of £12,000. It was agreed that this should be shown specifically in future budgets.

Allotment Matters

The Chairman referred to the request by the Allotment Association to install fencing along the two sides of the public footpath. It was agreed that the original allotment sub-committee members, i.e. Messrs. House, Bielecki and Jackson, should get together on this issue and bring a report to the February PC meeting.

Parish Steward

The Clerk said that, over the coming months, the Parish Steward would be in the village on:-

21st January
7th and 27th February
19th March.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Council's Liaison Group

- a) Mr. Jackson confirmed that the next meeting would be on the 6th February, 2013, at Southwick Village Hall. Suggested agenda items should be given to him as soon as reasonably possible.
- b) Mr. Jackson gave an update on the Campus initiative and also details of the recent TCAF meeting, mentioning the new Community Matters blogsite, which aimed to strengthen local communities in Wiltshire by making it easier for local people and groups to talk to one another

- c) through social media. To find out more about local news, events, jobs and volunteering, members of the public should contact: www.trowbridge.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk
There was a link to the Parish Council's website and Mr. Jackson suggested that the Parish Council should put a link to this website.
- d) In conclusion, Mr. Jackson said there would be a meeting on the 28th January (6pm Town Hall), where there would be a discussion on the proposed new primary school east of Trowbridge.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

12/02220/FUL: Mr. S. Collins, The Boatyard, 5 Hammond Way

Proposed canopy structure over the canal.

The Chairman said that this application had been considered by Staverton Parish Council and they had not objected as such apart from raising concerns about working hours. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would not object to the application but the planning authority should be informed that there were concerns about working hours and any disturbance this could cause to residents, and it would be helpful if these hours could be conditioned. (Proposed by Mr. Bielecki, seconded by Ms. Turner, eleven in favour and one abstention by the Chairman).

12/02222/ADV: Abbey Developments, Blue Hills, Devizes Road

Post mounted stack sign x 1 and flag poles x 2

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

12/002255/FUL: Mrs. L. Boulton, The Mead Community Primary School, Hackett Place

Extension to provide additional staff and meeting facilities

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

12/02306/FUL: Mr. M. Miller, Shar-kays, Whaddon Lane

Erection of hay barn

It was agreed that an objection should be made to this application due to the inadequacy of the information given on the plans, which gave a floor area but not a height and no actual measurements. They were also concerned that part 10 of the application form showed an increase in parking (2 extra cars plus 2 extra LGVs) and wondered how a hay barn could justify extra vehicular parking. (Proposed by Mr. Jameson, seconded by Mr. Jackson, nine in favour with three abstentions, one of these by the Chairman).

12/02320/FUL: Ms. T. Griffiths, 1 Whaddon Lane

Various upgrading works and change of use of garage to bedroom

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

Decisions

12/01941/ADV: Miss C. Howden, 342 Horse Road

Advertising sign (retrospective) – Consent given

12/01840/OUT: Ashford Homes (SW) Ltd., former nursery site, Marsh Road

Erection of 30 dwellings and associated works – Refusal

12/02032/FUL: Mr. J Purdy, The Poplars, 166 Wyke Road

Conversion and extension of workshop to form self-contained annexe etc. – Application withdrawn

Planning Enforcement - 10/01920/FUL: 202a Devizes Road**Possible breach of planning permission with regard to roof tiles and windows**

The Chairman said that another resident had complained about one of the retaining walls, so the enforcement officers were currently looking into this as well as the possible breach with regard to roof tiles and windows.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Thank you letter on behalf of the ladies attending the Sunday Club.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Paxcroft Mead Community Forum – Minutes of a meeting held on the 29th November, 2012
 b) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee – Minutes of a meeting held on the 5th December, 2012
 c) Kennet and Avon Canal Trust – The Butty, Winter 2012
 d) White Ensign – Sea Cadets Magazine
 e) The Clerk – January, 2013
 f) Clerks and Councils Direct – January, 2013

12. ACCOUNTS**Payments authorised:-****Since the last meeting**

Hilperton Village Club – Christmas refreshments (Chairman's Allowance)	£61.05
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This meeting

Clerk's Salary for January, 2013	£464.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£115.05)	£579.05
CPRE – Annual Subscription		£29.00
Alpha Taxis – Sunday Club Transport (including £4.12 VAT)		£24.72
P. Staddon – Assembly/fixing of new notice board		£115.00
BT Payphones – last payment for Greenhill Gardens (including £15 VAT)		£90.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) The Chairman gave details of the next meeting of the Trowbridge Area Board, on the 17th January.
 b) Mrs. Sawyer said that the pavements by 70 Hill Street were full of grit and stones from the road and needed cleaning. The Clerk to contact Pat Whyte.
 c) It was reported that the dog bin in Middle Lane had again lost its base.
 d) Mr. Tucker said that, at the far end of Whaddon Lane (just before the church) unknown people had driven a series of posts into the verge. The Clerk to contact Pat Whyte.
 e) Mr. Tucker also said that along Whaddon Lane the ditches were full, near to where Ian Cradock had made a new entrance. The gullies here needed cleaning out.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) Details of the new TCAF blogsite.
 b) Approval of the Budget and setting of the Precept

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19th February, 2013, with a Planning Committee meeting on **Tuesday, 5th February, 2013**
(at 6.30 p.m.)

The meeting ended at 8.53 p.m.

Signed Date