

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE,
at 7.35 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st August, 2023, immediately following a public meeting which was
also held at the Village Hall**

There were two members of the public present.

PRESENT:	Cllr. E. Clark (in the Chair)	Cllr. S. Sawyer
	Cllr. K. Hayes	Cllr. P. Turner
	Cllr. G. Boreham	Cllr. C. Prevett
	Cllr. S. Robinson	Cllr. S. Woodard
	Cllr. R. Allan	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. P. Fisher, Uncles and House.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Chairman, regarding planning application PL/2023/05787, the applicant being known to him socially.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

***A discussion took place on all four McDonald's planning applications (detailed below) and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should strongly object to each and every one. The reasons for objecting should be made to the planning authority following the appointment of a planning consultant to assist in compiling a list of objections on behalf of the Parish Council. These would be sent to the Chairman and forwarded to parish councillors for approval before sending on to the planning authority. The cost of this should come out of reserved funds.**

PL/2023/05469 – land to the east of Hilperton Drive and the A361 roundabout and to the west of 63a, 63b and Units 1E and 1F at Paxcroft, Hilperton

Erection of a freestanding McDonald's restaurant with drive-thru facility, car parking, landscaping and associated works, including customer order displays (COD) and a play frame.

It was unanimously agreed that a strong objection should be made to this application.*

PL/2023/05554 – land at junction of A361 and Hilperton Drive

Consent to display an advertisement

Four freestanding signs, one banner unit, one play land sign and 25 dot signs comprising three accessible bays, two parked order bays, five litter, two no-entry, two pedestrian crossing, two give-way, five speed limit 10mph, two look left and two look right.

It was unanimously agreed that a strong objection should be made to this application.*

PL/2023/05555 – land at junction of A361 and Hilperton Drive

Consent to display an advertisement

Installation of two fascia signs, three booth lettering signs and one digital booth screen.

It was unanimously agreed that a strong objection should be made to this application.*

PL/2023/05556 – land at junction of A361 and Hilperton Drive

Consent to display an advertisement – two freestanding totem signs.

It was unanimously agreed that a strong objection should be made to this application.*

PL/2023/04539 – Field off Whaddon Lane
Change of use of land to a dog exercise field

After a short discussion, it was agreed that an objection should be made to this application on the following grounds:-

- There would be a loss of agricultural land taken out for the purpose of exercising dogs.
- There would be an increase in the amount and speed of traffic using Whaddon Lane, already causing problems for cyclists and walkers.
- Motorists would be encouraged to use the surfaced Trowbridge to Melksham cycle track.

(Proposed by Cllr. Allan, seconded by Cllr. Prevett, five in favour, one against and three abstentions, two of these from the Chairman and Cllr. Carbin).

4. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES UPDATE

The Chairman had recently met with one of WC's highways officers and they had agreed the site for the second post in Marsh Road. A decision was made by parish councillors to have the type of sign that showed 30mph with four flashing lights when motorists exceeded the speed limit and would not come on at all for those driving under the 30mph limit.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 19th September, 2023, with a possible planning meeting/s before this date.

The meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

Signed

Date