

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

There were two members of the public present.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. E. Clark (Chairman) Cllr. S. Sawyer  
Cllr. K. Hayes Cllr. P. Turner  
Cllr. R. House Cllr. C. Prevett  
Cllr. R. Allan

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Carbin, Boreham, Uncles, Robinson and Woodard.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr. Allan, regarding his planning application PL/2023/05753

**3. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

**Traffic Regulation Order for Devizes Road**

The Chairman reminded members about the survey of residents in Devizes Road, Stourton Park and Hanewell Rise, which the Parish Council carried out in October, 2019. The reason for this was to see what residents thought about a possible closure of Devizes Road to through traffic. The closure of the road at the Stourton Park roundabout on the western side had come out as the preferred option of the five given by Wiltshire Council in the survey.

The Parish Council had now received a copy of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order from Wiltshire Council, which was out for consultation until the 11<sup>th</sup> September. A discussion followed, at the end of which it was agreed that – based on the survey which had taken place - support should be given for the Order which would block the road to motorised traffic to the west of the Stourton Park mini-roundabout. (Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Turner, five in favour, one against and one abstention).

**Counsels' Opinion in respect of Elizabeth Way**

The Chairman informed members that the Parish Council had been asked if it could fund a barrister who could potentially assist with advising on the merits of judicially reviewing Wiltshire Council's decision to grant planning permission for a development on Elizabeth Way. After some discussion, it was agreed that any decision should be deferred until the September PC meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the reason being that members were unsure of what would be achieved, and how it might benefit the parish, in view of the fact that work had already commenced at this site.

**Trowbridge – Melksham Cycle Track**

The Chairman said that this agenda item was to consider whether the Parish Council wished to contact Wiltshire Council about the 'path' and the current issues being caused. Discussion took place, with the Chairman suggesting that Wiltshire Council

could make a temporary six-month Order to stop through traffic. When he asked members if they wanted to make any comment, it was agreed that this matter should be discussed more fully at the September PC meeting.

**4. PLANNING APPLICATION**

PL/2023./05753 – Whaddon Grove Farmhouse, Whaddon: Creation of a 0.75 ha mosaic of wetland, grassland and scrub woodland for biodiversity improvement and associated agricultural benefits; including the creation of approximately 1,520 metres of pond surface area (fluctuating over time seasonally and with ecological processes) spread over three small ponds and other habitat improving features, including scrapes. *The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.02pm. Richard Allan, as a member of the public, spoke in favour of the above application, before the meeting was reconvened at 8.10 pm. Mr. Allan did not take part in any discussion or vote.*

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should strongly support this application (Proposed by Cllr. House, seconded by Cllr. Turner, all in favour).

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

**The meeting closed at 8.14pm.**

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