

Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.45pm.

Councillors present. Allan, Bayley, Clark, Hayes, House, Linham, Prevett, Robinson, Sawyer, Uncles, and Woolard.

Clerk and 1 member of the public were present.

7.45pm Public Question Time.

There were no public statements/questions. As it was not part of the formal meeting of the council, minutes were not taken.

AGENDA.

24/91. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs. Carbin and Turner. Accepted.

24/92. Declarations of interest.

None.

24/93. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19th March 2024.

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Sawyer. **All agreed**

24/94. Chairman's announcements.

The Chairman introduced the new Clerk, Richard Culverhouse, who said a few words.

24/95. Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Nothing to report.

24/96. Report from police.

None received. The Clerk reported that the new contact is Jack Thomas who can be contacted on jack.thomas@wiltshire.police.uk

24/97. Planning applications.

PL/2024/02246 – Trowbridge RFC – change of use, car park area

It was resolved that the Parish Council **object** to this application on the following grounds: Safety – 1. HGV's mixing with children as there is a public play area 2. Loss of car parking space would mean more vehicles using the overflow car park in Paxcroft Farm and increase in number of pedestrians (especially children) crossing the busy, 50mph A.361. 3. Original planning use is changed by apparent change to 'industrial' use 4. Concern over possible future growth.

Proposed Cllr. Linham. Seconded Cllr. Bayley

Carried nem. con. with one abstention from the chairman (Cllr. Clark).

PL/2024/02816 – St. Michael and All Angels Church – Tree work

It was resolved that the Parish Council **Object** to the felling of T3 because there is no need to remove.

Proposed Cllr House, seconded Cllr Woodard. **All agreed**

PL/2024/03182 – 258 Hill Street – Tree work

It was resolved that the Parish Council offer **No objection** to this application.

PL/2024/02818 – Maxcroft Farmhouse, 5 Maxcroft Lane – variation of conditions of PL2021/10533

It was resolved that the Parish Council offer **No objection** to this application

PL2024/02741 – 6 Ashton Rise – addition of gabled dormer window

It was resolved that the Parish Council offer **No objection** to this application

PL/2024/02813 – 5 Hammond Way – Replacement of Chandlery building/shed with new 2 storey extension

It was resolved that the Parish Council **support** this application

Proposed Cllr. Bayley. Seconded Cllr. Uncles. **All agreed**

The following were received after publication of Agenda

PL/2024/03480 – 11 Dymott Square – fell apple tree – No comment, refer to tree officer

PL/2024/02089 – Fieldways Hotel, conversion to 15 dwellings. Now outside Parish boundary. Duly noted and no comment

24/98. Planning decisions.

20/07751/FUL – Land West of Elizabeth Way/South of Middle Lane – 68 dwellings –

Approved with conditions

PL/2024/01354 – 26 Horse Road – Loft conversion – Refused

PL/2024/00973 – 1 Ashton Rise – Single story rear extension – Approved with conditions

The above decisions were noted.

24/99. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.

A report was received from Celia Beckett. Waiting for an update of Local Plan.

Important to identify the areas of greatest risk.

Draft Plan is ready for Council consideration.

Chris Allgood is Flood Warden for Whaddon

Grants are available from DEFRA for surveys for drainage problems.

24/100. Hilperton Neighbourhood Plan revision.

No update

24/101. Parish Steward.

It was noted that any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the chairman.

24/102. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr. House reported that he had to re-let 12 plots. Until the Council can get access to Bank account he cannot confirm exactly who have paid. Still a handful of people on waiting list. He had spoken to the Allotment Association about an area for weeds to be dumped. No obvious spot.

24/103. Speed Indicator Devices.

Cllr. Clark reported that he had made contact with Westcotec about whether the devices could be recalibrated from 30mph to 20mph if the speed reduction is approved. It was agreed that the basic ones would suffice and would be ordered.

24/104. 20 mph speed limit

Cllr Clark gave an update. The B3105 is eligible for a 20 mph speed limit. Two more metro counts are being organised by Wiltshire Council at their expense.

24/105. War memorial.

Cllr Linham had produced a letter which will be circulated.

Cllr House asked about payment for War Memorial maintenance.

24/106. 'Clerk's report.'

The Clerk reported that an application for mapping facilities had been made to Parish On Line. This had now been paid. The Clerk will obtain access details and circulate to all Councillors.

The Clerk gave an update on negotiations with Lloyds Bank

24/107. Approval of invoice for payment.

The following item were approved for payment.

1828 CloudyIT. April invoice. £157.56 including £26.26 VAT.

1829 Idverde. March invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

1830 Wiltshire Council £2725

Proposed Cllr. Clark. Seconded Cllr. Sawyer. Approved unanimously.

24/108. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

Cllr Clark reported that there was a LHFIG meeting at County Hall at 10am on Thursday April 18th

24/109. Correspondence received.

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence over nuisance at Village Hall. Cllr Clark explained further. Passed to Chairman of Village Hall.

A quote had been received with regard to Remembrance Day parade signs. To be put on May Agenda.

24/110. Items for future meetings.

Cllr Allan brought up question of work on Whaddon Canal bridge.

Cllr Allan also reported that the wall on the north side of Churchyard at Whaddon Church had collapsed about a year ago and it is a listed building. The Clerk will look into the matter.

24/111. Items for notice board or publication.

None.

24/112. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting which will be preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly starting at 7.00pm Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 8.44.

Signed

Dated 21st May 2024.