

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.45pm.**

Councillors present. Clark, Linham, Uncles, Bayley, Prevett,, Sawyer, House.

Clerk, 3 members of the public and PCSO Jack Thomas were also present.

### **7.45pm Public Question Time.**

A member of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed Maxcroft Farm development.  
Problems with flooding/drainage, biodiversity and bats.

### **AGENDA.**

#### **24/193. Acceptance of apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Robinson, Hayes, Allan, and Turner. Accepted.

#### **24/194. Declarations of interest.**

None.

#### **24/195. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

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

#### **24/196. Chairman's announcements.**

None

#### **24/197 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.**

Cllr Clark mentioned that the Local Plan should be published within the next few weeks.

#### **24/198. Report from Police.**

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the slides being used at Area Board in October.  
PCSO Jack Thomas gave a short report. He said that there is two initiatives taking place shortly, one concerning drug supply (County Lines) and spiking of drinks.

#### **24/199. Planning applications.**

**PL/2024/07206** – Trowbridge Rugby Football Club – Creation of overflow car park

Cllr Clark has called this in. If this is approved it was suggested that parking at Paxcroft Farm should cease. Cllr Linham suggested that the Council ought to ask for rejuvenation of the adjoining hedge. It was proposed by Cllr Bayley and seconded by Cllr Prevett that the Council supports the application provided that parking at Paxcroft Farm ceases and hedging be improved with introduction of new trees. All agreed with one abstention from Cllr Clark.

**PL/2024/07442** – 52 Hill Street – New driveway. No comment

**PL/2024/07858** – Rear of 41/43 Princess Gardens - Tree pruning. Will concur with Tree Officer.

**PL/2024/07926** – Land at Elizabeth Way – variation of Condition 2 on 20/09701/FUL. Awaiting for full reply on conditions. But increase in house numbers. The Council offers No comment

**PL/2024/07550** – 224 Church Street – Fell trees. Object to removal of horse chestnut. Proposed by Cllr House and seconded by Cllr Uncles. All agreed

**PL/2024/08024** – 123 Devizes Road – Conversion /extension of garage (renewal of lapsed planning application 18/07993/FUL – No comment

**PL/2023/10559** – Land at Maxcroft Farm – Amended Plans/Additional information. Relevant points had been brought up by member of public prior to the start of the meeting and including points of flooding/drainage, buffer zones, biodiversity, bats and highway problems. Strong objection from the Council using the above comments on top of those already submitted

previously. This was proposed by Cllr Uncles and seconded by Cllr Bayley. All agreed with one abstention from Cllr Clark.

#### **24/200. Planning decisions.**

**PL/2024/03257** – Land west of Merryfields, Whaddon Lane – Refused

**PL/2024/04951** – Rookery Farm, 73 Hill Street – Work to a listed building- conversion of listed outbuilding to form annexe – Approved with conditions

**PL/2024/04775** – Rookery Farm, 73 Hill Street - conversion of listed outbuilding to form annexe – Approved with conditions

**PL/2024/05991** – 49 Hill Street – Single story extension – Approved with conditions.

#### **24/201. Governments proposed changes to NPPF**

Cllr Bayley had already circulated notes/suggested replies to the above. He explained this in more detail. He outlined the change in calculating housing needs in Wiltshire. Back to a 5 year land supply. There is a change to grey/brown/green belts and change of definition of agriculture land. Cllr Linham added his comments.

It was agreed for Cllrs Bayley, Linham and the Clerk to get together to produce a final reply.

The Trowbridge Town Council letter had been circulated concerning the green belt to the west of the Town. The Clerk and Cllr Clark to discuss this further

#### **24/202. Gypsies and Travellers Consultation**

There are no relevant sites in Hilperton Parish. All noted.

#### **24/203. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.**

Celia Beckett expressed her thanks to Clls Bayley and Linham for all their work on the NPPF reply. She suggested that this new NPPF will have large implications on Local Plan. She suggested that Baz Sullivan ought to be invited to future meetings (as he is in charge of the Flood Warden scheme). Extra work being carried out by Wiltshire Council. New Drainage Engineer. Baz had been at a recent meeting of Wiltshire Council Engineer and residents of Marsh Road and had explained their rights and responsibilities.

#### **24/204 Possible use of CIL money**

Cllr Clark had asked for ideas in his e-newsletter and there were quite a few that came to the Clerk via him and directly. It was suggested that a small Committee be formed. It was agreed Cllrs Clark, Turner and House sit on this.

#### **24/205. Grant Applications.**

George Braham spoke on the application for Equinox Explorer Scout Unit for a grant for a slipway at Cereal Partners at Staverton. Accessible for all. More details had been previously circulated. He asked for a grant of £3719. Proposed by Cllr House and seconded by Cllr Uncles that this amount be paid. All agreed. Money to be taken out of income from Solar Farm.

An application had been received from 1<sup>st</sup> Hilperton Scout Group (previously circulated) for purchase on 3 new tents at a cost of £936 with help from local company BCH Camping. It was proposed by Cllr Uncles and seconded by Cllr Sawyer that the Council agree to pay this. All agreed.

Cllr Clark explained the background with regard to St.Michael's Clock. The grant application of £1760 is for the repair of the striking mechanism. It was proposed by Cllr Sawyer and seconded by Cllr Uncles that the Council agree to pay this amount. All agreed.

#### **24/206. Inspection of Village Hall playground area**

The Clerk reported that the inspection should be completed in September/early October.

#### **24/207. Rural Play Area Funding**

Various emails from Wiltshire Council had been previously circulated. Wiltshire Council wanted to know the parish Council's intention before end of September, and a formal resolution before

end of October. It was agreed that a Committee comprising of Cllrs Clark, Bayley, House and Sawyer to look at it all before the next Meeting.

Clerk will also write and ascertain the present costs of looking after the areas.

#### **24/208 Highway matters**

TRO consultation deferred to October meeting.

Wiltshire Council will be amending the various signs entering the village.

The Clerk had received an email requesting No Through Road sign at Leventon Place. No support from Council.

Bollards at Marshmead. Deferred to October meeting.

#### **24/209. Parish Steward.**

It was noted that any suggestions for work should be now be forwarded to the Clerk. He had received one email so far.

#### **24/210. Allotments/Community Orchard.**

Cllr House reported that there is 10 on the waiting list. Work party at the Meadow this Saturday. Allotment Association had their AGM recently. 100% membership. Mature promised on site.

#### **24/211. Speed Indicator Devices.**

The Clerk reported that both have been installed.

#### **24/212. Church Farm/War memorial.**

Cllr Linham had put together a response to the Developers. This would be circulated and with agreement sent to them.

#### **24/213 Application for co-option on to the Council**

An expression of interest had been received and Cllr Clark outlined procedure. The Clerk had sent the interested party an application form but had not received it back. It was agreed that it would be reviewed if an application is received but the Parish Council had no obligation to co-opt.

#### **24/214. 'Clerk's report.'**

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's account was £118,075.11. BUS instant account is £852.46 and CCLA account £117,034.78.

Cllr Turner had done some research on moving money to deposit accounts. No decision had been made. The Clerk would investigate more in regard to Redwood Bank.

The Clerk had spoken more with Lloyds Bank with regard to internet banking. He had started completing the forms but one of the questions was did the Council want a debit/credit card. The Clerk advised against this. It was agreed that the Council did not need either.

The Clerk had received correspondence from CCLA which he would complete

#### **24/215. Approval of invoice for payment.**

Cllr Clark had asked the Clerk to put Cloudy IT on the October Agenda and get exact information on what they provide.

Payments for this meeting

1861 Cloudy IT. August invoice. £157.56 including £26.26 VAT

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1863 Idverde August invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

1864 Core Clean £250.00

1865 RA Books £15.75

1866 Clerk's salary (August) £499.63

1867 HMRC £124.80

1868 Westcotec – Speed Indicator Devices £12,537 inc £2,089.60 VAT

1869 Celia Beckett – Printer Toner £24.16

Proposed Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Uncles. All agreed

**24/216. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.**

LHFIG meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>

Trowbridge Area Board on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6.30 County Hall. Cllr Bayley said he may attend

**24/217. Correspondence received.**

Street names for Elizabeth Way. Developer had made contact and reported they had lost Form A. The Clerk had found the original and sent it back to the Developer. The Council were happy to let the Developer use the names accordingly.

Correspondence had been received asking for information if the Parish Council paid any allowances. The Clerk was asked to reply that Hilperton Parish Council does not pay allowances.

**24/218. Items for future meetings.**

Cllr Sawyer mentioned that there was overgrown vegetation at Greenhill Gardens Bus Shelter and the Clerk was asked to mention this to Core Clean.

**24/219. Items for notice board or publication.**

None.

**24/220. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 starting at 7.45pm at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 21.43

Signed .....

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.