

Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday October 15th 2024 at 7.45pm.

Councillors present. Clark (Chairman), Linham, Bayley, Prevett, Robinson, Sawyer, House.

Clerk and 2 members of the public.

7.45pm Public Question Time.

There were no questions.

AGENDA.

24/221. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs Uncles, Hayes and Turner. Baz Sullivan (under item 24/230). Accepted.

24/222. Declarations of interest.

None.

24/223. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th September 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

24/224. Chairman's announcements.

Cllr Clark had received correspondence from Chairman of Rugby Club inviting the Council to visit one evening to see what they do.

24/225 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Cllr Clark reported that the Local plan had been passed for inspection today.

24/226. Report from Police.

No report

24/227. Planning applications.

PL/2024/08156 – The Old Rectory, 237 Church Street – new gas meter kiosk. It was resolved to make No comment.

PL/2024/08801 – The Manor House, Hill Street – Demolish conservatory replace with new single storey garden room. It was resolved to make No comment.

PL/2024/09084 – Land at Blue Hills, Devizes Road – Tree work. It was resolved to agree with decision of Tree Officer.

24/228. Planning decisions.

PL/2024/06898 – 1 Marsh Road – Rebuilding of wall – Approved with conditions

PL/2024/07023 - 1 Marsh Road – Rebuilding of wall – Approved with conditions

PL/2024/07895 – 9 Queens Gardens – Loft conversion – Permitted development*

PL/2024/07206 – TRFC – overflow car park – refused

PL/2024/07550 – 225 Church Street – Fell trees – No objection

*Cllr Clark explained further the reasons for permitted developments.

24/229. Local Plan

Cllr Clark outlined the thoughts of HAAG with regard to possible challenge to the Local Plan.

There is a short time frame of 6 weeks if an objection is to be lodged. After discussion and outline of possible costs, although these are limited if there is an environmental challenge under

Aarhus, it was agreed refer it back to HAAG and if a need arises, an extraordinary Parish Council meeting will be called.

24/230. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.

Cllr Bayley reported that the Flood team is very active. Cllr Clark read out an email from Baz Sullivan outlining the visit from Wiltshire Council contractors regarding maintenance, CCTV survey, and culvert/gully clearing. Several residents have shown interest on gel bags which have to be ordered via the Parish Council.

Cllr Bayley gave a quick update on Local Plan. Wiltshire Council had 10,700 comments although it changed very little. All comments will be going to Inspector. On Policy 53 there were 19 pages regarding Hilperton.

Cllr Clark outlined the position of gel bags. The Clerk was asked to find out more details.

Cllr Clark outlined the position regarding rear of 53 Newhurst Park.

24/231 Possible use of CIL money

Cllr Clark reported that the Committee had met but not come up with any firm decisions. The Clerk was asked to look at Land Registry with regard to land at rear of Horse Road/Elizabeth Way where there had been some activity. Cllr House said that some money could also be used in any of the play areas being offered to Parish Council from Wiltshire Council.

24/232. Inspection of Village Hall playground area

The Clerk reported that the inspection has been completed and cost £156 including VAT.

24/233. Rural Play Area Funding

The Committee had recently met. There are four areas being offered. Stourton Park, Lacock Gardens, Millards Close and Foxglove Drive. The Clerk and Cllr Clark outlined the recommendations of the Committee and passed around plans. There had also been communications over litter bins. There will be maintenance involved. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Bayley that the Parish Council are interested in taking over the areas subject to detail negotiations. All agreed.

24/234 Highway matters

TRO consultation – various byways, Hilperton and Semington.

See <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/9523/TRO-Consultation-on-proposed-Experimental-Prohibition-of-Motor-Vehicles-Variou-Byways-Hilperton-and-Semington>

This bans motorised vehicles using the byways except for access. It was proposed by Cllr Prevett and seconded by Cllr Sawyer that the Parish Council supports the actions of Wiltshire Council and the Clerk to respond accordingly. All agreed.

The Chairman suspended the meeting so that a member of the public could address the meeting on the questions of bollards at Marshmead. It was suggested an application should be made to LHFIC. There would be support from Parish Council for white posts. Cllr Clark will also contact Mark Banks at Wiltshire Council.

The Chairman resumed the meeting

24/235. Parish Steward.

Parish Steward is visiting the first week of November. Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Clerk.

24/236. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House reported that he had re-let two plots. Still 8 on the waiting list. Orchard improved.

24/237. Church Farm/War memorial.

Cllr Linham had circulated an email around Councillors and forwarded on to Wiltshire Council and Ashford Homes.

24/238. ‘Clerk’s report.’

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer’s account was £117,113.46. BUS instant account is £853.88 and CCLA account £117,535.41.

The Clerk would investigate further with Redwood Bank and Lloyds with regard to deposit/savings accounts.

The Clerk reported he had started on process of Internet banking.

The Clerk gave an update on CCLA and asked for a new (fourth) signatory. Cllr Bayley said he would become one.

The Clerk reported that external Auditor had signed Section 3 and went through their comments. The cost was £504.00

The Clerk had contacted Cloudy IT and they explained how the costs were broken down. It was agreed the Clerk would go back to Cloudy IT and negotiate the cost accordingly.

The Clerk reported that there is a SLCC Training day on November 8th which is free.

24/239. Approval of invoice for payment.

Payments for this meeting

- 1870 Chairmans expenses £22.07
- 1871 Equinox Scouts grant £3719
- 1872 1st Hilperton Scouts grant £936
- 1873 Clock repairs £1760
- 1874 Cloudy IT. October invoice. £157.56 including £26.26 VAT
- 1875 Idverde September invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT
- 1876 Clerk’s salary (September) £499.63
- 1877 HMRC £124.80
- 1878 Allotment expenses £296.04

These were proposed by Cllr Bayley and seconded by Cllr Sawyer, all agreed with 1 abstention

24/240. Remembrance Day signs

This had already been discussed and agreed earlier in 2024. It was agreed that the Parish Council pay £205.06 including £34.18 VAT.

24/241. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

- LHFIG - November 21st - County Hall – 10am (hybrid)
- Trowbridge Area Board – December 5th – County Hall 6.30

Clerk and Cllr Clark will be attending WALC Conference in Devizes on November 5th

24/242. Correspondence received.

An email concerning maintenance on the roundabout at Hammond Way. This will be passed on to Wiltshire Council.

An email concerning street names on second development on Elizabeth Way. The Clerk picked a name from those suggested.

24/243. Items for future meetings.

None

24/244. Items for notice board or publication.

None.

24/245. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday November 19th 2024 starting at 7.45pm at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 21.23

Signed

Dated 19th November 2024.