

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.45pm.**

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

Clerk and 5 members of the public.

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

There were no questions at this time but members of the public who wished to speak on planning applications were asked to speak under 24/255 and one member of the public to speak under 24/260.

### **AGENDA.**

#### **24/249. Acceptance of apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Uncles, and Turner.

#### **24/250. Declarations of interest.**

None.

#### **24/251. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Minutes of Extraordinary meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

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

#### **24/252. Chairman's announcements.**

Cllr Clark had received another email from Chairman of Rugby Club suggesting two possible dates, November 26<sup>th</sup> or December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for the Parish Council to visit to see what they do.

#### **24/253 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.**

Cllr Clark explained the planning application with regard 'We Buy Any Car.com' (PL/2024/02230) which he had 'called in'. He suggested that he would rescind the call in because he felt that he could not persuade his fellow Wiltshire Councillors to refuse the application with new information received. It was agreed subject to condition that this would be for only 'We Buy Any Car.com' use.

#### **24/254. Report from Police.**

The Clerk reported that he had circulated the report sent to him by Cllr Clark.

#### **24/255. Planning applications.**

At 7.48pm the Chairman suspended the meeting to let members of the public speak on any application. 2 members of the public spoke on PL/2024/09275 and 1 member of the public spoke on PL/2024/09371.

The Chairman resumed the meeting at 8.02pm

**PL/2024/09371** – Land off Ashton Road – Erection of new dwelling. The Council has not changed its position since previous application where it objected on the grounds that it is outside the village policy limit/settlement boundary and not allowed in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. In addition the land is in the protected bat corridor between the two adjacent built up areas. It was also noted that the application had not resolved any of the issues from the previous Appeal dismissal. It was proposed by Cllr Bayley and seconded by Cllr Hayes that the Council object to this application. All agreed with one abstention (Cllr Clark).

**PL/2024/09797** – 80 Whaddon Lane – Conservatory. It was resolved that the Parish Council offer No Objection.

**PL/2024/09275** – 26 Horse Road – Dormer window work. It was resolved that the Parish Council offer No Objection, subject to no variations or amendments to roof and keeping to existing submitted plans. This was proposed by Cllr House and seconded by Cllr Hayes. Agreed with one abstention (Cllr Clark).

**PL/2024/08024** – 123 Devizes Road – Conversion/extension of garage (additional plans). It was resolved that the Parish Council offer No Objection

**PL/2024/09084** – Land at Blue Hills, Devizes Road – additional tree work. The Clerk explained that a decision had already been made (see 24/256) as the Parish Council had already resolved to agree with decision of Tree Officer (24/227)

**PL/2024/09853** – The Grange, Ashton Road – Tree work. It was resolved to agree with decision of the Tree Officer.

**PL/2024/09964** – The Grange, Ashton Road – Tree work. It was resolved to agree with decision of the Tree Officer.

**PL/2024/09978** – Trowbridge Rugby Football Club – Erection of spectator stand. It was proposed by Cllr Bayley and seconded by Cllr Linham that the Parish Council Support the application but ask if the colour could be changed from blue/yellow to green. 6 for and 2 abstentions, one of which was Cllr Clark.

#### **24/256. Planning decisions.**

**PL/2024/07858** – Land at rear of 41/43 Princess Gardens – Approved with conditions

**PL/2024/08156** – The Old Rectory, 237 Church Street – new gas meter kiosk – Approved with conditions

**PL/2024/09084** – Land at Blue Hills, Devizes Road – tree work – Approved with conditions

#### **24/257. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.**

Celia Beckett gave her thanks for all those who attended the Extraordinary meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. She explained the situation over previous submission to Information Commissioners Office (ICO) with regard to surveys produced by Wiltshire Council. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with Cllr Allan and ICO.

She explained that she no longer had any connection with the flood group and that is now led by Baz Sullivan.

#### **24/258 Possible use of CIL money**

The Committee looking at the use of CIL money had recently met. Cllr Clark outlined the various options that have been looked at especially with regard to land and village hall improvements but had led nowhere at present.

#### **24/259. Rural Play Area Funding**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Craig Campbell at Wiltshire Council replying to the recommendations made by the Committee and had suggested a site meeting. It was agreed that Committee (less Cllr Sawyer) would meet with Craig Campbell on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

#### **24/260 Highway matters**

At 8.40pm the Chairman suspended the meeting to let a member of the public speak on possible bollards at Marshmead. The Clerk had previously circulated an email regarding this including the LHFIF form.

The Chairman resumed the meeting at 8.43

Cllr Clark outlined similar requests in the past which the Parish Council had supported. Cllr Clark explained how LHFIF operated and possible financial implications. It was proposed by Cllr House and seconded by Cllr Hayes that the Parish Council support the application making the

point that the Parish Council is surprised that Wiltshire Council denies ownership of the verges despite maintaining them and dispute of ownership should not be a barrier to resolving the issue and that they are part of the highway. It was also added that the Parish Council would be prepared to meet 50% of the cost. All agreed.

TRO consultation – various byways, Hilperton and Semington.

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

The Clerk reported that he received an email from Wiltshire Council replying to the opinion of the Parish Council.

#### **24/261. Parish Steward.**

Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Clerk who reported he already had one from Cllr Uncles.

#### **24/262. Allotments/Community Orchard.**

Cllr House reported that he had re-let a plot which had not been maintained for a couple of years. Two trailer loads of manure had been delivered. Over £200 had been collected which had been given to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. There will be a group of volunteers who are prepared to dig a pond.

#### **24/263. Church Farm/War memorial.**

Cllr Linham had no updates.

#### **24/264. Problems with Trowbridge Road SID**

Cllr Clark reported that it was a run-down battery which had caused the SID to malfunction and although it is solar powered it needs charging from time to time. The Clerk had replaced it with one of the spare batteries supplied by Westcotec.

#### **24/265. Staffing Committee report**

The staffing committee had met with the Clerk the outcome of which was the permanent appointment of the Clerk. The Chairman signed the minutes.

#### **24/266. 'Clerk's report.'**

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's account was £110,683.76. BUS instant account is £854.65 and CCLA account £118,017.83.

The Clerk had spoken to Lloyds Bank with regard to opening a saving account but this would not be acceptable as it would still exceed the £85,000 guarantee limit. He had investigated Redwood Bank with regard their fixed rate 35 and 90 day notice accounts. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Hayes that the Parish Council open a Redwood Bank savings account and move received CIL money, provided it does not exceed £85,000. All agreed.

The Clerk agreed to chase Lloyds Bank with regard to internet banking as the forms had been submitted.

The Clerk explained that he had to become the 'correspondence' address before he could talk to CCLA. He had the relevant forms with him and these were duly signed.

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Lloyds Bank outlining the charges they will make in future. It was agreed to stay with Lloyds for the present time.

The Clerk outlined costs of shared membership of SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) with Heywood and this would be £75 each. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr House that the Clerk proceed with a shared membership. All agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Cloudy IT and negotiated a substantial reduction in their monthly fee to around £60 although official quotation had not been received.

At a recent WALC Conference the Clerk had been given figures for a contested and uncontested Election as Local Elections will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

The Clerk gave a brief report on the WALC Conference and SLCC Training day. The Clerk had discussed obtaining qualifications at the SLCC Training day and although it was suggested he took ILCA qualification first but after discussion it was agreed that he took CILCA. There was £500 in the budget..

**24/267. Approval of invoices for payment.**

Payments since last meeting

1879 Able Scaffolding £1500 including £250 VAT

1880 Hilperton Allotment Association £7.00

Payments for this meeting

1881 Idverde October invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

1882 Clerk's salary (October) £499.63

1883 HMRC £124.80

1884 Remembrance Day signs (Paid by Clerk) £198.02 including £33.00 VAT

1885 Playsafety Limited £156.00 including £26.00 VAT

1886 Cloudy IT £181.56 including £30.26 VAT

1887 Royal British Legion £75.00

These were proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Robinson. All agreed

**24/268. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.**

LHFIG - November 21<sup>st</sup> - County Hall – 10am (hybrid)

Trowbridge Area Board – December 5<sup>th</sup> – County Hall 6.30

**24/269. Correspondence received.**

An email concerning street names on new development on Elizabeth Way. Deferred to December meeting.

**24/270. Items for future meetings.**

Cllr Clark suggested giving thought to recipients of Sir William Roger Brown Coal charity donation. Please let Clerk know for discussion at December's meeting.

**24/271. Items for notice board or publication.**

None.

**24/272. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 starting at 7.45pm at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 21.25

Signed .....

Dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024.