

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.45pm.**

Councillors present. Clark (Chairman), Linham, Bayley, Prevett, Sawyer, Hayes, House, Turner and Uncles.

Clerk and 1 member of the public.

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

There were no questions.

### **AGENDA.**

#### **25/45. Acceptance of apologies for absence.**

Cllrs. Allan and Robinson. Accepted

#### **25/46. Declarations of interest.**

None.

#### **25/47. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

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

#### **25/48. Chairman's announcements.**

The Chairman reported that one of the Council's bus shelters in Hill Street had been damaged by a Tesco van. Insurance companies are sorting out the repair.  
Village Hall Quiz on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 for 8pm.

#### **25/49 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.**

Local Plan had increased houses allocated and that both Wiltshire and Hilperton Parish Councils are in the period of Purduh (restrictions on pre-Election communications).

#### **24/50. Report from Police.**

None but Clerk had attended last Area Board meeting where both Police County Commissioner and local representative spoke. It was suggested that a representative should attend the Parish Meeting in May.

#### **25/51. Planning applications.**

**PL/2025/02003** – 208 Devizes Road – Conversion of workshop to two dwellings as submitted under PL/2021/10979. Cllr Clark declared an interest and abstained from voting on the matter. It was resolved that the Council submit No Comments for the above

#### **25/52. Planning decisions.**

**PL/2025/01050** – Prior Notification – Marylands Farm, Whaddon Lane – Agricultural road, creation of access track and extension to yard. Prior approval not required.

**PL/2024/09275** 26 Horse Road – Removal of existing dormer window with revised proposals. Approved with conditions.

#### **25/53. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.**

Celia Beckett outlined that a small group were drafting responses to potential questions from the Inspector. Harnhan had reported that there had not been any reaching out to local groups over nature conservation and a variety of ways to consult. Our Inspector (of the Local Plan) had already written a critical letter to Wiltshire Council on the way they handled the Local Plan, especially the way they added information after or on the deadline. She explained the extra land

being included in Policy 53. There was also potential proposal for new access to the new development behind Devizes Road.

With regard to flooding issues she reported that the Drainage team had just put in a report with regard to the Maxcroft Farm development. There were numerous conditions that the Developers had to adhere to.

#### **25/54. Rural Play Area Funding**

The Clerk had circulated correspondence from Wiltshire Council saying that completion can be after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

No progress on getting quotes for maintenance of play areas.

#### **25/55 Wiltshire Council s.106 side agreement**

Cllr Clark explained that under section 23 of the Standing orders stated that any two Councillors can sign a legal document and be witnessed by the proper officer (Clerk). Therefore a proposal was put forward that *Hilperton Parish Council formally agrees to allow signing of section 106 side agreement with Wiltshire Council in accordance with Standing Order 23*. Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Bailey. All agreed.

#### **25/56 Best Kept Village Competition**

It was agreed that the Clerk submit the necessary paperwork

#### **25/57. Highway matters**

The Clerk reported that gully emptying would be in the Hilperton area starting week beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>. 5 gullies can be emptied. The Clerk has the form. The Clerk will also place on social media.

Various correspondence had been received about developments on the left side of Ashton Road going towards Steeple Ashton. The Clerk was asked to find who the owner is via the Land Registry. Cllrs House/Linham gave an update of what the developments are.

#### **25/58. Parish Steward.**

Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Clerk.

#### **25/59. Allotments/Community Orchard.**

Cllr House had sent out all the invoices. He suggested that there ought to be something on the web site about allotments. The Clerk said he would contact the web master. He reported that the 'pond' was nearly completed but needed a liner. The cost of that would be between £400 - £600. He would take up the offer from 'Scribe' for a demonstration on their allotment software.

#### **25/60. Church Farm/War memorial.**

Cllr Linham reported that it was ongoing. He will keep chasing.

#### **25/61. Trowbridge Rugby Football Club – Charity Trustee**

TRFC has started a charity up and are interested in Parish Council involvement. Suggested that Parish Council would be interested but will wait until after May elections. It will a quarterly meeting.

#### **25/62 Hilperton Parish Council Elections 2025**

All nomination papers have to be delivered BY HAND to County Hall by 4pm April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will look over the papers whilst you are there. Nominated people will be declared at 4pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Clerk has the full Elector Roll if anybody wants the number of a proposer or seconder.

#### **25/63. 'Clerk's report.'**

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's account was £89,603.34 (including new payment of CIL money of £55,756.66 as first payment of Barrett development). With half the Precept coming in April the Clerk will be looking for another account to put this £55,756.66 and is looking at Hampshire Trust Bank. CCLA is £119.939 (including CIL money of £58,561.92) and Instant access account is £857.45 Redwood Bank is 68,322.25 but there had been

complications with Lloyds accepting our cheque which resulted in £100 compensation from them.

The Clerk reported that Lloyds have started charging a monthly fee and fee for each cheque issued.

Present signatories (with exception of Cllr Sawyer) will be added on Internet banking.

The Clerk reported that he starts his WALC course running in parallel with the actual CiLCA qualification on April 8<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the Council that he is at RUH every morning until April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Clerk unfortunately did not attend the new WALC Clerks networking event on February 19<sup>th</sup> but hopes to attend the April meeting

The Clerk represented Hilperton PC at Area Board meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk attended by Teams the monthly Wiltshire Council/Clerks meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> and had asked the question in regard to what other Councils do when they exceed the £85,000 limit. There were a couple of replies which he will follow up.

The Clerk had also attended the CloudyIT DisGoverly day at Civic Hall on March 5<sup>th</sup> whilst he found it interesting it was aimed at larger Parish Councils and Town Councils.

#### **25/64. Approval of invoices for payment.**

1912 Harnham Housing Steering Group £300 (agreed at February meeting)

1913 Idverde February invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

1914 Clerk's salary (February) £499.63

1915 HMRC £124.80

1916 Cloudy IT £73.50 including £12.25 VAT

1917 Core Clean £250

1918 Water 2 Business £11.61

1919 WALC (for training) £330 including £55 VAT

1920 CPRE £60.00

1921 Clerk's expenses (inc postage) £132.00

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

#### **25/65. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.**

LHFIG, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2025, County Hall, 10-12 (Hybrid)

#### **25/66. Correspondence received.**

The Clerk had received correspondence, through the website contact form, from headmistress of Hilperton School regarding traffic problems. He then had a telephone conversation with her and she suggested lights or 20mph speed limit. Discussion arose and suggest she gets in touch with the Police.

#### **25/67. Items for future meetings.**

The Clerk apologised that he had missed off the Agenda two items brought up last month namely, possibly more defibrillators (Cllr Hayes) and possibility of grit bin at Stourton Park Cllr Linham). They will be on April's Agenda.

#### **25/68. Items for notice board or publication.**

Poster for invasive non-native plant species.

#### **25/69. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 starting at 7.45pm at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.46

Signed .....

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025.