

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.45pm.**

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

Clerk and 2 member of the public.

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

There were no questions.

### **AGENDA.**

#### **25/70. Acceptance of apologies for absence.**

Cllrs. Allan Uncles and Sawyer. Accepted

#### **25/71. Declarations of interest.**

None.

#### **25/72. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 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 Turner. All agreed

#### **25/73. Chairman's announcements.**

The Chairman reported that it will be an uncontested Election on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Richard Jamieson has joined the Council and Pam Turner is not seeking re-election. Cllr Turner said a few words about her time on the Council. She explained she had various responsibilities including the Village Pump.

#### **25/74 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.**

Cllr Clark reported that there are 4 candidates for the Wiltshire Council Election.

#### **24/75. Report from Police.**

None but Clerk is hoping to get a representative at next month's Annual Parish meeting.

#### **25/76. Planning applications.**

**PL/2023/10559** – Land at Maxcroft Farm – Amended Plans/Additional information. It was resolved that the Parish Council submit 'No comment'.

**PL/2024/09664** – Land adjoining Hilperton Drive/Ashton Road – Dropped kerb

This has been called in. Objection on new design of roundabout. Not safe visibility splays. Not safe to put extra arm on a 4 arm roundabout. These to be put forward as an Objection. Proposed by Cllr Bayley and seconded Cllr House. Carried with 2 abstentions including Cllr Clark.

**PL/2025/02454** – 58 St. Marys Gardens – Two storey extension to replace existing lean to porch. It was resolved that the Parish Council submit 'No Comment'. It will be called in if this is refused.

#### **25/77. Planning decisions.**

**PL/2025/00845** – The Pottins, 125A Ashton Road – Lawful development certificate for a proposed use – siting of caravan. Approved

**PL/2025/01202** – Trowbridge Rugby Football Club – Discharge of condition 5 for PL/2024/09978. Approve

#### **25/78. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.**

Celia Beckett gave an update on the Local Plan and timings. There are a number of issues that need to be addressed. There would be tight deadlines. She had been in touch with the

programme officer, Mr Kemp. He had been very helpful. Wiltshire Council had a duty to consult with the local community which it appears it has not done. Harnham had suggested the possibility of sharing costs of a barrister which could be £5,000 for our costs. Lots of ongoing actions will need to be taken further in the very near future.

#### **25/79. Rural Play Area Funding**

The Clerk had made contact with our solicitor to make sure that she can now proceed with all legalities. She now require the exact specification of what we require her to do and she will work out the costs.

No progress on getting quotes for maintenance of play areas.

#### **25/80. Highway matters**

LHFIG request for double yellow lines at Horse Road (this had been circulated). This was explained by Cllr Hayes (who also declared an interest). It was suggested double yellow lines for 10 metres either side. A proposal to support this was put forward by Cllr House and seconded by Cllr Robinson. All agreed.

The Clerk reminded the Council that gully emptying would be in the Hilperon area starting week beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk reported that the original suppliers were visiting today to assess the damage to the bus shelter and give a quote. They will also give quotes for repair to other bus shelters in the area. Our insurance company has asked for two quotes.

Cllr Linham gave the outline of why a grit bin at Stourton Park was needed. He will do a survey and come back to the June meeting.

#### **25/81. War Memorial**

Cllr House explained the maintenance of the War Memorial. It has been suggested it should be maintained for 32 weeks and increased payments of £15 per week. This was proposed by Cllr House and seconded by Cllr Turner. All agreed.

#### **25/82. Parish Steward.**

Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Clerk. The welcome to Hilperon sign at Maxcroft Lane needs cleaning of graffiti.

#### **25/83. Allotments/Community Orchard.**

Cllr House reported that all but 3 had paid their invoices and a total of £2860 received. He described the specialist software provided by Scribe. There is a set up cost of £262 and monthly cost of £33. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Hayes that the Council use it for 12 months trial period. Carried with 2 abstentions.

Cllr House also reported that the pond has now been built and the temporary fence will be replaced with a more substantial one. He will be producing a risk assessment for the whole site including the pond.

#### **25/84. Extra defibrillators**

Cllr Hayes had originally given thought to extra defibrillators above the four the Parish already has. Cllr Clark suggested that the Council review a possible installation at Marsh Road stores when the present contract for the other units comes up for renewal.

#### **25/85. Church Farm/War memorial.**

Cllr Linham reported that there was a new investigating officer and he had replied at the end of March and this had been circulated. Still ongoing discussions. Further information was asked for regarding recent flooding incidents.

#### **25/86. General Power of Competence**

Cllr Clark explained more about the General Power of Competence and the following was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Turner "This council confirms its wish that the clerk and chairman/lady chairman should continue to explore various possibilities for using any CIL, and S.106, funds held by the council. Such possibilities to include the purchase/lease of land for

use as open space, and extensions/additions to the village hall building, or any other appropriate uses for the funds.” All agreed.

**25/87. ‘Clerk’s report.’**

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer’s account was £157,703.66 (including new payment of CIL money of £68,322.25). CCLA is £120,359.17 (including CIL money of £58,561.92) and Instant access account is £858.15. Redwood Bank is £68,322.25.

It was agreed that £130,000 be transferred to an instant access savings account.

The Clerk would keep looking for high interest instant access deposit account.

The Clerk had spoken to Lloyds to add more people to internet banking and he suggested that as all previous signatories were still on the Council then these be added with the exception of Cllr Sawyer. Then payment control can be set up for any two of these can authorise future payments.

The Clerk reported that he had attended the first part of the CiLCA course earlier that month.

The Clerk had attended a Teams meeting with other Clerks and Wiltshire Council on March 20<sup>th</sup> which had brought up useful information regarding Local Nature Recovery Strategy which would be useful in our Local Plan strategy.

It was proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Clark that Ros Huggins continue as Internal Auditor. All agreed

The Clerk explained the Sir Williams Roger Brown Charity and said he would sort out the reminders.

**25/88. Approval of invoices for payment.**

1922 Idverde March invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

1923 Clerk’s salary (March) £499.63

1924 HMRC £124.80

1925 Cloudy IT £73.50 including £12.25 VAT

1927 WALC (Sub) £1226.12 inc £204.35 VAT

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

**25/89. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.**

The Clerk reported that the LHFIG due on May 29<sup>th</sup> has been postponed

**25/90. Correspondence received.**

The Clerk had received a thank you letter for the repairs on the Church clock.

LHFIG application received but will be on May Agenda.

**25/91. Items for future meetings.**

None

**25/92. Items for notice board or publication.**

Application for poster advertising history books and maps can be viewed on May bank holiday.

Agreed.

**25/93. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 which will follow the Annual Parish Meeting (which will start at 7.15pm) at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.48

Signed .....

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025.