

Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday June 17th 2025 at 7.45pm.

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

Clerk and no members of the public.

7.45pm Public Question Time.

There were no questions.

AGENDA.

25/121. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs. Allan, Hayes and Uncles. Accepted

25/122. Declarations of interest.

None.

25/123. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20th May 2025.

Although the draft minutes had been published on the web site, unfortunately, the Clerk had failed to circulate to Councillors, therefore signing of the May meeting minutes would have to be carried over to the July meeting.

25/124. Chairman's announcements.

The Chairman reported that the Maxwell Farm application would be going to Strategic Planning Committee in July or August and he would like to have a representative of the Parish Council speak on their behalf. The Clerk will send round an email when the exact date is known.

25/125 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Cllr Clark reported that the gate at end of Middle Lane where it meets Elizabeth Way should be replaced at end of June. He also reported that he is now Chairman of Strategic Planning Committee at Wiltshire Council.

24/126. Report from Police.

No report as such but more local information can be found at

<https://wiltshire.police.uk/trowbridge-rural>

There is a new inspector at Trowbridge, Ho Tsang

25/127. Planning applications.

PL/2025/04248 – 14 Queens Gardens – Side flat roof extension. It was resolved that the Council submit No Comment.

PL/2025/02400 – Shire Hall Barn, Whaddon BA14 6NR – Single storey rear extension. It was resolved that the Council submit No Comment.

25/128. Planning decisions.

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

PL/2025/04001 – Erection of 6-9 dwellings – Land off Ashton Road BA14 7QY – Refused

PL/2025/03945 – Erection of 3 dwellings – Land off Ashton Road BA14 7QY – Refused

25/129. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.

Unfortunately no representative of HAAG was in attendance

25/130. Rural Play Area Funding

The Clerk had received correspondence from our solicitor where they had indicated that costs would be about £3500 plus VAT. Land registry fees would have to be paid as well but land values are required. Those fees were estimated at around £300. The Clerk will ask Wiltshire

Council if they have a valuation. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Bayley that the Council proceed with the Solicitor at agreed costs. All agreed. Cllr Bayley had been in contact with Wiltshire Council and the agreed monies included s106 money. Cllr Clark reported that Wiltshire Council were doing some remedial work at Foxglove Drive and this cost would be taken off the eventual money received. The Clerk suggested that inspections are done of the four areas when they eventually pass to the Parish Council.

25/131. Trowbridge Rugby Football Club

Cllr Bayley reported that he had met with David Solomon. At present 5 trustees and wanted to increase to 8 and widen brief. 4 meetings a year. There are legal responsibilities of a Trustee. Looking for representative from Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Bayley that the Parish Council becomes involved. Carried with one Councillor against. Cllr Bayley was asked to make contact again to inform the Club of the Parish Council's decision. Cllr Bayley was considering the position.

25/132. Highway matters

Bus Shelter damage – The Clerk reported that he had contacted the company doing the repairs and they replied saying they anticipated doing the work early to mid August. The cost is £744.12 but the parish Council has a £250 excess. The Clerk was talking to our brokers to get that £250 back from Tesco's.

Replacement Bus Shelter – The Clerk showed a photo of the bus new shelter and he had given the go ahead to Wiltshire Council who will also do any remedial work to the pavement area.

Bus Shelter painting – Core Clean had offered to paint bus shelters at no cost.

Grit bin at Stourton Park. Decision not to proceed.

25/133. Parish Steward.

Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Chairman.

25/134. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House reported that there were compliments on the state of the allotments/pond. Bee hive roof may need replacing. Risk assessment had been circulated and slightly modified. Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr House that it be formally adopted. All agreed.

25/135. Church Farm/War memorial.

Cllr Linham reported on MyWilts about dangerous wall. A copy was also sent to the person having issues in Church Farm Close. Cllr Jamieson also reported that his wall adjacent to War Memorial was also showing signs of deterioration. The Clerk was asked to get in touch with James Long to have a look.

25/136. 'Clerk's report.'

Bank balances - The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's account was £54,872.96 (£110,000 was transferred to new Instant Access savings account). He had also had notification that another tranche of CIL money from Elisabeth Way of £26,052.71 was due. The old Bus Instant account stood at £859.31. New Bus instant account was now £110,112.44.

CCLA was £121,262.07 (of which £58,561.92 is CIL money) and Redwood Bank was £68,322.25 (£227.96 interest was transferred to Treasurers Account)

CiLCA course/qualification - The Clerk reported that he had attended the second of six parts on the Portfolio course organised by WALC. This basically goes through what you need to do to complete the Qualification. The Qualification itself (organised by SLCC) was £450 and would start on August 1st and have up to one year to complete. This would cost £450.

CCLA update – They had asked for an updated mandate which will be completed after the meeting with Cllr Jamieson added as fourth signatory.

AGAR update. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the External Auditors to obtain an extension for submission until after the July Parish Council meeting which they agreed to.

25/137. Approval of invoices for payment.

Payments since last meeting

1931 Robert House £55.89 (Plants for War Memorial)

1932 Hilperton Village Club (Chairman's Allowance) £63.30

Payments for this meeting

Village Hall (LGA 1972 – Section 133) £3753.50

Idverde May invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

Clerk's salary (May) £499.63

HMRC £124.80

Cloudy IT (07805) £77.46 including £12.91 VAT

Water2Business £33.73

Scribe (June) £39.60 including £6.60 VAT

CiLCA Qualification £450

1926 Core Clean £250

Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Robinson that the above amount be paid. All agreed.

25/138. Wiltshire Council's report for remuneration for Councillors

This was deferred to July meeting.

25/139. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

Trowbridge Area Board – 6.30pm Hilperton Village Hall, June 26th

25/140. Correspondence received.

Circulars from Lime Down Solar Park.

Open Spaces AGM. Zoom details available

25/141. Items for future meetings.

Cllr Bayley mentioned that one of the conditions for the second Solar Farm development was that passing places had to be reinstated and he had noticed one that was in a bad condition.

The Clerk will contact

Cllr Linham reported on the state of the bridge in Whaddon lane, especially the brickwork. It was suggested the Clerk contact Mark Banks at Wiltshire Council to arrange an inspection.

Cllr House gave an update on a meeting with web master to look at web site. Suggested on Agenda for each meeting.

Cllr Robinson was concerned with speeding in the village by people trying to avoid Elizabeth Way. It was agreed the Clerk will contact the Police to see how data can be gathered from the two SID units.

25/142. Items for notice board or publication.

25/143. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday July 15th at 7.45pm, at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.30

Signed

Dated 15th July 2025.