

Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday September 16th 2025 at 7.45pm.

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

Clerk and two members of the public.

7.45pm Public Question Time.

There were questions from a member of the public regarding policing, website,, minutes of June 17th.

AGENDA.

25/171. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Clls Uncles, House and Jamieson. All accepted

25/172. Declarations of interest.

None.

25/173. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 15th July and Planning Committee meeting on August 19th 2025 .

Previously circulated to council members and available on PC website.

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

25/174. Chairman's announcements.

Hope you all had a good August break and looking forward to a productive year ahead.

25/175 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

No report as such but recent notices regarding village green application were bought up. Metro count has been put down in Trowbridge road and this would probably be for the possible 20 MPH speed limit. Should be down for 7 days

24/176. Report from Police.

No report as such but more local information can be found at
<https://wiltshire.police.uk/trowbridge-rural>

The Clerk had circulated a report from them a couple of weeks ago.

The Clerk reported that he has never set up the TWO SIDs to give information to the Police and they have only been set up to give speed indications

25/177. Planning applications.

None

25/178 Maxcroft Farm

Representation of Parish Council at Wiltshire Strategic Planning Committee on September 23rd at County Hall at 10.30.

Celia Beckett reported on what HAAG were doing for the meeting. She has already registered. Cllr Bayley will register on the day. Concentrate on flood. Cllr Bayley will circulate what he will say. All Councillors happy that Cllr Bayley will speak on behalf of the Parish Council on the 23rd.

25/179. Planning decisions.

PL/2025/05134 – 110 Church Street – work on listed building. Approved with conditions

PL/2025/05795 – 115 Lacock Gardens – Lawful development certificate for a proposed use.

Approved

- PL/2025/02454** – 58 St. Marys Gardens – two storey extension – Refuse
PL/2025/02400 – Shire Hall Barn, Whaddon – Rear extension – Approved with conditions
PL/2025/05027 – Pound Farmhouse, Horse Road – works to a listed building – Approved with conditions
PL/2025/04248 – 14 Queens gardens – Side extension – Approved with conditions

25/180. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.

Celia reported still waiting for exact date of examination of Local Plan but this is probably set for early November. She will be looking for donation for the Environmental Law Foundation for their help. Cllr Jamieson suggested that Celia go back to them and say we would be willing to make a donation once the work is near completion. All agreed.

Celia reported that Baz Sullivan had done an excellent report for the Maxcroft Farm enquiry

25/181. Rural Play Area Funding

Playgrounds ownership from Wiltshire Council –update. The Clerk reported that our legal representative has now finished her enquiries. He suggested a meeting of the Committee meeting. Therefore there will be a meeting of the Committee in the near future.

25/182. Highway matters

Bus Shelter damage – The Clerk reported that the broker had received an email from the Insurance company saying that they would revisit the £250 excess. 3 LHFIG application had been submitted and were with the engineers and should get through the Area Board.

25/183. Parish Steward.

Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Chairman.

25/184. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House was absent and therefore no report received.

25/185. Church Farm/War memorial.

Cllr Linham had not received any updates. Cllr Jamieson had received a quote from James Long for the War Memorial for £3200 plus VAT. We may need to obtain more quotes if our new Standing Orders say, so deferred to later in meeting. Later in the meeting the Standing Orders confirmed we do not need a second quote. Cllr Clark proposed the original quote and seconded by Cllr Bayley. All agreed.

25/186. Trowbridge Rugby Football Club Trustee

Cllr Clerk reported that he would act as Trustee for the first year and then Cllr Bayley will take over from him.

25/187. 'Clerk's report.'

Bank balances - The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's (commercial) account was £89,669.04 (this included nearly £10,000 from the Solar Farm). There was £110,334.32 in the new Instant access account and £860.82 in the old Bus Instant account. CCLA was £122,574.23 and Redwood Bank was £68,322.25.

The Clerk had bought a copy of the Internet banking form and explained how to fill in but each Councillor have to their forms.

The Clerk will report back on the Hinckley and Ruby BC. Cllr Allan suggested that the Clerk obtain suitable financial report each month.

The Clerk explained the situation with regard to CiLCA.

25/188. Approval of invoices for payment.

The Clerk explained the following payments

Payments made since last meeting

HMRC £125.00

Payments for this meeting

Idverde August invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

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Clerk's salary (July) £499.63
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HMRC £280.55
Cloudy IT (08803) £77.46 including £12.91 VAT
Cloudy IT (08124) £77.46 including £12.91 VAT
Water2Business £167.08
Scribe (11725) £39.60 including £6.60 VAT
Scribe (12260) £39.60 including £6.60 VAT
Gerald Kells £1230
GW Shelter Solutions (Bus Shelter repairs) £892.94 inc £148.82 VAT
Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Hayes. All agreed

25/189. Website

The Clerk explained that the website was being updated. Waiting for a meeting with our web master and Cllr House.

25/190. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

Trowbridge Area Board – Thursday 18th September 5.30pm in conference suite at County Hall.
Wiltshire Strategic Planning Committee on September 23rd at County Hall at 10.30.
Trowbridge Area LHFIG meeting at 10am at County Hall.

25/191 Correspondence received.

The Clerk had received correspondence with regard boundary review. Cllr Clark explained the process more.

25/192. Items for future meetings.

CIL money
The Clerk will be getting a telephone stritchly for Parish Councils.

25/193. Items for notice board or publication.

25/194. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday October 21st at 7.45pm, at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.49

Signed

Dated 21st October 2025.