

Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday November 18th 2025 at 7.45pm.

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

Clerk and one member of the public.

7.45pm Public Question Time.

There were no questions.

AGENDA.

25/217. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

None

25/218. Declarations of interest.

None.

25/219. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on October 21st 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 Uncles. All agreed

25/220. Chairman's announcements.

None

25/221 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Cllr Clark mentioned the email and report he had received from Wiltshire Council regarding 20mph speed limit. He will circulate to Councillors.

24/222. Report from Police.

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

25/223. Planning applications.

PL/2025/08047 – 16 Whaddon Lane - Refurbishment of garage, conservatory and single storey rear extension. Discussion arose over parking and use of new build. It was resolved that the Parish Council make no comment save that this new build is tied to the existing house

PL/2025/08733 – Consent under Tree Preservation Orders – Land adjacent to Wyke Road – 4 Willow trees.

25/224. Planning decisions.

None

25/225. Maxcroft Farm

Cllr Bailey reported that he had not yet received a reply to his letter to Wiltshire Council in which he had expressed the dismay of the Parish Council over several topics.

25/226. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.

Celia Beckett reported that she had attended the hearing the previous Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday together with Gerald Kells for a couple of days. Now working on finalising statements for next year. She explained how the hearing proceeded. Next sessions are going to be next week on spatial strategy. This plan is supposed to run for 15 years but there has been a delay and if accepted will run from January 2027 to 2042. Meetings are being held at Emmanuel's

Yard, Trowbridge. She asked if the Council had received an invoice from ELF (Environmental Law Foundation) for £1500. The Clerk will investigate.

25/227. Rural Play Area Funding

A meeting of the Committee is needed.

25/228. Highway matters

Sealed Traffic Regulation Order (Byways 21 and 22 and Byway 9A). This is now permanent.

25/229. Parish Steward.

Any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Chairman.

25/230. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House reported that there had been a few re-lets. Water has now been turned off. The bill from Water2Business was estimated but Cllr House had an accurate reading and the Clerk will talk to them and get a revised invoice for the December meeting.

25/231. Church Farm/War memorial.

Cllr Linham reported that a hole in the wall at the War Memorial had been repaired. Cllrs Jamieson/Linham expressed their concern about the general state of the wall. A site meeting was suggested but there was still confusion of who actually owns it.

25/232. 'Clerk's report.'

Bank balances - The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Community (commercial) account was £94,080.87. There was £110,465.55 in the new Instant access account (last month the interest was £67.75) and £861.69 in the old Bus Instant account. CCLA was £123,001.13 (last month the interest was £426.90 which was re-invested and Redwood Bank was £68,322.25 (Last month's interest was £199.91).

The Clerk reported on two letters from HMRC one of which looked like a 'scam'. He will investigate further.

Cllrs. Clark and House were still having difficulties in obtaining internet banking.

The Clerk went through the Cloudy IT quotation. The Clerk was asked to contact Cloudy IT to obtain .gov email address for ALL councillors.

25/233. Approval of invoices for payment.

The Clerk explained the following payments

Payments made since last meeting

Gerald Kells £2870

CPRE - £1500

HMRC £124.44

Payments for this meeting

Idverde October invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

Clerk's salary (October) £499.63

HMRC £280.35

Scribe £39.60 including £6.60 VAT

Cloudy IT (agreed to pay old amount of £77.46 only)

Open Spaces £45

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £82.50

Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Uncles. All agreed

Payment for Water2Business were not agreed

The Clerk also presented an invoice from Play Safety for £158.40 which should have been paid in October but because of his absence it was forgotten. All agreed to pay but shown on December's Agenda.

25/234. Website

Cllr Clark had contacted our web master for an update but as yet no reply. He will chase him. Cllr House said he was still concerned that the web site is still not secure.

25/235. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

Trowbridge Area LHFIG meeting at 10am on February 26th at County Hall.

25/236 Correspondence received.

The Clerk had received correspondence from Lime Kiln (Solar Farm) and a parishioner about speeding in the village. This is a Police matter.

25/237. Items for future meetings.

CIL money
Precept 2026/2027

25/238. Items for notice board or publication.

25/239. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday December 16th at 7.45pm, at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.57

Signed

Dated 16th December 2025.