

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

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

Clerk and one member of the public.

7.45pm Public Question Time.

There were no questions.

AGENDA.

25/240. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllr Jamieson

25/241. Declarations of interest.

None.

25/242. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on November 18th 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 Prevett. All agreed

25/243. Chairman's announcements.

None

25/244 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Cllr Clark mentioned a letter received from Wiltshire Council with regard to Local Plan and he had also received correspondence regarding Parish Steward who at present is temporary suspended and dealing with pot holes but could be well into the New Year before he resumes his Parish duties.

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24/245. Report from Police.

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

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

Inspector Lemon is back at Trowbridge Station and will be attending the January meeting

25/246. Planning applications.

PL/2025/09077 – 226 Church Street – Fell cypress tree, reduce height of cypress tree and reduction of beech tree. It was resolved that the Parish Council make No Comment. All agreed

PL/2025/09375 – 118 Ashton Road – Single storey side extension. It was resolved that the Parish Council make No Comment. All agreed

PL/2025/09450 – 41 Wyke Road – Crown reduce alder tree. It was resolved that the Parish Council make No Comment. All agreed

25/247. Planning decisions.

Cllr Clark reminded the Council that PL/2025/06136 – Four acres dog field is going to be discussed at the Western Area Planning Committee tomorrow, (December 17th) at County Hall at 3pm.

Cllr Clark also reported that Planning appeal APP/Y3940/W/25/3367873 (PL/2024/09371) – Land of Ashton Road was dismissed. He had asked Wiltshire Council Enforcement to look at the lighting there as it is in bat mitigation area.

25/248. HAAG/flood-warden scheme.

Celia Beckett reported that there had been a response from the Inspector. Everything has now been postponed (for a maximum of 6 months). The Inspector had raised concerns and further work from Wiltshire Council will be required. Cllr Bailey gave an update on his complaint letter where Wiltshire Council's reply was that they cannot accept complaints from Hilpertown Parish Council as a body, under Wiltshire Council's complaints procedure. He was told he had to speak to his local Wiltshire Councillor. He will complain again with backing of Parish Council. Cllr Bailey also mentioned a Facebook post with regard to possible Judicial Review with regard to Maxcroft Farm development.

25/249. Rural Play Area Funding

There was a meeting of the Committee last week. Discussion arose over exactly what the Parish Council was taking on and a few amendments are needed. Two particular areas needed clarification. Site visit suggested in New Year and latest safety inspections from Wiltshire Council, especially if equipment repairs are needed. A Playground management policy will be formulated and some kind of yearly costs for maintenance.

25/250. Parish Steward.

The present situation had already been covered under 25/244 but Cllr Clark did say that if there was anything of an urgent nature he will pass it onto the Steward.

25/251. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House had re-let one small plot. He had taken a meter reading and given to Clerk which had considerably reduce the last estimated reading. The Clerk asked if there was any land adjacent to the present allotments which could be purchased with CIL money. Cllr House will investigate.

25/252. Church Farm/War memorial.

Cllr Linham will follow up previous correspondence. Cllr House asked for advice about leaving the wreaths up. It was suggested they should be taken down at New Year.

25/253. 'Clerk's report.'

Bank balances - The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Community (commercial) account was £158,255.53 because another payment of Elizabeth Way CIL money of £65,049.32 had been received. The Clerk suggested this last payment be moved to Redwood Bank although it would be slightly over the £120,000 guarantee limit but would keep the CIL money together. This was agreed. There was £110,526.99 in the new Instant access account and £862.10 in the old Bus Instant account. CCLA was £123,827.90 and Redwood Bank was £68,322.25. Cllrs. Clark and House were still having difficulties in obtaining internet banking although some progress had been made. The Clerk was asked to contact Cloudy IT to obtain .gov email address for ALL councillors and also about secure web site address.

25/254. Approval of invoices for payment.

The Clerk explained the following payments

Payments made since last meeting

Flowers etc for War Memorial - £72.98

Playsafe - £158.40 inc £26.40 VAT

Payments for this meeting

Idverde November invoice £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

Clerk's salary (November) £499.63

HMRC £155.91

Water2Business £21.23

Scribe £39.60 including £6.60 VAT

Parish on-Line - £291.60 including £48.60 VAT

Gerald Kells - £1025

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

Discussion arose over Core Clean invoice and their standard/frequency of work

25/255. Website

Discussion arose over safety certificate of our web site. Left until next month to enable Cloudy IT to come back with ideas.

25/256 Wiltshire Council 20mph speed assessment

Cllr Clark had circulated a copy of Wiltshire Council's report. Wiltshire Council is looking for Parish Council's opinion. The Parish Council had previously asked for Wiltshire Council to look at two areas re residential areas (St. Marys, Marshmead etc) and through routes (Trowbridge Road, Hill Street, Marsh road etc). The submission from Wiltshire Council does not cover any of the original areas the Parish Council asked for and therefore not meet the Parish Council's requirements. Cllr Clark will go back to Wiltshire Council expressing the Parish Council's concern that the submission is nothing like the original request of the Parish Council.

25/257. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

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

25/258 Correspondence received.

None that have not been circulated

25/259. Items for future meetings.

CIL money
Precept 2026/2027

25/260. Items for notice board or publication.

None

25/261. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday January 20th 2026 at 7.45pm, at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

25/262 Sir William Roger Brown Charity

In accordance with the Parish Council's standing orders, the Press and Public are excluded due to confidential nature of the item. Proposed Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Uncles. All agreed. It was resolved that no charitable donation be made. Suggestion was made to possibly wind the Charity up.

Meeting closed at 20.53

Signed

Dated 20th January 2026.