

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 7.45pm.**

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

Clerk and two members of the public.

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

The two members of the public spoke on item 26/7, PL/2025/09842.

### **AGENDA.**

#### **26/1. Acceptance of apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Uncles, House, Hayes and Celia Beckett

#### **26/2. Declarations of interest.**

None.

**26/3. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2025**, previously circulated to council members and available on PC website. The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Prevett. All agreed

#### **26/4. Chairman's announcements.**

The Chairman reported that as Cllr Allan had not attended for six months he is no longer a Councillor. Two new batteries have been placed in the two SIDs,

#### **26/5 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.**

Cllr Clark reported that at a recent meeting of Wiltshire Council it lost its motion with regard to future of Trowbridge's multi storey car park.

#### **26/6. Report from Police.**

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Lemon who gave an informative talk on local policing. There are two types of crime that is on the increase, sexual offences and theft with retail theft being the biggest. The local team will focus on retail/business crime, anti-social behaviour, road safety and rural crime. He will make sure we get a local report in future. Now have a mobile Police Station for the villages. Speed enforcement will be part of road safety plans. Low area of crime.

Also look at:

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

#### **26/7. Planning applications.**

**PL/2025/09139** – 12 Whaddon Lane – Replacement of Perspex pitched roof with new flat roof incorporating lantern roof light. It was resolved that the Parish Council objects on the grounds that the lantern roof light be on frosted material. Proposed Cllr Bayley and seconded by Cllr Robinson. Carried by majority with two abstentions (inc Cllr Clark)

**PL/2025/09793** – Hilperton Primary School – To renew Planning Permission for 5 years for existing Mobile Classroom. No objections.

**PL/2025/09842** – Stables at Palmers Close, Trowbridge Road – Conversion of existing stable and erection of a new building to form self-build dwelling. It was resolved that the Parish Council Objects on the grounds that roof height is higher than present, perhaps a misleading plans (window missing on one plan), already floods after heavy rainfall. Construction vehicles to park inside and not on verges outside. There is also a well on the site and no mention of what would

happen to that. Proposed by Cllr Bayley and seconded by Cllr Sawyer. All agreed with one abstention (Cllr Clark).

**PL/2025/09997** – 179 Devizes Road – Single and two storey extension, swimming pool (with changing room) en-suite bedroom and detached single garage with internal alterations. It was resolved by the Parish Council to offer No Comment,

**PL/2026/00063** – Land opposite 17 Hanewell Rise – T1 Horse Chestnut – repeat crown reduction. T2 Oak – minor crown raise on secondary branches to maintain height over public open space. It was resolved by the Parish Council to offer No Comment.

Redcliffe Homes had circulated information and asking for comments. Cllr Clark will respond appropriately.

#### **26/8. Planning decisions.**

**PL/2025/06136** – Four acres dog field. Variation of condition 4 of PL/2023/05787. Approve with conditions.

**PL/2025/09077** – 226 Church Street – Fell cypress tree, reduce height of cypress tree and reduction of beech tree. No objection.

**PL/2025/08047** – 16 Whaddon Lane - Refurbishment of garage, conservatory and single storey rear extension. Approve with conditions.

#### **26/9. Budget for 2026/2027**

The Clerk recommended holding this over until the February meeting

#### **26/10. HAAG**

As Celia Beckett was not present there was no report. However Cllr Clark had a meeting with CEO of Wiltshire Council over the delayed Wiltshire Local Plan. Cllr Bayley gave an update on the 'complaint'. He was told that he was too late to submit!

#### **26/11. Rural Play Area Funding**

Cllr Bayley gave an update, The committee had revisited all 4 areas to see what exactly what we are taking over. Photographs will be taken for future reference. He has the latest documents. Recommended that monies received from Wiltshire Council go into a separate account. .

#### **26/12. Parish Steward.**

Parish Stewards are still helping with pot holes and when weather is bad work overnight on gritting lorries, meaning they do not work the next day. However continue to tell Cllr Clark of any work to be done. Cllr Jamieson asked exactly what the Steward can do and Cllr Clark replied that he only deals with Wiltshire Council property but has been very helpful in the past.

#### **26/13. Allotments/Community Orchard.**

As Cllr House was absent there was no report

#### **26/14. Village Hall matters**

The Parish Council has had two requests. The first was re-lining of the Car Park at a cost of £1800. Cllrs Clark and Sawyer declared an interest, both being on the Village Hall committee. Proposed by Cllr Jamieson and seconded by Cllr Robinson that this be paid by the Parish Council. All agreed. The second one was for first aid cover for the Village Fete. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Robinson that the Parish Council meets the cost of first aid cover (estimated £140). All agreed

#### **26/15. Church Farm/War memorial.**

Cllr Bayley gave an update. Structural assessment was done before the development started and Cllr Linham has asked for a copy. No retaining wall being built behind it. Waiting for a reply.

#### **26/16. 'Clerk's report.'**

The Clerk reported that he had received £250 from our Insurance company which had originally been deducted from payment of repairs of bus shelter

Bank balances - The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Community (commercial) account was £156,445.32. He had not yet placed the last CIL money into Redwood Bank. There was £110,592.70 in the new Instant access account and £862.54 in the old Bus Instant account. CCLA was £124,232.92 and Redwood Bank was £68,322.25. He now has ability to see the statement from the bank. The Clerk will check what happens to the interest from the CIL money. Cllr. House now has internet banking, with Cllr Clark nearly there. Cloudy IT have given a quotation of £3.26 (+VAT) monthly (for each Councillor) for supplying .gov email addresses for ALL Councillors. All agreed to proceed. Precept was discussed and it was agreed to set a Precept of 3% increase (£27,036). This was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Bayley. All agreed.

**26/17. Approval of invoices for payment.**

*The Clerk explained the following payments*

**Payments made since last meeting**

PC/CSW (16/12/25 - £58.35 and HAAG (18/12/25) - £38.70 (Chairman's Allowance)

**Payments for this meeting**

Idverde (December) invoice 10958164 £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

Idverde( October) invoice 10958651 £121.60 including £20.27 VAT

Cloudy IT (January) invoice 10158 £83.81 including £13.97 VAT

Clerk's salary (December) £499.63

HMRC £155.91

Water2Business £19.34

Scribe (December) £39.60 including £6.60 VAT

Scribe inv 14766 (January) £39.60 including £6.60 VAT

Core Clean £225

PKF Littlejohn (External Auditors) £504 including £84 VAT

SLCC £79.00

Proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Bayley. All agreed with 1 abstention (Cllr Clark)

**26/18. Website**

The Clerk had approached Cloudy IT for providing safety certificate for web site but they cannot provide it. However David Huggins meanwhile had come back with a cost of either £9.50 or £15.83 per month depending if the Council was classified as an individual. It was decided to leave as it for the present.

**26/19. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.**

Trowbridge Area LHFIG meeting at 10am on February 26<sup>th</sup> at County Hall.

Trowbridge Area Board, 6.30pm on March 19<sup>th</sup>, County Hall

**26/20. Correspondence received.**

None that had not been circulated

**26/21. Items for future meetings.**

CIL money ought to be discussed again and Committee formed with meeting in near future.

Cllrs. Bayley, Linham, Jamieson and Cllr Clark as ex officio will be the committee.

**26/22. Items for notice board or publication.**

Best Kept Village poster as we have entered the Competition.

**26/23. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.**

Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 7.45pm, at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 21.17.

Signed .....

Dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.