

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday May 19th 2026 at 7.12pm.

Councillors present. Bayley, Clark, Hayes, House, Jamieson, Sawyer and Uncles.

Clerk and 3 members of the public.

AGENDA.

26/103. Election of Chairman for 2026/2027

It was proposed by Cllr Uncles and seconded by Cllr Bayley that Cllr Clark be Chairman for the year 2026/2027. As there were no other nominations Cllr Clark was elected. Cllr Clark signed his acceptance of office.

26/104. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2026/2027

It was proposed by Cllr Sawyer and seconded by Cllr Uncles that Cllr House be Vice-Chairman for the year 2026/2027. As there were no other nominations Cllr House was elected.

26/105. Appointment of Planning Committee and other representatives

- a/ Planning Committee – Cllrs Uncles, Bayley, Sawyer, Hayes and House. Cllr Clark is ex-officio
- b/ Footpath Representative – To be confirmed
- c/ Village Hall Committee – Ex Officio is Cllr Clark
- d/War Memorial Plants/Flowers – Lesley House
- e/Allotment point of contact – Cllr House
- f/Tree Warden/s – Cllr House
- g/ Area Board/LHFIG Representative – Ad hoc.
- h/Risk Assessment sub-committee – Cllrs Clark, House and Bayley
- i/Flood Wardens – continuation of HAAG – Celia Becket (Chair of HAAG), Wardens are Chis Algood and Richard Jamieson. Baz Sullivan will be contacted to see if he wishes to continue
- j/Staffing – Cllrs Clark, House and Hayes
- k/Playgrounds – Cllrs Bayley, Linham and Jamieson
- l/CIL – Cllrs. Clark, House, Bayley, Linham and Jamieson

26/106. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs. Linham, Prevett and Robinson

26/107. Declarations of interest.

None.

26/108. To receive and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21st April 2026.

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.

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

26/109. Chairman's announcements.

The CIL Committee had a recent meeting with officers at Wiltshire Council. Full report under item 114.

26/110 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Cllr Clark reported that an email had been sent round indicating that Wiltshire Council will clean Bus Shelters but in the past this had referred to those owned by Wiltshire Council. This is being looked into to see if it will include those owned by Hilperton Parish Council.

At the Full Wiltshire Council meeting today the Local Plan was withdrawn.

All Wiltshire Councillors addresses will be withdrawn from declaration of interest and not be publically available. The Clerk reported that this also applies to Parish Councils. This will be added to next Agenda.

26/110. Report from Police.

Cllr Clard had made contact with Inspector Lemon but he was already committed to another meeting in Devizes. **Please look at [Trowbridge Rural | Police.uk](https://www.trowbridge-rural.co.uk)**

26/111. Planning applications.

PL/2026/02510 – 131 Devizes Road – Single storey extension and internal layout alterations. It was resolved that the Parish make No Comment

PL/2026/02653 – 115 Lacock Gardens – Single storey front dining room extension

It was resolved that the Parish make No Comment

PL/2026/02164 – Trowbridge RFC – Construction of small steel framed building to create an indoor gym. Much discussion arose over this. There has to be consideration for ecology and perhaps in congress to it's setting? Perhaps screening in front of it? After one failed vote for objection failed it was resolved to make no comment it was felt that it was visually out of keeping and suggested appropriate screening. Also environmental issues to be taken into account.

PL/2026/00865 – Maxcroft Barn, Maxcroft Lane – Revised Plan – Erection of oak frame extension to existing garage

It was resolved that the Parish make No Comment about this garage extension.

26/112. Planning decisions.

PL/2026/02057 – 1 Foxglove Drive – T1, section fell previously pollarded Willow tree. T2, Crown reduce Ash tree by up to 2m. Approved with conditions

PL/2026/01676 – 79 Lacock Gardens – Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application PI/2025/07340. Approved with conditions

PL/2026/01011 – 32 Marsh Road - Orangery. Approved with conditions

PL/2026/01411 – 105 Church Street, Hilperton BA14 7RG – Work on trees in conservation area. 3 Silver Birch, 2 Cypress, Yew tree and Silver Birch. No objection

PL/2026/00297 – 112A Church Street – Single story extension – Approved with conditions.

26/113. HAAG.

At the last HAAG meeting it was agreed that Celia would write to the 3 large developers suggesting a combined meeting open to the public. She had received a reply from Lightwood Strategic saying they have arranged a meeting at Trowbridge Rugby Club on June 30th. They have extended their original plan to stretch to north of Rugby Club and east towards Semington and across the A.361. They also confirmed that they are not building to west and north of Whaddon Lane. There would have been wildlife implications and recently Wiltshire Wildlife have become involved. Perhaps also more environmental restrictions? They are intending to do door to door leaflets about the meeting on the 30th and have promised more details being sent to Clerk after June 13th. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to write to all 3 developers (Lightwood Strategic, Barwood Land and Redcliffe Homes) to see if a meeting with all 3 and the Parish Council might be beneficial?

26/114. CIL

Cllr Clark reported that the spreadsheet is still being worked on. The meeting on May 7th was very useful. Wiltshire Council is tightening up on what CIL is used for. It was reported that CIL money can be used for maintenance of the playing field and insurance of village hall. CIL money should not be given to other organisations. Wiltshire Council is using CIL money for highway projects, benefitting local areas. Cllr Bayley suggested sending a thank you letter to the officers for a very amicable meeting.

26/115. Rural Play Area Funding

Cllr Bayley reported that there was no further update. Everything is back in Wiltshire's hands. He will make contact again with our solicitor.

26/116. Parish Steward.

Cllr Clark reported that they have finally finished their pot holing duties so any suggestions for work should be forwarded to the Chairman. Cllr Hayes mentioned the pot holes in Horse Road and Cllr Clark said that a specialist team have to be used.

26/117. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House said he had little to report. There is now a shorter waiting list.

26/118. Update on Councillor Vacancy

There had been an application by Pam Turner who had seen the notice on one of the notice boards. Her past history was known and Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Uncles that she be invited to join the Council. All agreed.

26/119. 'Clerk's report.'

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's account was £130,837.71 (had half the precept in of £13,518). New deposit account is £110,817.69. CCLA is £125,806.60 and Instant access account is £864.01 Redwood Bank is £133,371.57. Cllr Bayley suggested looking at moving some to the Treasurers account money to an interest account. It was suggested that a meeting be called of the CIL committee to discuss use of the money.

26/120. Approval of invoices for payment.**Payments for this meeting**

Cloudy IT (April) invoice 11201 £83.81 including £13.97 VAT
Scribe (April) invoice (Accounts) 16232 £298.80 including £49.80. VAT
Scribe (April) invoice (Allotments) 16233 £39.60 including £6.60. VAT
Clerk's salary (April) £499.43
HMRC £155.91
Water2Business - £43.52
ICO fee - £52.00
Insurance - £1812.93
Revision4 - £190.88
Revision4 - £136.05 (HAAG)

These were proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Uncles. All agreed.

26/121 Website

Cllr Clark had reported he had spoken to web master about intended changes and mentioned the site should be revised. The Clerk read out email from web master. The Clerk will write to him again.

26/122. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

Trowbridge Area Board, June 18th 2026, 6.30 pm County Hall

26/123. Correspondence received.

Church Notice Board repair. An email received regard cost of repair which was £50. It was proposed by Cllr Jamieson and seconded by Cllr House that the Parish Council make the grant with proviso the notice board can be used by non church use. All agreed. S.137 money
Marcus Camm – Whaddon Solar Park. Email received informing update on the Solar Park.
Sally Haddrell-Jenks – Parking in Foxglove Drive. It was suggested the Clerk send her a LHFIF form for her to fill in and send it to LHFIF at Wiltshire Council.
Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

26/124. Items for future meetings.

Public Art for June Agenda.
Bin repairs.

26/125. Items for notice board or publication.

Poster for village Fete

26/126. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday Julne 16th 2026 starting at 7.45pm at Hilperton Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.32

Signed

Dated 16th June 2026.