

Minutes of the meeting of Hilperton Parish Council, held at Hilperton Village Hall on Tuesday June 16th 2026 at 7.45pm.

Councillors present. Clark, Hayes, Jamieson, Linham, Prevett, Robinson, Sawyer, Turner and Uncles.

Clerk and 1 member of the public.

AGENDA.

26/127. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Cllrs. Bayley, House and Celia Beckett.

26/128 Welcome to new co-opted member, Pam Turner

Cllr Clark welcomed new co-opted member, Pam Turner who duly signed her acceptance of office and counter signed by the Clerk. The Clerk reminded her make sure she contacted Wiltshire Council in order to give them her 'Register of Interests'.

26/129. Declarations of interest.

None.

26/130. To receive and sign the minutes of the Annual Full Council meeting held on 19th May 2026.

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman, after one alteration of substituting Cllr Bayley instead of Cllr Linham as seconder for proposal of Cllr Clark as Chairman . Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Uncles. **All agreed.**

26/131. Chairman's announcements.

Cllr Clark reported that Barwell Land will be coming to give a presentation at the July meeting. Lloyds have now added Cllr Clark to list of those who have access to internet banking. Cllr Uncles will be endeavouring to be added as well.

26/132 Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Cllr Clark reported that Horse Road will be resurfaced around the pot holes on June 18th, when the road will be shut for the day.

The Government is considering changing regulations on what Councillors can 'call in' for consideration by their local Planning Authorities.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to expand a little about Hybrid meetings where Councils will have the option.

The new Local Plan will have it's first consultation between 2nd and 30th of September

26/133. Report from Police.

Cllr Clark reported that Inspector Lemon will be leaving the area but it is believed will be replaced by Gemma Rutter. **Please look at [Trowbridge Rural | Police.uk](https://www.trowbridgerural.co.uk/police)**

26/134. Planning applications.

PL/2026/02098 – 10 Ashton Rise – Front two storey extension, rear single storey extension, raised roof extension and internal alterations. This has been called in by Cllr Clark. Comments were made that it was too big for the area it is in, wrong side of road (all bungalows), over development and out of keeping. It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Sawyer that the application be refused. Carried by majority with Cllr Clark abstaining.

PL/2026/02354 – Fairfields, Semington – change of use of agricultural land to a sports and recreational facility, comprising two outdoor padel courts and associated ancillary development. The Council offered No Comment.

26/135. Planning decisions.

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. Approved with conditions

26/136. HAAG.

Celia Beckett had given her apologies but had sent in a written report which Cllr Clark read out. HAAG met on May 21st and discussions took place over planning application of Lightwood Strategic which will be made public on June 15th. There will be meeting on June 30th at Rugby Club where the application will be available in more detail. HAAG had a stall at Village Fete on June 13th. Celia Beckett will be making a statement to Cabinet about the impact of the large developments. CPRE as starting a campaign to stop developments on edge of villages and possibility of merging into one.

The Clerk added that after the last Parish Council meeting Celia had suggested a combined meeting of the 3 developers – But Lightwood Strategic is having its own meeting on June 30th, Barwood is coming to July Parish Council meeting and although he had written to Redcliffe Homes he had no reply to date.

Cllr Clark gave thanks to Celia for all the work she is doing

26/137. Addresses of Parish Councillors

Cllr Clark had already mentioned at last meeting that Councillors addresses need no longer to be published. The Clerk will update declaration of interests at Wiltshire Council. Cllr Clark reminded everybody to update their own declaration of interests.

26/138. CIL

Cllr Clark reported that Wiltshire Council has now agreed that the balance available is the same as the sum that Hilperton PC had made it. A copy had been circulated and on web site. There had been discussion with Wiltshire over use of CIL money in 2024 but now sorted and guidance has been given on what exactly the funds could be used for. Accounts will be amended to £359,750. There is a period of two years before next money has to be spent. The Clerk confirmed that interest on CIL money IS NOT CIL money.

26/139. Parish Steward.

Please let Cllr Clark know if there are any jobs required in July.

26/140. Allotments/Community Orchard.

Cllr House had given his apologies but had sent a report. He had attended the Allotment Association AGM. He had carried out an inspection due to complaints in May. He had sent emails and had good positive response. Orchard and pond looking good. Plant stall at Fete which raised £850 which will be used to improve facilities. Cllr Clark gave thanks to Robert and Lesley.

26/141. Whaddon Lane speed limit

Cllr Linham had brought this matter up and explained that he felt the 60mph speed limit was excessive with numbers of walkers (and runners) using the road together with excessive traffic. Perhaps signs 'Pedestrians in road' or similar and this to be discussed with Wiltshire Council via LHFIG.

26/142. Maintenance of War Memorial

No action at present

26/143 Drainage at The Knapp

No action at present

26/144. 'Clerk's report.'

The Clerk reported that the bank balance in the Treasurer's account was £125,285.12. New deposit account is £110,870.52 (interest was £52). CCLA is £126,195.31 (interest was £388) and Redwood Bank is £133,371.57 (interest of £358). The old instant access account has £864.35 and he will close that with money going to new Instant Access account.

He suggested moving some money from Community Account to a better interest account and suggested looking at Hampshire Trust Bank whose instant access account gives 3.9%. The Clerk will investigate further and will send details around and put on July Agenda. The Clerk explained that normally the AGAR (yearly accounts) paperwork are signed at this meeting but is not available at this time because of personal problems with the internal auditor. He had spoken to the external auditor and they will accept it after the July meeting. The Clerk had booked himself on the SLCC Training day at Highworth with costs shared with Heywood PC.

26/145. Approval of invoices for payment.

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Payments made since last meeting

Flowers for War Memorial £480

Outstanding Cloudy IT invoices (November/December 2025) £215.98 inc £48.88 VAT

'Help' £500 (Donation as per minute 26/27)

Church Notice board (26/123) £50

Townsend Design (Chairman's Allowance) £98.00

Payments for this meeting

Cloudy IT (June) invoice 11887 £83.81 including £13.97 VAT

Scribe (May) invoice (Allotments) 18132 £39.60 including £6.60. VAT

Scribe (May) invoice (Accounts) 18357 £39.60 including £6.60. VAT

Clerk's salary (May) £499.63

HMRC £156.91

Water2Business **£7.72 credit**

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

26/146 Website

The webmaster that does Holt and Heywood web sites had looked at our site and said it was a good web site. It could do with a refresh. He charges £50 per hour. The Clerk will get some idea of overall cost.

26/147 Public Art/Elizabeth Way

Email received from Public Arts officer at Wiltshire Council. She has obtained £25,000 for use at Civic centre and she has £25,000 to spend along Elizabeth Way. Parish Council in favour of taking this idea forward.

26/148. Meetings for councillors to consider attending.

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

Wiltshire Council Bus Infrastructure Plans – online meeting either 10am Tuesday June 23rd or 2.30pm on Wednesday July 1st

26/149. Correspondence received.

Councillor Training on June 23rd. Cllr Linham suggested he would be interested in IT training.

26/150. Items for future meetings.

Cllr Hayes brought up the idea of more benches in the Playing field

26/151. Items for notice board or publication.

26/152. Date, time, and venue for the next parish council meeting.

Tuesday July 21st **starting at 7.15pm** at Hilpertown Village Hall, Whaddon Lane.

Meeting closed at 20.40

Signed

Dated 21st July 2026.