

Hilpertton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Play Area Committee of Hilpertton Parish Council, held at Hilpertton Village Hall Lounge on Wednesday July 8th 2026 at 6.00pm.

Councillors present.: Clark (Chairman), Jamieson, Bayley, Other Councillors present: Robinson, Prevett and Turner. Clerk in attendance.

Agenda

26/1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Linham

26/2. Declarations of interest.

None

26/3. To consider latest update and make suitable resolutions to finalise deal with Wiltshire Council

Cllr Bayley gave an update on present position Each individual play area was discussed.

Millards Close – access – Wiltshire Council (WC) has agreed footpaths can be used for access to mow. All agreed OK to proceed with this. Discussion over boundaries/fence.

Foxglove Drive (lease) – Original lease was not really suitable so went back to WC on a number of clauses. Break clause – Not happy with possible 6 month notice. Solicitor has gone back to ask what would happen to any money or equipment invested? We were led to believe that once given to us it was with us forever. Clarification is needed. Utilities costs – none coming into area. After discussion it was decided to go back to solicitor to make situation 'softer'. Common items – strike out clause. Clause 11.2 To keep services to area

In good working order. There are none! Basically happy but ask solicitor to again 'soften' clause. Clause 13 regarding rubbish. We are not responsible for rubbish. We will maintain area and kept tidy. Bins to be emptied by WC. Clarification needed. Clause 24 – Regarding covenants, and making sure we are not brought in to any we have not seen or know about.

Lacock Gardens and Stourton Park – Covenant on land. If we sell lane we need to remove all covenants and get 50% of sale. Open ended risk. Suggested putting a limit on it or not accept it at all. Cllr Bayley stated that we should not forget the s106 money and make sure it is in the agreements.

Latest financial position to be disclosed.

Not sure what present position is as the July 2024 figures had not been updated and Cllr Bayley had any new figures. These 2024 figures are as follows:

Foxglove - £10,105 with s106 money of £31,000 (capital) and £23,000 Reserve

Millards - £7,985 with s106 of £8,000

Stourton - £42,500

Lacock - £40,200

26/4. To discuss and resolve if RoSPA reports are required and inspection frequency.

Cllr Bayley will ask our solicitor if there are 'schedule of conditions'. Otherwise, It was agreed to do inspections as soon as we get ownership and also enquire what sort of inspections are required on a regular basis.

A suggestion was made to possibly take over village hall play area.

26/5. To instruct Clerk to obtain at least 3 quotations for yearly maintenance.

It was agreed to ask three companies to quote.

26/6. Date of next meeting

TBA

Meeting closed at 18.35

Signed

Dated 21st July 2026.