

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 19th March, 2013**

There were seven members of the public present.

PRESENT	Mr. E. Clark	Mrs. S. Sawyer
	Mr. T. Carbin	Mr. S. Uncles
	Mr. V. Bielecki	Mrs. K. Hayes
	Mr. K. Jackson	Mr. R. House
	Mr. W. Jameson	Mr. D. Tucker
	Ms. P. Turner	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Sandra Carleton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th February, 2013, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8: Trowbridge Master Plan Stakeholder Event – The Chairman said that Ms. Turner was unable to attend. He had gone along as a Wiltshire councillor and the only matter he felt would interest members was the fact that the proposed community campus was likely to be situated in the east wing of County Hall.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman gave more details about the local elections in May. Nomination papers could be received by Wiltshire Council from the 18th March and the deadline date for receipt of nominations was noon on the 5th April.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark said that there had been no increase in the precept for the next financial year. The Trowbridge Area Board had been able to secure some funding for grit bins and each division would be allocated two.

7. POLICE

Details had come through about the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Plan 2013–2017, but the Chairman said that the consultation had only run until the 10th March, giving the Parish Council no time to respond.

PC Hough said there had been twenty crimes in the parish over the last month:- four ASBs; one burglary; two incidents of criminal damage; two thefts; one incident of violence; one fraud; seven miscellaneous incidents; and two transport related incidents – details of which he gave to members.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters

The Chairman said there had been yet more incidents of bad behaviour from footballers. He did not believe this was a parish council matter and the problem had been referred to the Wiltshire FA and the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Clerk said that invoices for the coming year and - in some cases- new tenancy agreements, had been sent out.

Parish Steward

The Clerk said she had not yet received details of the Parish Steward's visits for the next three months.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Council's Liaison Group

Mr. Jackson said that the Chairman, Gaynor Polglase, had recently resigned (for personal reasons) and the Secretary had also given notice of his intention to resign. This made the future of the group questionable. Mr. Jackson personally felt it would be a shame to wind the group up, and he thought secretarial assistance could be sought from TCAF. In addition, if necessary he would personally be willing to chair meetings if no-one else came forward. The general consensus of opinion was that the group had achieved quite a lot to date and everything possible should be done to keep it going.

Village Hall: PV Panels for the Hall Roof

The Chairman reminded members that the Parish Council needed to endorse the purchase of PV panels for the village hall roof, provided by YourPower, which would be paid for by Section 106 agreement money from the Blue Hills development. The decision was ratified (proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bielecki, all in favour).

Village Hall: Request for a Grit Bin

A request had been made for a grit bin at the entrance to the car park which, being on a slope, became very slippery in frosty weather. The Chairman said that Wiltshire Council would not provide a bin on private land but Trowbridge Town Council might organise the filling of a grit bin – with the cost to be passed on to the Parish Council - if the Parish Council or the Village Hall Committee purchased one. Mrs. Sawyer said she would go back to the Village Hall Committee with this information, and the Clerk said she would ascertain the likely cost involved.

Village Hall: Request for a Section 19 Grant

A request had been made by the Treasurer of Hilperton Village Hall, asking for funding to help with the maintenance of the playing field. The Chairman reminded members of the background to what had become an annual request for funding for the maintenance, plus 25% of the public liability insurance, less the football income.

In line with the grants made in previous years, the figures from the Village Hall accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2012, were:-

Grounds maintenance	£3,562.00
Plus 25% of public liability insurance	<u>£275.00</u>
	£3,837.00
Less football income after deducting	
25% of shower and heating costs	<u>£1,125.00</u>
	<u>£2,712.00</u>

It was agreed that a Section 19 grant of £2,712.00 should be made. (Proposed by Mr. Bielecki, seconded by Mr. House, all in favour).

Village Hall: Patio for Bar Area

The Chairman said that the Village Hall Committee wished to lay a patio outside the bar area, which would be funded by monies from the Blue Hills Development Section 106 agreement. Two quotes had been received but the committee had now decided that they would like a more substantial patio, so no figures were available at the present time. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should endorse whatever decision the Village Hall Committee came to.

Blind House – Threshold Stone

The Clerk had recently contacted Nimbus Conservation to inform them that the threshold stone, on which they had carried out work in April, 2011, had ‘blown’ in a quite spectacular fashion. They had agreed to make an inspection and would report back.

Request for a Grant from the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

Despite a request made by the Clerk for the Bobby Van Trust to let her know how many people in the parish had been helped by them over the year, she had to date received no information.

Request for a Bus Shelter in Horse Road

Since the last meeting, the Chairman and Clerk had met a representative from Wiltshire Council on site to see if there would be room for some kind of shelter by the new bus stop. The Chairman had found out that the original bus stop flag was positioned on the next lamp post towards Marsh Road, where the site was sheltered by a clump of trees, and it had been this way for many years. Wiltshire Council had said that the reason it had been removed was that it was obscured by trees, but in fact this had not stopped it being well used in the past.

It now appeared that Wiltshire Council would in fact be prepared to move the bus stop back to its original site, if this was what the Parish Council wanted. It was therefore unanimously agreed that this would be the best course of action.

Application for the designation of Holt Parish as a Neighbourhood Area

Mr. Carbin gave details of this application, saying that Holt wished to produce a neighbourhood plan and were now going through the final process with Wiltshire Council. It was agreed that Hilperston Parish Council should fully endorse this initiative, noting that it was listed as a consultee.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

13/00268/FUL: Mr. J. Hewton, 79 Newhurst Park, Paxcroft Mead

Two-storey front extension and conversion of garage to form ground floor study/playroom and first floor third bedroom

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this application (ten in favour with one abstention by the Chairman).

13/00282/FUL: Mr. C. Whittaker, land rear of 162 Devizes Road

Retrospective application for erection of hay barn

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this retrospective application (nine in favour, one against with one abstention by the Chairman).

13/00271/ADV: WS Retail, 8 Marsh Road

Replacement pole sign

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this (retrospective) application (ten in favour with one abstention by the Chairman).

13/00289/FUL: Mrs. M. Parker, 29 St. Mary's Gardens – front porch

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this application (ten in favour with one abstention by the Chairman).

13/00236/FUL: Mr. C. Mockford, 202 Devizes Road – dropped kerb

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this application (nine in favour with two abstentions by Mr. Jackson and the Chairman).

Decisions

12/02190/FUL: Mr. T. Oatley, land to north-west of Paxcroft Farm

Change of use from agricultural to B1 – permission

12/02365/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. Hansford, Wesley House, Thridacre, Church Street

New roof over existing conservatory, sun room and enlargement of existing rear dormer – permission

12/02321/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, 1 Cherry Gardens

Proposed alterations and extension – permission

13/00064/FUL: Mr. D. Morgan-Richards, 16a Horse Road

Erection of two-storey extension to north elevation and adjoining single storey extension – permission

12/02320/FUL: Ms. T. Griffiths, 1 Whaddon Lane

Various upgrading works and change of use of garage to bedroom - permission

Planning Enforcement - 10/01920/FUL: 202a Devizes Road

Possible breach of planning permission with regard to roof tiles and windows

The Chairman said that he had e-mailed every member about the response from Wiltshire Council planners. Although it was unsatisfactory, he felt a line should be drawn under this matter now, but the Parish Council should perhaps be more robust in future when looking through plans in a conservation area.

Other Planning Matters:

- a) **Blue Hills Bat Pavilion** – it had recently been discovered that two bat boxes had been erected instead of the proposed bat pavilion. The Chairman had been informed by the planning officer concerned that the original permission did not require the construction of a bat pavilion. He believed that most recently further survey work had shown that the bat pavilion was not required in order to allow the demolition of Blue Hills and therefore it would not be constructed. It was agreed that this matter should be brought to the attention of Natural England.
- b) **Travellers' Sites** – Duncan Hames MP had sent a letter to the Clerk, enclosing a response from Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning, setting out the Government's new planning policy for travellers sites. (Details on file).
- c) **Possible Removal in Planning Law of the Right to Light** - Both Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Jackson gave details of a consultation being run by the Law Commission regarding this matter. A discussion took place on whether or not it was appropriate for the Parish Council to make any

comment and it was agreed that – at this stage – the Parish Council should note the information given but not make any comment (eight in favour, three against). Mrs. Hayes was thanked for taking the trouble to bring this to the Parish Council's attention.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Paxcroft Mead Community Forum: 29th November 2012 Minutes, and 31st March 2013 Agenda
- b) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre: 5th February 2013 Minutes, and 5th March 2013 Agenda
- c) Clerks and Councils Direct – March, 2013
- d) The Butty – Spring, 2013
- e) The Clerk – March, 2013
- f) Local Councils Review – Spring, 2013

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised:-

Clerk's Salary for March, 2013	£464.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£128.20)	£592.20
Alpha Taxis – Sunday Club Transport (including £4.48 VAT)		£26.88
Clerks and Councils Direct – Annual subscription		£12.00
Mr. E. Clark – Chairman's Allowance		£82.29

(The Chairman refrained from voting when members authorised this payment)

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Mr. Tucker asked if Wiltshire Council could be 'chased up' regarding the clearing out of the gullies in Whaddon Lane.
- b) Ms. Turner brought members' attention to the notices which had appeared at Churchfields warning of dog thieves in the area.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) Local election information
- b) Village Hall matters
- c) Horse Road bus stop

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16th April, 2013, (apologies from Ms. Turner) with a possible Planning Committee meeting before then.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Date

