

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 18th June, 2013**

There were six members of the public present.

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

Mr. Clark spoke, as a member of the public, about planning application 13/00970/FUL.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.35 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Kendrick Jackson, Mrs. Kate Hayes, Mr. Ian Greatwood and PC Mark Hough.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Planning application 13/00970/FUL – Mr. Robert House, who stated that the applicant might seek his advice in the future.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 21st May, 2013, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 2 – Appointments: The Clerk had informed the chairman of the Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee of the appointment of Mr. Bielecki as the Parish Council representative, and this had been acknowledged by Mr. Jonathan Hawkes.

Minute 10 – Village litter pick: The Clerk said she had not heard anything from the gentleman who had suggested the litter pick.

Minute 10 – Clearing rubbish from private land: The Clerk had e-mailed the footpath warden, Paul Millard about possible suitable signs that could be erected, but had not yet received a reply. In a report received from Mrs Hayes it appeared that there had been more debris left in the lower field of the Gap. This time it was the remains of a bbq. Mrs Hayes understood that the police were interested in people spotted camping in the Gap.

Minute 10 – Bus stop in Horse Road: The Clerk had written to the owners of the tree overlooking the original bus stop and was waiting to hear back from them.

Minute 15b – War Memorial: The Clerk had contacted Young Johnson, James Long and Nimbus Conservation, asking for quotes for the cleaning of the War Memorial in the spring of 2014. She and the Chairman had also received an e-mail from ‘Cenotaph Cleaning’, a family-run business based in the midlands, and it was agreed that they should also be asked if they would like to quote.

Minute 15c – Footpaths: The Clerk had e-mailed the footpath warden about the state of footpaths 5, 6 and 54 but had not had a reply. Ms. Turner said she was in the process of walking all the footpaths and had spoken to a number of people, whose general opinion seemed to be that, apart from when the

weather was really bad, they were mostly in a pretty good condition. The Clerk said she would press Paul Millard for a response.

Minute 15e – Blocked drain: The blocked drain at the top of Hill Street, by the bus stop, had been reported to CLARENCE.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman had nothing of importance to announce.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark said that Holt Parish Council had applied for a grant from Bradford-on-Avon Area Board towards the restoration of the village War Memorial. If granted, this would undoubtedly set a precedent.

7. POLICE

PC Hough was not in attendance but had sent a report which stated that there had been seventeen occurrences in the village over the past month:-

Four anti-social behaviour incidents; four burglaries; two incidents of criminal damage; four thefts; two domestic violence incidents; and one suspicious incident. (report held on file).

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters

There was nothing to report.

Parish Steward

The Clerk had not been officially informed of any new schedule of visits, but in the report which Mrs. Hayes had given her she had stated that the Parish Steward scheme would become the Community Team scheme which would include Dave Self.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

Mrs. Hayes had sent a written report which stated that the terms of reference had been amended to include all Wiltshire councillors representing parishes to attend meetings in a non-voting capacity, and to encourage all twelve parishes to send representatives to meetings.

The Cleveland Bridge issue remained unchanged except that BANES was looking at it from a new angle. Swindon and Trowbridge Local Transport Body looked at seventy schemes and sifted the list down to ten, including a Yarnbrook bypass and West Ashton bypass. This list did not include Westbury bypass. These ten were now being looked at again.

Mark Hough was to take up the issue of speeding in Marsh Road. Future speeding issues could be channelled through PC Hough or Rachel Effemy at Wiltshire Council.

The next Area Board meeting would be on the 11th July and would include the Trowbridge Museum development – this would be moving to Roundstone School. The following meeting on the 12th September would include car parking.

The next meeting of the PCLG would be on the 16th October, venue to be advised.

Playdale – Annual Inspection of Village Hall Play Equipment

The Clerk had received Playdale's report, and it was agreed that a copy should be sent to Kathi Walker.

CPRE: Laurence Kitching Award 2013 – Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk said that, whilst the villages which won in the County round of the Best Kept Village Competitions in 2011 and 2012 were automatically excluded from the main competition for the next two years, those winning villages were invited to enter the Laurence Kitching Award – a competition to find the ‘winner of winners’. This year the six eligible villages were: Lea, West Dean, Hilperton, Dinton and Great Hinton. Hilperton had therefore been invited to enter the competition, with judging taking place in mid-August. It was agreed that Hilperton should take part.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

13/00831/FUL: Mr. R. Williams, 15 Foxglove Drive

Single storey rear extension to form dining area and conversion of garage to living accommodation
It was agreed that no objection should be made to this application.

13/00869/TPO: Mr. R. Young, 1 Foxglove Drive

Pollarding of Willow tree

It was agreed that the comments of the Landscape Officer should be endorsed and that no objection should be made to this application.

13/00890/FUL: Mr. M. Miller, Shar-Kays, Whaddon Lane

Amendments to previous planning permission 11/00742/FUL (change of use of land for the keeping of horses, erection of stables and tack room, construction of ménage and new access) and retrospective laying of hard-standing and external lighting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.02 p.m. to enable Mr. and Mrs. Miller to say a few words and answer any queries. The meeting re-convened at 8.06 p.m.

It was agreed that no objection should be made to the amendments or to the retrospective laying of hard standing, provided that the lighting was restricted to the low wattage as shown in the application. (Proposed by Mr. Jameson, seconded by Ms. Turner, eight in favour with two abstentions, one from the Chairman).

13/00913/FUL: Mrs. P. Hopkins, 44 Marshmead

Replacement porch

It was agreed that no objection should be made to this application.

13/00924/TCA: Miss S. Meade, 105 Church Street

Crown thinning of four birch trees by no more than 20%

It was agreed that the comments of the Landscape Officer should be endorsed and that no objection should be made to this application.

13/00970/FUL: Mrs. M. Singer and T. Norkowski, Lion and Fiddle, Trowbridge Road

Erection of two detached dwellings in the grounds of existing public house. Extensions and alterations to public house to provide additional restaurant space and an additional four letting rooms.

The Chairman and Mr. House left the meeting during discussion of this application. Mr. Bielecki took the chair.

It was agreed that, whilst any enhancement to the village public house was welcome, an objection should be made to the application to erect two detached dwellings, being outside Village Policy Limits with no mention of any element of affordable housing in the application. (Proposed by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Uncles, seven in favour with one abstention).

Mr. Clark and Mr. House returned to the meeting and Mr. Clark took the chair.

Decisions

13/00236/FUL: Mr. C. Mockford, 202 Devizes Road
Dropped kerb – application withdrawn.

13/00628/FUL and 13/00708/LBC: Mr. J. Purdy, The Poplars, 166 Wyke Road
Alterations and extensions to domestic workshop outbuilding to bring about the change of use to form a self-contained granny annexe associated to the host dwelling house as well as alterations to the roof of dwelling house to install velux windows and construct dormer window as well as internal – Planning permission and Listed Building consent given.

13/00527/FUL: Mr. Bligh, 257 Hill Street
Replacement of conservatory – Permission given

13/00550/FUL: Mr. A. Lidell, 8 St. Michael's Close
Single storey rear extension and hipped roof to existing dormers – Permission given.

12/02306//FUL: Mr. Mark Miller, land south of Whaddon Lane
Erection of hay barn – Permission given

13/00075/S73: Mr. and Mrs S. Cooper, The Chase, Church Street
Application to vary condition 7 of W/12/01877/FUL – erection of double garage and guest accommodation – Refusal.

Blue Hills Bat Pavilion

A copy of the Bat Licence had been received from Natural England and it was agreed that this should be sent to Mrs Hayes for her comments.

Notification of Inquiry Date

Erection of thirty dwellings and associated works, former nursery site, Marsh Road. Hearing to start at 10 am on 9th July, 2013, at Hilperton Village Hall.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee – 7th May Minutes and 4th June agenda
- b) CPRE – Annual Report 2012-2013

12. ACCOUNTS**Adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2013**

The Clerk tabled copies of the Income and Expenditure Accounts, Cash Statements and Balance Sheet, and it was agreed that the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2013, should be adopted. (Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. House, all in favour).

Payments authorised since the last meeting:-

Broker Network Limited – Annual Insurance Premium	£1,044.38
Mrs L. House – plants/sweeping at War Memorial	£150.00
Revision 4 – Website hosting and Domain renewal	£95.87

Payments authorised this meeting:-

Clerk's Salary for June)	£472.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£102.60)	£574.60
R. A. Book-Keeping: Compilation of Accounts		£70.00
OfficeRight – Office supplies, including £26.05 VAT		£156.31
Playdale – Annual inspection of Village Hall play equipment (including £37.00 VAT)		£222.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Mr. Bielecki referred to the summer community fete on the 29th June. He said his wife was in charge of the cake stall and would welcome people to bake a cake for it. All profits would go to the Village Hall.
- b) Mr. Tucker suggested that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Mark Miller in appreciation of the work he had done to the church at Whaddon and the digging of ditches etc. It was felt that any work he had done in connection with the church should be recognised by the parochial church council, and the digging of ditches was something that was expected of residents in the area and, indeed, was done by Mr. Tucker himself. It was therefore agreed that a letter of thanks would be inappropriate.
- c) Mr. Jameson referred to the suggestion made at the Annual Parish Assembly for a community orchard to be established. He and Ms. Pam Fisher would look into this.
- d) Mrs. Sawyer referred to the sorry state of the cemetery, especially the length of the grass and the weeds growing there. This had already been reported by the Clerk and it appeared that, with the change of contractors by Wiltshire Council, grass cutting especially was weeks behind all over the county.
- e) A new resident had asked Pam Fisher if there was a bowling green in Hilperton. The answer was 'no' but there were clubs in Trowbridge, Holt and Bradford-on-Avon.
- f) Mrs Hayes, in her report, had said that she had been in touch with Russell Brown, senior planning officer (conservation) since 2011 about the state of the thatched cottage in Horse Road, and he had been endeavouring to contact the owners. Although every building owner has an obligation to keep their building safe, until there were clear signs that the building had become uninhabitable, the council could do no more.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) The state of the cemetery and peoples' concern about the situation regarding grass cutting.
- b) Hilperton's entry for the Laurence Kitching Award CPRE Best Kept Village competition.
- c) The cleaning of the War Memorial next spring.
- d) Wiltshire Good Neighbours scheme.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16th July, 2013, with a possible Planning Committee meeting before this date.

The meeting ended at 8.46 p.m.

Signed Date

