

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 16th July, 2013**

There were no 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. I. Greatwood
	Mr. S. Uncles	Mr. W. Jameson
	Mrs. K. Hayes	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Kendrick Jackson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th June, 2013, had been circulated. Ms. Fisher pointed out that, regarding planning application 13/00890/FUL, she had stated that although she had campaigned in a private capacity as an individual, she would consider the application with an open mind as a parish councillor. Subject to this amendment, the Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8 – Play Equipment Inspection: The Clerk said she had sent a copy of the annual inspection report to Kathi Walker.

Minute 8 – CPRE: The Clerk said she had entered Hilperton for the Laurence Kitching Award competition and the entry had been acknowledged.

Minute 12 – Accounts: The Clerk said that the Annual Return had been sent to the external auditors.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman said that the recent Lion and Fiddle planning application had been withdrawn.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark said that the new contract for grass cutting etc. county-wide had not got off to a good start but hopefully the new contractors, Balfour Beatty, would soon resolve the problems they had encountered when taking on the contract.

Earlier in the day he and the Clerk had met David Wright concerning a public art project in connection with the developments at Blue Hills, Hackett Place and land south of The Grange.

7. POLICE

PC Hough reported that of the 69 rural occurrences over the past month, 27 had been in Hilperton, 16 of which were crimes:-

4 burglaries; 4 incidents of criminal damage; 6 thefts; 2 violent crimes; 5 incidents of domestic violence; 3 safety concerns (not community related); 1 suspicious incident; and 2 traffic incidents.

PC Hough said that Trowbridge Town Council had recently set up a working group to look at the creation of cycle routes in and around the town.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters

There was nothing to report.

Parish Steward

It was agreed that, in future, this should appear on the agenda as 'Community Team Scheme'.

Footpaths and Signs

Footpaths: Despite the fact that Paul Millard had assured the Clerk that the overgrown footpaths reported to him had been cleared, Mrs. Hayes said that they had not been and she had not heard from the footpath warden. The Clerk said she would contact him on this issue.

It was also reported that the footpath through the allotments was overgrown.

Signs: As far as possible signs for the Hilperton Gap fields were concerned, the footpath warden had said he would look into this. He did not currently have any but he would check with one of his suppliers.

War Memorial Cleaning

The Clerk had received a quote from James Long and was expecting to receive another from Young Johnson. Nimbus had yet to come back with a quote. The Chairman reported that Holt Parish Council had been successful in getting a grant from the Area Board for work on their War Memorial.

Bus Stop – Horse Road

The Clerk had received a reply to the letter she had written to the owners of the property, outside of which the bus stop used to be sited. For various reasons they did not feel it appropriate for the bus stop to be moved back. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Wiltshire Council to say the Parish Council had heard both sides of the argument and that they should decide, as professionals, what to do next. The members of the public concerned in this issue should also be contacted.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

Mrs. Hayes had nothing to report, other than the fact that the next meeting of the PCLG would be on the 16th October, venue to be advised.

Grant Request for the Purchase of Advertising Banner

The Chairman had received a request from Denise Harvey of the Village Community Fete for a grant to either sponsor all or part of the cost of the purchase of a new community banner. This would be reusable for other events in the future, such as the pantomime.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should reimburse the Village Hall for the capital cost of the banner, which had come to £128.80. (Proposed by Ian Greatwood, seconded by Robert House, all in favour).

Application for a New Premises Licence for the Trowbridge Rugby Football Club

Although not a statutory consultee, the Parish Council had received notification from Wiltshire Council of a new premises application for live and recorded music: Monday 12.00 to 23.59; Thursday 19.00 to 23.59; Friday 19.00 to 01.00; Saturday 12.00 to 01.00; and Sunday 12.00 to 23.00. Also sale of alcohol

on premises: Monday to Thursday 12.00 to 23.59; Friday and Saturday 12.00 to 01.00; and Sunday 11.00 to 23.00. New Year's Eve alcohol to 1 am and live and recorded music to end 2 am.

It was agreed that Wiltshire Council should be informed that this application had been noted and that the Parish Council had no objection to make.

Request for a Litter Bin on Paxcroft Mead

The Chairman and Mark Banks had recently met a resident of one of the new houses by Hackett Place, who had asked if a litter bin could be installed. At the present time Wiltshire Council would not fund any new bins, but the Chairman suggested that the Parish Council might agree to fund the cost and installation of a new bin if Wiltshire Council would agree to empty it.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase and pay for the installation of a new litter bin up to a maximum amount of £300. (Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Carbin, all in favour).

Tree Grants

The Chairman said that the Woodland Trust was offering community groups, youth groups, schools etc. the chance to apply for packs of free trees for delivery in November, 2013. It was agreed that an application should be made by the new tree wardens for a pack of 30 saplings, to be planted by volunteers along the gaps in the hedge separating the football pitch and the allotments.

Discussion then took place on the suggestion made at the Annual Parish Assembly that a community orchard should be established in the parish. It seemed that the best site would be on land on which the Parish Council had an option to purchase as an extension to the allotment site. It was agreed that this and the option issue should be discussed fully at the September parish council meeting.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

13/01105/FUL: Mr. C. Gale, 42 Horse Road
Erection of single storey rear extension

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

13/01109/FUL: Mr. and Mrs L. Webb, Southfield, Devizes Road
Detached garage and associated block paving

It was agreed that no objection should be made to the application as such, but the Parish Council would wish the planning authority to state that the materials used should be porous to allow sustainable drainage.

13/01472/FUL: Mrs S. King, 32 Horse Road

Demolition of existing kitchen extension , replacing with new two-storey extension and alterations to dwelling

It was agreed that an objection should be made to this application for the following reasons:-

- a) No details given of any access or design statement, and construction vehicles would cause a nuisance to residents of neighbouring properties.
- b) The sewage system in the area has, historically, caused many problems. Concern that Wessex Water had not been asked by the planning authority to be a consultee in this case.
- c) The proposed development would have an adverse impact on trees in the neighbouring property.

Decisions

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

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

13/00530/FUL: Mr. J. Knight, 202a Devizes Road

Revised boundary wall treatment – Permission

13/00578/FUL: Mr. and Mrs R. Young, 1 Foxglove Drive

Two storey extension – Permission

13/00742/FUL: Mr. J. Knight, 202a Devizes Road

Single storey rear extensions – Permission

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

Single storey rear extension to form dining area and conversion of garage to living accommodation – Permission

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

T1 Willow-pollard – No TPO made

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

Replacement porch – Permission

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

Crown thinning of four birch trees by no more than 20% - No TPO made

Blue Hills Bat Pavilion

Mrs Hayes had read through the copy of the Bat Licence which had been received from Natural England and was amazed that the developers had been able to find a way out of building the bat pavilion by ensuring that the bats had left the site. It appeared that the licence was ineffectual but, although it was agreed that nothing further could be done, at least the Parish Council could be more vigilant when other developments took place.

Tree Preservation Order

The Clerk gave details of a tree preservation order placed on a group of trees on land south of the Lion and Fiddle.

Notification of Inquiry Date

Planning application 12/01521/FUL: Retrospective application for the siting of a residential motor home and installation of a septic tank and soakaway – land rear of 162 Devizes Road. Hearing on 29th August, 2013, at the Village Hall, commencing at 10 am.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - There was none.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee – 4th June Minutes and 2nd July agenda
- b) Wiltshire Music Centre Programme – September to December, 2013
- c) The Clerk – July, 2013
- d) Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2013
- e) The Butty – Kennet and Avon Canal Trust, Summer, 2013

12. ACCOUNTS**Payment authorised since the last meeting:**

Mrs L. House, purchase of plants	£60.20
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Payments authorised this meeting:

Clerk's Salary for July	£472.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£197.05)	£669.05
OfficeRight – Stationery, including £12.26 VAT		£73.58

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a) Mr. Bielecki said that it would be helpful to have a rubbish bin on the 'L' shape of the car park at the Village Hall. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the September meeting.
- b) Mr. House said that the trees the Parish Council had planted along Trowbridge Road were suffering in the drought. He offered to water them, and both Mr. Jameson and the Chairman said they would help as well.
- c) Ms. Turner referred to the chairs at the Village Hall purchased a year or so ago. More needed to be bought and it was suggested that this matter could be discussed at the September PC meeting.
- d) Ms. Fisher said that the verges along Whaddon Lane badly needed cutting. The ditches were a danger because they were covered by grass and could not be seen. The Clerk was asked to contact Mark Banks on this matter.
- e) It was reported that some of the signs coming into the village were obscured by vegetation – the Clerk to contact Mark Banks.
- f) Along Horse Road, by Pound Farm gate, the pavement was obscured by overgrown vegetation.
- g) The Clerk reported that, in the planter at Pike Close, most of the flowers had died. It appeared that the planter had not been watered recently and she said she would contact English Landscapes.
- h) The subject of cutting or not cutting verges to be discussed at the September PC meeting.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) County-wide grass cutting problems.
- b) Advertising banner.
- c) Tree Grants.
- d) Date of the next Parish Council meeting in September.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 17th September, 2013, with possible Planning Committee meetings before this date.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

Signed Date

