

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 15th April, 2014.**

PRESENT	Mr. E. Clark	Mrs. S. Sawyer
	Mr. T. Carbin	Mr. V. Bielecki
	Ms. P. Turners	Mr. K. Jackson
	Mr. W. Jameson	Ms. P. Fisher
	Mr. R. House	

Also in Attendance: PC Mark Hough

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. David Tucker, Mrs Kate Hayes, Mr. Scott Uncles and Mr. Ian Greatwood.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th March, 2014, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8 – 20mph Speed Limits within the Parish: The Clerk had sent a request to Wiltshire Council for a 20mph speed limit along a length of Whaddon Lane.

Minute 8 – Hilperton Primary School: The Clerk had written to the school thanking them for their efforts with regard to the recent litter pick.

Minute 8 – Grant for the Parish News: The Clerk had sent a cheque to Michael Gamble and this had been acknowledged, with thanks.

Minute 13b – Advertising Banners at the King’s Arms: The Clerk had written to the enforcement officer and had received a satisfactory reply from him. Councillor Carbin confirmed that they had now been taken down.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

a) The Chairman announced the death of former parish council member Peter Harding, and a minute’s silence was held. The Clerk said she would write a letter of condolence to his widow.

b) The Chairman reminded members about the upcoming Annual Parish meeting (for which Mr. Jackson gave his apologies) and said that a representative of the Marsh Farm solar farm project might attend to give a short presentation.

c) On Monday, 5th May, there would be a coffee morning in the village hall.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark gave a report on the ‘Older People’s Day’ held recently, which he said was well attended. A public consultation on the changes to the 2026 plan had started the previous day and this would run for six weeks; and from May, meetings of the Western Area planning committee would be held in the afternoon.

7. POLICE

PC Hough said that there had been 60 rural occurrences in the last month, 19 of which had been in Hilperton. He gave details of these and his report is held on file.

He then left the meeting and discussion took place on the Neighbourhood Policing Awards 2014, with agreement being reached on Maria Bader being nominated by the Parish Council for the Police Community Support Officer of the year, and the Trowbridge Rural Neighbourhood policing team being nominated for the team of the year.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters

Since the last meeting the Clerk had contacted Mr. Roger Pike about the taking up of the option to purchase more land, asking him if would be possible to make stage payments. Mr. Pike said he would speak to his accountant and the Clerk would contact him again shortly.

Mr. House said that a number of plots were not being tended adequately and he would keep an eye on them.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Council's Liaison Group

In the absence of Mr. Greatwood, the Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 30th April.

Hilperton Art Project Update

The Chairman referred to Heather Greatwood's report made at the last meeting, and said he understood there would be another meeting shortly.

Grant Request from St. John Ambulance

A request had been received from St. John Ambulance South West for a grant towards the purchase of a new defibrillator life pack, which would cost in the region of £2,800. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a grant of £300 should be made on the understanding that if the £2,800 was not raised, then the grant would be returned. The charity's fund-raiser should also be asked to give an undertaking that the life pack would be available for use in Hilperton, if and when required. (Proposed by Mr. Carbin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, all in favour).

Wiltshire Council Community Day

Following the Chairman's approach to parish councillors for suggestions for work, he had received a number which had been classed as high, medium and low priority, which he had passed on to Mark Banks. He said he would attend the community day pre-meet the following morning to discuss the community day visit on the 23rd April.

Wiltshire Council 1 Tonne Salt Bag Scheme

Details of this scheme were discussed but it was decided, due to the conditions attached with the provision of the salt bags, the Parish Council would not order any.

Request for Litter Bins

A request had been received for a new litter bin near The Mead School. The Clerk had informed the person who had made the request that the Parish Council had recently provided a bin by the new houses in Hackett Place, and the Paxcroft Mead Residents' Association had also provided one near The Mead school. Some questions had been asked of the resident, to which she had not yet replied, and it was agreed that this should be discussed again when she had.

Another request had been received for a litter bin at Ashton Road/Ashton Rise, near to where the road is closed off. It was felt that there were already enough bins in this area and that the Parish Council would not request another one.

Community Speed Watch

The Chairman was pleased to announce that this would soon be up and running again in Hilperton, with nine volunteers coming forward. He had contacted Leanne Homewood, the co-ordinator, who would arrange some training sessions.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

13/06879/OUT: Heron Land and Gallagher UK, land south of Devizes Road
Erection of 15 dwellings and associated works (revised details)

It was agreed that there was nothing in the revised details to make the Parish Council change its original comments about this application, and its objections would still stand.

14/02453/VAR: Mr. and Mrs S. Cooper, The Chase, Church Street

Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of planning permission 12/01877/FUL in order to facilitate the use of the annexe as independent living accommodation.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should object strongly to this application on the same grounds as it objected to the original application.

14/02459/FUL: Mr. and Mrs R. Coles, land adjacent to 4 Nursery Close

Detached dwelling with associated car parking and turning facilities

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

14/02933/FUL: Mr. C. Lamb, Trowbridge RFC, Doric Park

Erection of two 5-metre lights at the entrance to the site

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this application provided that the lights were shielded to prevent glare.

14/03026/FUL: Mr. J. Robinson, 36 Painters Mead

Proposed front extension (amendment to application 13/04791/FUL)

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this amendment.

14/03457/TPO: Mr. K. Warr, 114 Trowbridge Road

Removal of deadwood from Beech tree and reduction of crown by approximately 25%

It was agreed that no objection would be made to this application as long as the work was approved by the Landscape Officer.

Decisions

13/06950/FUL: Mr. S. Clark, 154 Wyke Road

Proposed greenhouse – permission given.

14/00377/FUL: Mr. M. Bayley, 185 Devizes Road

Extension and new garden room to rear. Internal and minor external alterations to existing property including re-roofing – approval given.

14/01779/FUL: Mr. and Mrs D. Westlake, 36 Marshmead

Two-storey side extension forming garage, utility, WC, bedroom and en-suite – approval given.

Other Planning Matters

Mr. Jackson said that the Parish Council's comments in respect of a recent application in Devizes Road had not been listed on Wiltshire Council's website. The Clerk was asked to contact Mike Wilmott to ask why this was so and to get his assurance that the Parish Council's comments on every application would appear on the website in future. He should also be informed that searching for planning applications by post code did not work.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Wiltshire Council re. European elections on 22nd May, 2014
- b) Letter from Wiltshire Council re. Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations development plan
- c) Letter from Wiltshire Council re. changes to the provider of the Family Information Service and Parent Partnership Service.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) CPRE – Fieldwork, Spring, 2014
- b) 'Headlines' –Community First Newsletter
- c) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee – 4th March Minutes and 1st April Agenda
- d) Paxcroft Mead Residents' Association – People in the Park initiative summary and 27th March agenda
- e) Countrywide Voice – Spring, 2014

12. ACCOUNTS

b) Payments authorised:-

Since the last meeting

Section 137 Grant for the Hilperton and Staverton Parish News	£200.00
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This meeting

Clerk's Salary for April	£481.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£196.40)	£677.40
Clerks and Councils Direct – Annual subscription		£12.00
Alpha Taxis – Sunday Club Transport (including £4.04 VAT)		£24.24
Officeright – Stationery (including £8.06 VAT)		£48.32

An invoice had also been received from the Local Council Review in the amount of £189, being the annual subscription comprising 14 quarterly issues of the magazine (sent to the Clerk and all thirteen members of the Parish Council) at £13.50 each. Ms Turner thought this was somewhat expensive and questioned whether issues should be sent to everyone. She herself said she didn't need to have a copy, and Ms. Fisher, Mr. Carbin, Mr. House, Mrs Sawyer and Mr. Jameson also said they could do without. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr. Uncles, Mrs Hayes, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Greatwood and then adjust the subscription amount accordingly.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- a) Mr. Sawyer had received a request for a bus shelter at Newleaze, by the path to the school. This to be discussed at the May PC meeting.
- b) Mr. Bielecki asked the Clerk if she could get hold of some dog fouling stickers.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

It was agreed that a small advertisement should be placed in the May issue of the Parish News to try to persuade people to attend the Annual Parish Assembly.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 20th May, 2014, (Annual Meeting of the Council) with a planning committee meeting to be held following the Annual Parish Assembly on the 6th May.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Date