

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

There was one member of the public present

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

Also in attendance: PC Mark Hough

Before the start of the meeting, artist Alex Murdin gave a presentation in respect of the Hilperton Arts Project and this was followed by a question and answer session. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.47 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Ian Greatwood.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th June and the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 1st July had been circulated. Subject to an amendment concerning allotment matters, both Minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bielecki, all in favour)

4. MATTERS ARISING (from the June PC meeting)

Minute 8: - Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust: The Clerk had sent the grant cheque and this had been acknowledged, with thanks.

Minute 8 – Best Kept Village Competition: The Clerk reminded those members who had kindly offered to do cleaning/teak oiling that judging of the Laurence Kitching Award would take place at the beginning of August.

Minute 8 – Notice Board for the Village Hall: This had been ordered by the Clerk and had been sent to Mrs Sawyer.

Minute 13b: The fly tipping at the rugby club had been reported and items removed.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman said that a briefing in respect of a review of Village Policy Limits would be held between 6 and 7 pm at the Civic Centre on Wednesday, 30th July. Ms. Fisher and Mrs Sawyer kindly offered to attend.

6 WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark said that Wiltshire Council was conducting a survey on green waste bins collections and information could be obtained from the website. There was also a consultation concerning the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire and Rescue Service. Mr. Clark added that he had recently attended a Local

Government Association conference in Bournemouth where one of the key-note speakers had been Hillary Benn.

7. POLICE

PC Mark Hough said that there had been 69 rural occurrences over the past month, 19 of which had been in Hilperton. His report is held on file.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Bus Shelter for Newleaze

Mrs Sawyer had spoken with neighbours who might be concerned about the siting of a bus shelter near their properties. One was in favour and the others had not come forward with any complaint. It was agreed that the Area Board should be approached with a request for funding, and a final decision would be made at the September PC meeting depending on the success or otherwise of the request.

Allotment Matters

The Clerk had spoken to both plot holders regarding the state of their plots. One had decided to give his up and the plot had been taken on by the next person on the waiting list. The other had now started working on his plot. Mr. Bielecki said that Alex Murdin had contacted him to suggest that the Allotment Association might like to become involved with the Hilperton Art Project.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 30th July at 7 pm at the old Town Hall.

Hilperton Art Project Update

The Chairman said that one aspect of the project might require planning permission, which seemed somewhat ridiculous as the idea had come from Wiltshire Council. If, however, a planning application had to be made, this would be done through the Parish Council and any costs reimbursed by the project.

Summer Newsletter

Draft copies had been circulated with the agenda. Subject to a few amendments, it was agreed that 2,000 copies should be printed by the end of July.

CIL/Section 106 Monies

The Chairman said that, unfortunately, the meeting arranged with Mike Wilmott at Wiltshire Council had had to be postponed but he hoped that both he and Mr. Jackson could meet Mr. Wilmott within the next few weeks.

Parish Governance Review

The Chairman had sent members details of three options open to the Parish Council. After a discussion, it was agreed that option 'c' should be taken up. (Proposed by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bielecki, all in favour)

BBLP Community Days

Some members expressed concern that the weed killer being used by BBLP was too harsh as it was killing off grass in certain places. It was again agreed that two men working for one day on each visit was not producing the good results that the previous Parish Steward scheme had done.

Request for a Tennis Court in the Village

A request for the Parish Council to install a tennis court in the village had been received, with the suggestion that space could be found on the playing field. During discussion on this matter it was put forward that there might be a need for a mixed use games area which could provide sports/recreation facilities for people of all ages. Clearly any major project such as this would need feedback from residents and this could be done via the website and the Newsletter. In the meantime it was agreed that there would be room on the playing field, and the resident who had made the request should be thanked and asked to bring his suggestion to the Annual Assembly next May with support from at least eight people.

Marsh Farm Solar Park

The Chairman said he had contacted Sam Gaiger and it appeared that there had been little progress following the letter of intent which the Parish Council had received some time ago. He said he would gently pursue the matter and ask for things to be moved forward.

Replacement Bench for The Knapp

The Clerk had brought along some samples of hardwood benches and those made of plaswood, an environmental alternative to traditional materials. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a Teak bench should be ordered, together with fixing brackets and a plaque with the following wording:

Hilpertown Parish Council

August, 2014

‘We will remember them’

1914 - 1918

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

14/06344/CLE: Miss K. Miller, 9 and 9a Whaddon Lane

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use – subdivision of 9 Whaddon Lane into two separate dwellings.

It was agreed that this application involved a change of use and the applicant should therefore have to prove that the development had existed for a continuous period of ten years prior to the date of the application, rather than the four years stated. The Parish Council did not believe it had.

Decisions

14/04412/FUL: Mr. S. Morgan, land west of Jasmine House, Hilpertown Road

Construction of one four-bedroomed dwelling with integral garage – application refused.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. PUBLICATIONS

a) Clerks and Councils Direct – July, 2014

b) The Clerk – July, 2014

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised since the last meeting:-

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust – Section 137 Grant

£400.00

Mrs L. House – compost

£12.00

Payments authorised this meeting:-

Clerk's salary for July	£481.00)	
Clerk's expenses	£196.72)	£677.72
Alpha Taxis – Sunday Club transport (including £2.76 VAT)		£16.56

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

a) Concern was expressed at the state of the Blind House, which had destructive Ivy growing over it. As the only way to access it was via Church Farm, it was agreed that Mr. Andrew Pike should be approached to ask him if a) he would agree to cut it back or b) he would agree to allow someone on his land to do so.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) hEdges of Hilperton and Paxcroft
- b) New Bus Shelter at Newleaze
- c) Summer Newsletter
- d) Parish Governance Review
- e) Recreation/Sports Areas

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16th September, 2014, (apologies given by Mr. Jackson) with the possibility of some planning committee meetings before then.

The meeting ended at 9.42 p.m.

Signed Date