

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 21st October, 2014**

There were two members of the public present

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

Also in attendance: PCSO Maria Badder

Before the start of the meeting, two members of the public voiced their concerns on a number of issues relating to the new Hilperton relief road. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.42 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from PC Mark Hough.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th September, 2014, and the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th October, 2014, had been circulated. With reference to the Minutes of the September PC meeting, Mr. Greatwood pointed out that the next meeting of the Parish Councils' Liaison Group was the 29th October, not the 30th October. Mr. Carbin had also pointed out that it was not the chairman of Staverton Parish Council who had addressed the Parish Council before the start of the meeting. Subject to these two amendments, the Minutes were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING (a) from the September PC meeting)

Minute 6 – Hilperton Marsh Post Office: Mrs Hayes reported that the sub post-master had informed her that there were no concerns about the proposed changes.

Minute 8: - Hilperton Art Project: In response to an e-mail from the Clerk, saying that the Parish Council would agree to take on the maintenance of the trees (so long as the area remained within the parish), Alex Murdin had written to thank the Parish Council and had confirmed that wild plum trees would be included in the planting.

Minute 8 – Best Kept Village Competition: The Clerk had sent the judges' positive comments to the relevant organisations.

Minute 8 – Bus Pass Consultation: The Parish Council's comments had been sent in.

Minute 13b - Waste Bin, Marsh Stores: The missing bin had been reported to Norman Burgess at Wiltshire Council who was at first reluctant to replace it again without the situation being monitored. However, he had since found a large bin which he thought could be concreted in to avoid it being stolen.

(b) from the October Planning Committee meeting

Mr. Jackson had attended the appeal in relation to 13/06879/OUT: Heron Land and Gallagher UK, land south of Devizes Road, held on the 14th and 15th October, and he gave a full report to the Parish Council. He was thanked for taking the time to go along.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman said the new bench for the Knapp had now been installed, and it looked very good.

It was agreed that a metrocount should be asked for in Leap Gate, by the bridge between Hilperton and Trowbridge, (with a further request for one in another 12 months' time).

6 WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark said that there had been a Hilperton Art Project meeting recently and things were moving along satisfactorily. He was pleased to report that planning permission would not be needed for the signs, the sculptures had been ordered, and it had been suggested that the area around the entrance to Paxcroft Mead – by the stone plinth – could become a community orchard.

Mr. Clark said that the car parking restrictions public consultation would commence on Friday and it would end on the 17th November. If the Parish Council wished to make any comments, there would need to be an extra meeting before that date.

He reported that there were no Wiltshire Council consultations open at the moment.

In conclusion, Mr. Clark said that he had received complaints about the T1 Bus Service, and its unreliability; but both Mrs Sawyer and Mr. Jackson said that things had improved slightly and the service was now more punctual than it had been.

7. POLICE

PCSO Maria Badder said that there had been 57 rural occurrences over the past month, 20 of which had been in Hilperton. She gave details of these and her report is held on file.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Bus Shelter in Hill Street

The Chairman said that Trowbridge Area Board had ratified Trowbridge Area Transport Group's recommendation that the Board should meet up to 50% of the cost, with a cap of £2,000. The Clerk had written to neighbours and no objections had been received. She had also written to Pat Whyte at Wiltshire Council, giving him details of the specification received from Queensbury Shelters, and he had expressed concerns about the remaining width of footway which could be a problem for prams, buggies etc. She had contacted Queensbury and they had agreed that it might be better for them to supply a shelter without end panels, which would mean it would be just the back and the roof. Their revised quotation for this was £2,974.80 (plus VAT). The Clerk added that the back would need to be positioned on the pavement abutting garden walls. Although it was appreciated that a shelter without side panels would not give as much protection, it was agreed that one should be ordered.

Allotment Matters

The Clerk reported that things had still not progressed in respect of the extra one acre of land, which was somewhat frustrating. Mr. House had made a plan and had pegged out the area, and he said he was happy to have a word with Mr. Pike's solicitor in an effort to move things forward.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

Mr. Greatwood confirmed that he would attend the next meeting on the 29th October.

Hilperton Relief Road

Concerns expressed by Mr. McGee before the meeting had been in relation to landscaping, traffic noise and light pollution. Mr. Millar was concerned that it appeared that there would not now be any zebra crossings at both roundabouts, and the speed limit was going to be set at 50 mph. He felt it would cost

less to provide crossings when the road was being built rather than have to install them later when the road was in use.

A discussion followed, with many parish councillors expressing their own concerns on various matters, including environmental issues, the type of surface to be used on the road, sound and light pollution, safety issues, rights of way, levels of compensation, and the fact that many people had written to Wiltshire Council seeking answers to questions, and had not received adequate responses.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council to say that this state of affairs was unacceptable, and ask for comprehensive answers to all the issues so far mentioned.

Wiltshire Council Training Events

Details of annual planning training events had been received from Wiltshire Council, the Trowbridge event to be held on Wednesday, 19th November, at County Hall, between 6 pm and 8 pm. Subjects would be: changes in legislation, pre-application discussions, core strategy update, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) update, trees, and a quick refresher at the end of the session. Mr. Bielecki said he would endeavour to attend, the Chairman said he would go, and Mrs Sawyer said she would like to attend if she was offered a lift to and from the meeting.

CIL/Section 106 Monies

As there would be an update on this at the training event mentioned above, it was agreed that this should not be discussed at the present time.

Footpaths

Sometime ago the Clerk had written to Paul Millard about the state of some footpaths. She had said that HILP20 had no sign and no stile, and there was a lack of access to HILP23. There seemed to be an anomaly in the village in that some areas like Church Field were over-walked whilst other paths seemed to be neglected. Mr. Millard said that he had a number of things on his 'to do' list, adding that the HILP20 junction with the byway showed signs of use and perhaps the Parish Council would be interested in applying to the Area Board for some money to replace the stiles with kissing gates to make a more user-friendly access. The Clerk had asked Mr. Millard how many stiles could be replaced and at what cost, but had yet to hear back from him. It was agreed that this should be discussed further at the November PC meeting.

Wiltshire Council Community Day Works

The Chairman said that this relatively new arrangement seemed to be settling down a little. He said that the team would not cut back overhanging hedges/vegetation on private land and these should be reported to Wiltshire Council, who would then write to the householders concerned. Cutting of grass verges should also be reported to Wiltshire Council.

Paxcroft Mead Skate Park

The Chairman said that the Paxcroft Mead Residents' Association had wanted to send someone along to the meeting to give an update but no-one had attended.

Parish Governance Review

The Chairman said that wheels were moving slowly and at some point parish and town councils would be invited to send representatives to a half-day meeting to state their council's case. No date had been put forward so far, but Mr. Bielecki and Mr. Jackson expressed an interest.

Community Asset Register

The Chairman wondered if the Lion and Fiddle should be listed as a community asset, and there were feelings for and against. It was agreed, therefore, that councillors should think about this and it could be discussed further at the November meeting.

Venues for Future Meetings

The Chairman said that the Village Hall committee were considering putting in a wider staircase, which would accommodate a stair lift, to make access to the upstairs meeting room more accessible. They were also looking into the possibility of a meeting room on the ground floor. It was agreed that St. Michael's Room might be appropriate, although the lighting through the churchyard was inadequate, and the lounge area of the Village Hall bar. This could only be used if meetings started at 6.30 pm and ended before the bar opened. It was agreed that the best way forward at this stage would be to see what the Village Hall committee decided to do.

Under Standing Order 68, the following two items were classified as confidential and the members of the public present asked to withdraw

Sir William Roger Brown's (Coal) Charity

The Clerk read out the list of the 2013 recipients – four in all – who had each received £20. Of these, the name of one recipient had been deleted from the electoral register, and the Chairman said he would find out if the person concerned was still residing in the property which had been listed. Members were also asked to bring the names and addresses of any other possible recipients for 2014 to the November meeting. As always, only interest could be paid out and any shortfall would come from the Chairman's allowance.

Marsh Farm Solar Farm

The Chairman confirmed that Hilperton PV Ltd. had instructed new solicitors, and a draft agreement had been received from them. With a few minor amendments, it was agreed that this should be sent back to the company for signature.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

14/09310/ADV: Mr. G. Morrison, Wiltshire Council: Three free-standing non-illuminated sponsorship signs on roundabout north-west of 28 Castley Road, Paxcroft Mead

14/09311/ADV: Mr. G. Morrison, Wiltshire Council: Four free-standing non-illuminated sponsorship signs on roundabout south of 15 Newhurst Park, Paxcroft Mead

14/09312/ADV: Mr. G. Morrison, Wiltshire Council: Four free-standing non-illuminated sponsorship signs on roundabout south east of 16 Woodhouse Gardens Paxcroft Mead

14/09313/ADV: Mr. G. Morrison, Wiltshire Council: Three free-standing non-illuminated sponsorship signs on roundabout north east of 50 Cresswell Drive, Paxcroft Mead

The Chairman had contacted Graeme Morrison about these applications, who had said that the agents Wiltshire Council had appointed to sell spaces had projected a total income of around £3,000 per roundabout per annum, half of this going to Wiltshire Council and the other half to the agents themselves. His understanding would be that there would be no extra cost for the BBLP engineers cutting around the signs as they already had to do this with other road signs/furniture. It was agreed that no objection should be made to these applications but that the Parish Council would expect the sponsorship signs to be properly maintained once the contract commenced. (Proposed by Mr. House, seconded by Mr. Bielecki, eleven in favour with one abstention from the Chairman).

Decisions

14/07677/FUL: Edward Oatley and Son Ltd., Paxcroft Farm

Change of use of redundant store to B1 (office) and B2 (industrial) use – approval given

Notification of Planning Appeals

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

14/04412/FUL: Ashford Homes (South Western) Ltd., land west of Jasmine House, Hilperton Road
Appeals against refusal by Wiltshire Council in respect of the above planning applications

The Chairman said that, in the case of The Chase, the appeal would be by written representation, and the comments the Parish Council had already put forward would be included. It was, however, agreed that the Clerk should write to the Inspector, giving details of the Parish Council's thoughts on the new settlement boundaries in relation to this particular area.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Minutes of a meeting of Paxcroft Mead Residents' Association held on the 24th July, 2014
- b) Minutes of a meeting of Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee held on the 2nd September, 2014, and agenda for a meeting on the 7th October, 2014.

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised:-

Clerk's Salary for October, 2014	£481.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£162.96)	£643.96
John Robertson Ltd. – 5' Suffolk bench and plaque for The Knapp (including £68.44 VAT)		£410.64
The Landscape Group – Supply and maintenance of summer and winter flowers for the PC planters (including £196.46 VAT)		£1,178.77
Wessex Water – Allotment water supply 10/4/14 to 03/10/14		£168.75
I.R. Cradock and Sons – fitting new Knap bench (including £13.28 VAT)		£79.66
Mr. E. Clark – new Dictaphone for Speedwatch (Chairman's Allowance)		£19.99

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- a) 'Flooding' and 'Flood Wardens' to be included on the agenda next month.
- b) Sports pitches to be included on the agenda next month.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

Owing to time constraints, pre-meeting notes had been sent to Michael Gamble.

15. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4th November, 2014, Planning Committee meeting (commencing at 6.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 18th November, 2014, Parish Council meeting (apologies from Mrs Hayes and Mr. Jackson)

Tuesday, 16th December, 2014, Parish Council meeting (apologies from Mrs Hayes)

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

Signed Date

