

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd March 2015**

There were 10 members of the public present

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

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m. and was immediately adjourned for public comments, which included:-

Hilperton Gap – It was mentioned that it was a long time since a wildlife survey had been carried out and, before any further development, it was suggested that Wiltshire Council should be asked to do a new one.

Hilperton Gap – It was pointed out that everyone had responsibility to be stewards of green spaces for future generations. With fewer fields left, where would people go? The speaker had also witnessed people surveying the field and putting stakes in. His hope was that Wiltshire Council would listen to all the people.

Hilperton Relief Road – It was asked who was making the application to increase the speed limit to 50 m.p.h and their reasons for it. The Chairman pointed out the public consultation would start on Friday, 27th March. He also pointed out that ten years or so ago plans for the road were approved at 40 m.p.h. Wiltshire Council's Highways department had said that this was ultra vires and had put in for a 50 m.p.h. limit. The Chairman explained it was DFE Guidance. However, it was generally thought there would be a good case for it to be changed and the Chairman stressed that it was important for everyone to make full representations.

The Gap – Surveyors who had been approached confirmed that they were surveying all the fields in Hilperton Gap. The Chairman pointed out that only some of the land was shown in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, i.e. it had not all currently been offered to Wiltshire Council as building land.

Green Bins - (Chairman allowed a moment to speak even though not on the agenda) A point was made regarding provision for those who did not drive and therefore could not get to the tip, and could not afford £40 for a green bin. Also, who could stop anyone from using a neighbour's bin for their own green rubbish? It was suggested that Jane Scott, leader of Wiltshire Council, should be approached on these matters. The Chairman also informed the gathering that the Recycling Centre would be closing two days a week and would be open only between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The meeting was re-opened at 7.45 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. V. Bielecki, Mrs. M. Timms, P. C. Hough and Duncan Hames, MP.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were received.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th February, 2015, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

There were none.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Governance Review - held over until after general election.

WC budget – Nil increase; but cuts would be made. An amendment had been proposed for a 1.9% increase in Council tax but this failed. The RUH Hopper bus had now lost its WC funding.

7. POLICE

P.C. Hough had sent a report and this is held on file.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**Allotment Matters**

It was confirmed that the legal transfer had been completed in respect of the new land. All invoices had been sent out for the coming year and there were a few new plot holders. Details of estimated costs for the proposed community orchard, in the amount of £1,334, were circulated. Mrs House's letter (as Chairman of the allotment association) was read to the meeting. Ms. Fisher and Mr. Jameson had met with Mr Newbery concerning the community orchard and it was suggested that tree planting should take place in October, if possible. As far as the costs were concerned, it was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for a grant from the Area Board. It was agreed that Mr. Jameson should apply to Wiltshire Council for a grant and limit the application to £980. The Parish Council would fund a seat/bench in the future.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Council's Liaison Group

No issues. Queried whether it will keep its budget. Ian Greatwood would report back. It was thought the Parish Council might be asked to help towards supporting the group. If that question was raised it was agreed HPC would support up to £50 per annum.

Hilperton Relief Road Matters, including the naming of the new road

A list of suggestions for the naming of the new road was circulated to parish councillors. After a short discussion it was agreed that Elizabeth Way/Drive (or Elizabeth II Way/Drive) would be the preferred choice, with the second option being Hilperton Meadows/Drive.

Footpaths & Kissing Gates

It was agreed that this matter should be discussed at the next meeting. It was pointed out that the gates on the relief road were still not shutting properly and the Clerk should contact Paul Millard about this.

Wiltshire Council Community Day Works

The Chairman said he would be meeting with Mark Banks on the 31st March with regard to the next visit to Hilperton on the 8th April, and he asked people to let him know of any work that needed to be carried out.

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation – Informal Discussion on Initial Site Options DPD pre consultation

The PC response was agreed and a copy is held on file.

Weight Restriction/Speed Limits

The Chairman said that formal consultation would start on Friday, 27th March, but would close before the next Parish Council meeting. The 7½ tonne weight restriction was to be removed from Canal Road.

Agreement that there should be a 40 mph speed limit. Parish Council to object to 50 mph limit – Chairman, Ms. Turner and Clerk to come up with correct wording and reasons and email for general comment. Query if Devizes Road could be requested to be closed.

Consideration will be given under traffic calming to this.

Best Kept Village Competition 2015

It was agreed that Hilperton should be entered for the competition.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

15/01617/TCA: Mr C Morris, 1 St Michael's Close

1 x Ginko Biloba – reduce by 30%

It was agreed that the Parish Council should concur with the opinion of the tree officer.

15/02027/FUL: Miss K Lisiecki, 332 Horse Road

Flat roofed single storey extension to rear

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

15/02153/FUL: Mr and Mrs P. Curtis, 82 Lacock Gardens

Front dining room extension and rear sun lounge extension

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

15/02185/VAR|: Hilperton PV Ltd, land north of Marsh Farm, Hilperton Marsh

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 14/00592/FUL for 25 years permission to commence from first exportation of electricity to the grid. It was agreed that no objection would be made.

15/02267/VAR: Hilperton PV Ltd, land north of Marsh Farm, Hilperton Marsh

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 14/11283/FUL for 25 year permission to commence from first exportation of electricity to the grid. It was agreed that no objection would be made.

Decisions

The four decisions listed on the Agenda were **noted**.

Notice of Planning Appeal

14/07159/FUL: Mr. D. Wozniak, land west of 4 Marshmead. Appeal lodged against Wiltshire Council's refusal of the above application

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Tucker presented a letter relating to a complaint made to Wiltshire Council relating to the February meeting of the Parish Council.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee – minutes of a meeting held on the 2nd February, 2015, and agenda for a meeting on 3rd March 2015.
- b) The Clerk – March, 2015
- c) Clerks and Councils Direct – March, 2015.

12. ACCOUNTS**Payments authorised:**

Clerk's Salary for March, 2015	£481.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£119.76)	£600.76
Clerks and Councils Direct – Annual subscription		£12.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr Carbin had been approached by the residents of Honeymoon Cottage, Trowbridge Road, about the gap in the curb which allowed water to flood into their property during the storm last September. They would like the gap blocked. The Chairman stated that Wiltshire Council's highway department was aware of the request but would probably not be prepared to act on it.

Mr Tucker said that digging out the drainage grips in Whaddon Lane was needed.

The Chairman said this was something Balfour Beatty might be able to do and would be raised at his meeting with them on the 31st March.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/ LOCAL PRESS

None.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21st April, 2015. It was noted that Marylyn would be on holiday for this meeting and so Sue Walden had been asked to take the minutes in her place.

In conclusion, members of the Parish Council thanked the Chairman for the work he had done with regard to the Parish Council's response to the DPD consultation.

The meeting ended at 9.17p.m.

Signed Date