

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

There were 6 members of the public present

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

Before the start of a meeting a representative from the Warminster and District Radio Control Flying Club (WDRFCF) spoke in favour of planning application 15/02890/FUL. This was followed by a presentation representing those against this planning application. The Chairman thanked both and advised that they were welcome to remain at the meeting but not permitted to make any further comments.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology was received from Mrs M Timms.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None were received.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, were approved and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 8 - Best Kept Village Competition: The entry had gone in and had been acknowledged.  
Minute 13 - Whaddon Lane drainage grips: The Chairman said he had been in contact with Balfour Beatty regarding this and had asked for them to be cleaned on their next working day.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Sue Walden who had kindly offered to take the Minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

**6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

There was nothing to report.

**7. POLICE**

P C Hough had sent a report which was read out and is held on file.

**8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

**Allotment Matters**

Mr. Bielecki reported that most of the rentals for the original allotment plots had now been received, and the new Phase 2 plots were ready to be taken up by new tenants. The tree planting for the community orchard part of the new land would take place in the Autumn. The Parish Council had been given a gift of compost, which it was agreed could either be given to the allotment holders or used in the Autumn tree planting.

### **Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group**

Ian Greatwood reported on the recent meeting. The cost to keep the group going was £300 a year, and Hilperton Parish Council had already agreed to give support to the tune of £50 a year maximum. The next meeting of the Group was on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, where its future would be discussed. It was also brought to the Group's attention by Police of an increase in thefts of cycles, garden huts, etc. Also mentioned, as a matter of interest, was a North Bradley PC litter pick by volunteers whereby Wiltshire Council would organize collection of the rubbish bags filled.

### **Hilperton Relief Road Matters**

The Chairman reported that the preferred road name – Elizabeth Way – had now been approved by Wiltshire Council. The opening date of the road would be towards the end of August. Pam Turner reported on behalf of the Friends of Hilperton Gap Group on continuing issues, including the proposed building on the Trowbridge side of the Gap. The option of Village Green Status was discussed as a way to try to save all or part of the Gap. The Chairman informed the meeting that there was not a Neighbourhood Plan for Hilperton. Overall it was agreed this was a very difficult and expensive challenge and the Parish Council must decide how they wished to go forward. (Options – Rural Buffer, Village Green Status, a Neighbourhood Plan, which would need input from many people and would involve a great deal of work). It was suggested that George Bunting might like to come to a parish council meeting to endeavor to 'enthuse' people, as time was running short.

### **Footpaths and Kissing Gates**

Hilperton 20 Footpath: The Chairman said that the West Wiltshire Ramblers would install the gates, probably in late summer. The whole cost would be paid by the Arts Project, and the Chairman reported that the first structure in relation to hEdges of Hilperton would be going up later in the week.

### **Wiltshire Community Day Works**

The last visit had been on the 8<sup>th</sup> April and the next was scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> May (pre-meeting at Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> May). The Chairman asked members to contact him if they knew of any work that needed to be done.

### **Grant Request – Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**

The Chairman reported that £400 was given in June, 2014, and he gave details of how many homes had been made safe in the parish over the past year. Mr. Carbin proposed that £400 should be donated again this year. This was seconded by Mr. House, with all in favour.

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Applications**

15/02890/FUL: Andrew Hill, Chairman WDRCFC, re Whaddon Farm, Whaddon Lane.

Change of use of 0.405ha of arable land to use for radio controlled model aircraft flying.

A detailed discussion took place, which resulted in a proposal by Mr. Bielecki that an objection should be made to the application on the following points: the impact on wildlife; the increase in traffic volume; and noise pollution. This was agreed with seven in favour, two against and three abstentions (from the Chairman, Mr. Carbin and Mrs Sawyer).

It was also agreed that, if the planning authority was minded to grant permission, the Parish Council should ask for:-

- a) Flying time constraints
- b) Quiet aircraft only to be used, i.e. electric planes with a low noise level.

**Decisions**

15/01244/TCA: Mrs K Hannah, Oriel House, 74 Hill Street  
Felling of 3 Lawson Cypress trees – no objection made

15/0617/TCA: Mr C Morris, 1 St Michael's Close  
Reduction of one Ginko Biloba tree by 30% - no objection made.

14/11089FUL: Central Convenience Stores, Marsh Road Filling Station.  
Change of use of former car sales to hot food takeaway, and the installation of an entrance ramp and an extraction chimney – application approved.

**Tree Preservation Order Confirmation**

Re: Lion and Fiddle Public House.

Tree specified: Walnut (Juglands) to the rear of the public house in the garden area.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Wiltshire Council re Bus Passes (change of free travel times)

**11. PUBLICATIONS**

1. Local Council Review – Spring 2015
2. Countryside Voice – Spring 2015

**12. ACCOUNTS**

Clerk's Salary for April, 2015	£485.00)	
Clerk's Expenses (including use of computer)	£187.13)	£672.13
Mrs J. Clark - Payment for taking the Minutes at the March PC meeting, transcribing and typing the Minutes: 5 hours at £11 an hour		£55.00
Mr. E. Clark – Chairman's Allowance:		£72.45
Withy, King – professional charges in respect of the acquisition of one acre of land for allotments:- Fees £900 (including £150 VAT) plus Land Registry fee of £40.		£940.00

*(as the above payments were approved en bloc, the Chairman abstained from voting)*

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINES/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- a) Mention was made of the kissing gates on the Gap road, and the Chairman said that the problems with them had already been reported to Wiltshire Council.
- b) A question was raised regarding conservation rules on solar panels on houses but it was felt that this was not a parish council matter.
- c) Both Mr. Carbin and Mrs Hayes gave their apologies for the May parish council meeting.

**14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS**

Pre-meeting notes had been sent to Michael Gamble.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Annual Parish Assembly  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Parish Council AGM

**The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.**

Signed ..... Date .....

