

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 15th December, 2015**

There were twelve members of the public present.

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

Before the meeting started, a number of residents spoke against planning application 15/11884/OUT. A resident of Whaddon Lane spoke on matters relating to agenda item 8 – Whaddon Lane: white posts. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.46 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ms. P. Turner, Mr. R. House, PC M. Hough and PCSO Ellie Porter.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8 – Hilpertton Relief Road: The Chairman was still awaiting a reply from Wiltshire Council on the matter of noise levels.

Minute 8 – Playdale Playgrounds: The Clerk said she had been able to get the quote lowered to £1,050 (including VAT) for a five-year inspection package.

Minute 8 – Future Website administration: The Chairman had not yet had an opportunity to speak to David Huggins, and Ian Greatwood said he would get in touch with him.

Minute 13a: the Clerk had been informed by the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee that the netting was not a permanent fixture but a temporary feature to stop the area becoming churned up.

Minute 13b – The Chairman had reported to Wiltshire Council the fact that some street lights had been turned off in the village.

Minute 16: The Clerk said that Christmas cards and money had been delivered to the two charity recipients.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and invited members to join him after the meeting for refreshments in the Village Hall bar.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark informed members that Wiltshire Council had some funding available to purchase smoke-free playpark signs and was looking for expressions of interest from parish and town councils. The signs themselves would be free of charge but the cost to local councils would be for delivery and fitting. Mr. Greatwood would be reporting in more detail later in the meeting.

Mr. Clark said that Church Street would re-open at the end of the week for two weeks but would shut again in the new year to enable the work to be completed.

7. POLICE

The Clerk had received a report from PCSO Ellie Porter which stated that in the past month there had been 20 occurrences in the parish, only four of which might be of interest to the community. She read out details of these and the police report is held on file.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard Group

Mr. Jameson said that twenty-one trees had now been planted and work to repair the dry stone wall had started. Mr. Roger Pike had been invited to the site to see what had been achieved, but he was unable to accept the invitation, due to poor health. Three tree sponsors had come forward, and Mr. Jameson said he would give details of these to the Clerk so she could write to thank them. He thanked Pam Fisher, Rob and Lesley House and Mark Newbury for their help, together with all the volunteers who had kindly given their time and effort over the last few months.

Mr. Jackson gave details of how matters stood with regard to water rates.

Mr. House was planning to meet a tree surgeon regarding the lopping off of overhanging branches from a tree in the garden of The Old Rectory. It was agreed that he should be given a mandate to accept a quote as long as it was under £500.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

Mr. Greatwood said there had been no contact since the October meeting was cancelled, and he wondered if the group was still 'active'. He spoke further about the smoke-free play park signage and it was agreed that the Parish Council should express an interest in having one positioned at each gateway to every play park in the parish.

In conclusion, Mr. Greatwood gave details of a Community Resilience Workshop to be held on the 21st January at Southwick Village Hall, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman said that the meeting held on the 26th November had been very well attended and had resulted in the formation of a working party of twenty people. They had had their first meeting and had planned their second for January. So far no parish councillors were included in the working party, which the Chairman said was good, as this initiative must be community-led, but he thought it might be useful for one or two representatives from the Parish Council to attend some meetings.

Community Governance Review

Following the last meeting, the Clerk had written to Wiltshire Council to say that both Wiltshire councillors covering Paxcroft Mead (Oldrieve and Clark) had suggested respectively that all Paxcroft Mead should be looked at, and that the specific area north of Green Lane/east of Leapgate should be included in the revised study. She asked for advice on whether the Working Group would consider either suggestion and whether it would be open to a revised submission from Hilperton Parish Council. The reason for this request was so that – if it wished – the Parish Council could take on board some of the comments/suggestions made by Trowbridge Council in their many submissions.

She had received a response from Ian Gibbons to say that they were in the process of planning the schedule of meetings for the Review Working Group to progress decisions made by full council on the 24th November. Mr. Gibbons thought the first meeting would take place early in January when the Working Group would consider the arrangements and timescales for taking the Review forward. The Parish Council and other interested parties would be contacted after that meeting to confirm how the Working Group proposed to proceed.

Speed Indicator Devices

The Chairman said that towns and parishes had been informed by Wiltshire Council a while ago that if they wanted SIDs in their parishes they would have to pay for them. However, now they were intending to hand over council-owned SIDs to towns and parishes, and there would be two SIDs per Area Board. It was agreed that more information should be asked for and this matter discussed at the January PC meeting.

Whaddon Lane – White Posts

Following a parish councillor's request for the removal of four posts on the grass verge near to the entrance of Trojan Engineering, discussion took place on the six posts which had been installed by Wiltshire Council some time ago to help protect the grass verge (since then two had gone missing). The Chairman had spoken to Pat Whyte of Wiltshire Council about this, and he read out a few letters he had received from concerned neighbours, who wanted the posts to stay. It was agreed that Wiltshire Council should be informed that the Parish Council's recommendation was that the four posts should remain in place and the two missing ones replaced. (Proposed by Mr. Greatwood, seconded by Mrs Sawyer, ten in favour and one against).

Paxcroft Mead Skate Park

The Chairman gave a short report on the background to this proposal and said that some time ago the Parish Council had agreed in principle to fund the planning application side of it. It was agreed that the Parish Council should honour its commitment and pay the application fee. (Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, all in favour).

Re-assessment of Wayleave Agreement

The Clerk gave details of the current wayleave agreement with Scottish and Southern Energy, relating to food convertors. Now that the Parish Council owned allotment land, and as there was a power line going over part of the land, the Parish Council should be paid for this by the energy company. It was agreed that this matter should be taken forward.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

15/10408/FUL: Mr. R. Hibbard, 115e Hilperon Road

Conservatory and detached garage

It was agreed that an objection should be made to this application as the proposal would move the building line closer to Hilperon Road. (Proposed by Mrs Hayes, seconded by Ms. Fisher, ten in favour and one abstention by the Chairman).

15/11717/TPO: Wiltshire Council, Stourton Park, Paxcroft Mead BA14 7TY

Pines T5-T8 found to be the cause of direct damage to the driveway – felling of trees to ground level and replacing with trees suitable for the site and planted in an appropriate location so as to avoid damage occurring in the future.

It was agreed that, whilst the Parish Council did not wish to see the trees removed, the application should be supported in view of the damage they were now causing, but would wish to see semi-mature trees planted in their place. (Proposed by Mr. Jameson, seconded by Ms. Fisher, ten in favour with one abstention by the Chairman).

15/11119/FUL: Mrs H. Hart, 221 Church Street

Creation of new vehicular access with dropped kerb (re-submission of 15/05477/FUL)

(Mrs Packer said she would not vote on this application nor take part in any discussion regarding it)

It was agreed that, as with the previous application, no objection should be made.

15/11884/OUT: Land west of 4 Marshmead

Erection of two dwellings attached to 4 Marshmead

It was agreed that an objection should be made to this application on the following grounds:-

- a) Loss of amenity land
- b) Overdevelopment of the site
- c) Conflict with the pattern of development
- d) Out of keeping with the whole area
- e) Insufficient parking resulting in probable vehicle congestion
- f) Drainage problems in the area – there should be a full report from both Highways and the drainage authority due to historic problems before a full application is submitted.

(Proposed by the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mrs Sawyer, ten in favour with one abstention by the Chairman).

15/10766/OUT: Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust
Land opposite Outmarsh Farm, High Street, Semington
New home for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust, including administrative office space, operational offices, multifunctional training facilities and associated ancillary spaces. Operational uses to include hangar, secure medical storage, helipad, approach strip, fuelling and vehicle wash facilities. The Chairman said that this application had been sent to neighbouring parish councils to consider, although the proposed home would be in Semington. After a short discussion, it was agreed that this proposal should be fully supported.

Decisions

15/09658/FUL: Mr. N. Rugg, 9 St. Mary's Close
Single storey rear extension and front porch – approval given.

15/09450/FUL: Mr. L. Davis, 5 Marshmead
Two storey side extension with off-street parking – approval given.

15/08678/LBC: Miss S. Hilleard, 234 Church Street
Replacement fire in lounge and re-plastering to ground and first floor walls – approval given.

15/10345/FUL: Mr. M. Reynolds, 15 Marshmead
Removal of existing small porch and erection of replacement porch with pitched roof – approval given.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Village Hall Health and Safety officer re. dog walking guidance at Hilperton Village Hall.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) CPRE: The Moonraker, November, 2015
- b) CPRE: Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 28th February, 2015
- c) CPRE: Fieldwork, Winter, 2015
- d) CPRE: Countryside Voice – Winter, 2015
- e) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee – Minutes of a meeting held on the 10th November, 2015, and Agenda for a meeting on the 8th December, 2015.
- f) Local Council Review – Winter, 2015

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised since the last meeting –

Officeright – Stationery (including £6.76 VAT)	£40.56
Mr. W. Jameson – Trees and tree guards for Community Orchard	£450.27
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. – Five-year package/annual inspection (including £175.00) VAT)	£1,050.00

Payments authorised this meeting –

Clerk's Salary for December, 2015	£485.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£203.04)	£688.04
SLCC – Annual subscription		£103.00
Mr. W. Jameson – Stakes, clips and preparation of orchard land		£82.40

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- a) Mr. Greatwood suggested that a 'lorry watch' might be included within speed watch. Although it was generally considered to be impracticable, the Chairman said he would contact the police.
- b) Mr. Jameson referred to a new entrance which had appeared on a property in Devizes Road. The Chairman said this had been reported to Wiltshire Council's planning enforcement team.
- c) The Chairman said that Highways had been informed that a 20mph speed limit sign at the Lion and Fiddle had been removed.
- d) In answer to Mrs Packer's question about gritting in Church Street, the Chairman said the road would be gritted this year as it was on a bus route, but he did not know what might happen in the future.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

- a) Smoke-free play park signs.
- b) Community Orchard update
- d) Neighbourhood Plan working group

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 19th January, 2016.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

Signed Date

