

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.45 p.m. pm on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016**

There were four members of the public present

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

Before the start of the meeting, a neighbour spoke against planning application 16/11005/FUL, and the applicant in respect of planning application 16/10824/FUL spoke in favour of his proposal. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.53 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Kate Hayes and PCSO Maria Badder.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th November, 2016, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8: Paxcroft Mead Skate Park: The Clerk had written to Adrian Ingham giving the reasons for the Parish Council's decision.

Minute 8 – Hilperton Drive: The Chairman had logged the concerns about speeding and the crossing point with Wiltshire Council.

Minute 16 – Sir William Roger Brown's (Coal) Charity: Christmas cards and money had been delivered to the recipients.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

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

b) Marsh Farm Solar Farm: Now that the variation to the original application had been approved, a new agreement had been sent to the Parish Council by the Foresight Group and had been signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk before being returned.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Mr. Clark reported on a meeting he had had recently with the Head of Strategic Planning in connection with housing supply figures.

7. POLICE

PCSO Maria Badder had sent a report regarding local crimes over the past month, which was read out by the Clerk.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard

The Clerk said that the grant of £446 had now been received from the Trowbridge Area Board. Ms. Fisher thanked Mr. Greatwood for his help with the trees and stakes, and Mr. Jameson said that four more

people had offered to sponsor fruit trees. Mr. House said that a few people had decided not to carry on with their allotment plots next year but there were still people on the waiting list.

Mr. Jackson had produced and spoke about a financial statement dated 11/12/16, copies of which were tabled. It was agreed his new format should be adopted, and Mr. Jackson was thanked for his efforts.

Trowbridge Community Area Parish Councils' Liaison Group

Mr. Greatwood said that a meeting was planned for the 26th January, 2017, at West Ashton Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman said that an application for a grant of £4,800 had been completed and sent to 'Groundwork'. The screening draft was submitted to Wiltshire Council on the 1st December and things were moving along quickly and ahead of schedule.

St. Michael's Pre-School Plans

Ms. Turner said she had nothing to report.

Parish Council Website

Mr. Uncles said that David Huggins had been extremely busy but hoped to work on the website over the Christmas period. This would be discussed further at the January, 2017, meeting.

Signs at the Village Hall

The Chairman, Ms. Turner and Mrs Sawyer confirmed their status as trustees of the village hall before discussion took place.

As requested, a breakdown of the costs had now been received, and it was therefore confirmed that the Parish Council would contribute £500. (Proposed by Viv Packer, seconded by Mr. Uncles, eleven in favour and one abstention).

Additional Village Maintenance

Following a site meeting in November, a quote had been received from The Landscape Group id verde for additional grass cutting at Lacock Gardens, Wyke Road, Millards Close and Stourton Park. Copies were tabled and the Chairman went through the costs and work involved in detail. It was agreed that the Parish Council should accept the quotation of £1,710.00 plus VAT. (Proposed by Mrs Sawyer, seconded by Ms. Fisher, all in favour). Mr. Carbin suggested that a check should be made on the sites during the summer of 2017, and members were in favour of this.

A letter had been received from the PCC Secretary for St. Michael and All Angels Church thanking the Parish Council for its offer to boost the numbers of grass cuts in the churchyard during the summer months, which the PCC was happy to accept. They also understood that the Parish Council was willing to fund a day's work for a contractor in the churchyard and they would like to accept any such offer, as there was still an amount to do following a recent working morning. It was agreed that this one-off cost should be paid for by the Parish Council. (Proposed by Mr. Jameson, seconded by Ms. Fisher, all in favour).

Works for the Parish Steward

The Chairman reminded members that this would be a regular agenda item.

Devizes Road Sports Pitches

Note was taken of TTC's decision to fund the contribution towards the purchase and development of land to provide grass and all-weather pitches, car parking and changing rooms, in the amount of £1,472,000 over 50 years.

Housing Site Allocations Plan

The Chairman said consideration by Cabinet of the draft Housing Site Allocations Plan had been deferred to 2017, most probably sometime in May.

Gates along Middle Lane

The Chairman said that there was some concern that as the whole length of the Hilperton Relief Road had badger-proof fencing and there was also a badger tunnel next to Middle Lane, if the gates were to be removed the badgers would presumably try to cross the road 'on the level' and either get killed and/or cause a car crash. The footpath warden said he would check with the ecology team to see what they thought but he had to consider the safety of horse riders who had to navigate through the gates. It was agreed that the Parish Council should await his response after checking with the ecology team.

Possible Change of Date for the 2017 Annual Parish Assembly

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the proposed date for the 2017 Annual Parish Assembly should be changed to the 4th April.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

16/10824/FUL: Mr. and Mrs P. Payne, The Cottage, 259 Hill Street
Proposed replacement detached dwelling

It was agreed that no objection should be made to this application

16/10912/ADV: Marstons plc. The Red Admiral, Hackett Place
Replacement signage

It was agreed that no objection should be made to this application

16/11005/FUL: Mr. N. Yates, 37 Newhurst Park, Paxcroft Mead
Conversion of existing integral double garage for intended change in use to a commercial fitness studio.
It was agreed that a strong objection should be made to what the Parish Council understood was a retrospective application, as the fitness studio had already opened for business.

- Parking issues: There was very little on-street parking in the area and the extra vehicles generated by the fitness studio were already exacerbating the problem and could also cause environmental damage.
- Noise: This was a great problem and inconvenience for neighbours who were having to put up with noise (including loud music and slam balls) during very unsociable hours.
- Position: This commercial fitness studio was operating in the middle of a housing estate which had been designed as a residential area, and was therefore out of keeping with the surroundings.

16/11249/FUL: Mr. A. Langley, 256 Hill Street
Demolition of existing single skin rear wing and replacement with new extension to form new kitchen with bedroom and bathroom over, along with new parking facilities parallel with Hill Street.
It was agreed that no objection should be made to this application.

16/09786/FUL: Mr. O. Keates, 25 Marsh Farm, Marsh Road
Change of use to B2 – Vehicle MOT Station
It was agreed that no comment should be made to this application

Decisions

16/08560/VAR: Land at Marsh Farm, Marsh Road
Variation of condition two of planning permission 14/00592/FUL to extend the length of planning permission to 2055 – approval given.

16/10126/FUL: 33 St. Mary's Gardens
Single storey side extension – approval given

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) CPRE: Wiltshire Voice, November, 2016; Countryside Voice, Winter, 2016; Field Work, Winter, 2016.
- b) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Committee - Minutes of a meeting held on the 8th November, 2016, and Agenda for a meeting on the 6th December, 2016.
- c) Local Council Review – Winter, 2016.

12. ACCOUNTS**Payments authorised since the last meeting**

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – two wreaths for commonwealth graves in the cemetery (Chairman's Allowance)	£40.00
Mrs L. House – Plants for the War Memorial	£154.16

Payments authorised this meeting

Clerk's Salary for December, 2016)	£485.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£143.04)	£628.04
Society of Local Council Clerks – Subscription for 2017		£103.00
Officeright – Stationery, including £6.23 VAT		£37.38

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- a) Mr. Greatwood referred to the multi-coloured markings on local roads, which had all but disappeared. The Chairman said he would contact Wiltshire Council about when the road works might take place.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

The Chairman said there would be no January publication of the parish magazine.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 17th January, 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed Date