

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,  
at 7.45 p.m. pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017**

There were no members of the public present

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, were approved and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 8 – Car Parking Issues: The Chairman had met Kirsty Rose from Highways earlier in the day and gave members an idea of what changes could be made. It was agreed that full discussion on this issue should take place at the April PC meeting.

Minute 9 – Other Planning Matters: The Chairman said it had been unnecessary for a member of the Parish Council to attend the Western Area Planning Committee meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, as the application for land south of The Grange had been pulled from the draft Agenda.

Minute 13b – Overgrown Hedge: This had been reported to WC.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chairman informed members of the recent death of Mrs. Sheila Thomason, a former member and Chairman of the Parish Council, and all those present stood for a minute's silence.

**6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Mr. Clark had little to report as Wiltshire Council was in purdah until the May elections. He gave details of recent grants approved by the Trowbridge Area Board.

**7. POLICE**

The Chairman informed members that PCSO Ella-Maria Badder had left the Trowbridge Rural Policing Team and had moved to Bradford-on-Avon. PCSO Ellie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report on local crimes over the past month, which the Clerk read out.

**8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

**Allotment Matters/Community Orchard**

The Clerk said that all invoices for the forthcoming year had been sent to ploholders, and payments were now beginning to come in. A few people had decided to give up their plots but would be replaced by those on the waiting list. Mr. House said that Plot 32 had now been made into two half-plots. One had already been taken and he was hopeful the other would be rented shortly.

Mr. Jameson said that two more people had come forward to sponsor fruit trees.

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

After the last PC meeting, the Chairman had contacted the Chairman of the Liaison Group and had been informed that there would be no further meetings until after the May elections. It was agreed that this item should be taken off the Agenda for April and May.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman said that good progress continued to be made. He referred to the changes in parish boundaries from the 1<sup>st</sup> April which could cause an anomaly for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Trowbridge Town Council had said they would be happy for the houses shortly to be transferred into their parish to stay in the NDP but they would have to be consulted on issues and would have a right to veto. The consultant, David King, had said that if it was decided that the area in question should be reviewed he did not think it would delay matters unduly. The NDP Steering Group had recently unanimously agreed that Wiltshire Council should be requested to change the NDP boundary to the new one after the 1<sup>st</sup> April and, bearing this in mind, it was agreed that the Steering Group should be supported and that the Parish Council should - on the 1<sup>st</sup> April - contact Wiltshire Council and request them to change the NDP boundary to align with the new post-1<sup>st</sup> April parish boundary. (Proposed by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Jameson, all in favour).

### **St. Michael's Pre-School Plans**

The Chairman said that the Area Board had recently approved a grant of £20,000 towards the project.

Ms. Turner thanked Mr. Jackson and Mr. House for the advice they had given recently, she said matters were speeding along, the government grant was already in the hands of Wiltshire Council and the final plans should be drawn up within a week. So, hopefully, in six weeks' time they would be approved and building could commence.

The Chairman reminded members of the Parish Council's decision to foot the legal bill for the ground work. He also referred to a conveyance dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1939, recently picked up by the Clerk from the County Records Office, which clearly stated that the land in question had been purchased by the Parish Council, not donated to them. The Trust Deed indicated that the legal body which made decisions relating to the land was the Village Hall Management Committee rather than the Parish Council. Solicitors had also advised that the Parish Council's agreement would be required for any new buildings, so the Chairman asked members to decide if the Parish Council would be happy to endorse decisions made by the Trustees of the Village Hall in respect of the pre-school plans, with the Chairman and the Clerk being delegated to act on behalf of the Parish Council on any contentious issues. This was agreed. (Proposed by Mr. Carbin, seconded by Mr. House, twelve in favour and one against).

### **Works for the Parish Steward**

The Chairman asked members to contact him as soon as possible with details of work that should be done on the Parish Steward's visit early in April. Potholes at the Marsh Road end of Horse Road and along Whaddon Lane were brought to his attention.

### **Local Elections**

The Chairman reminded members that the elections would take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. All members of the Parish Council would retire, and if any sought re-election as a parish councillor he/she should return their nomination forms by the 4<sup>th</sup> April to Wiltshire Council, no later than 4 p.m. on the final day and **by hand**. They must not be posted. He said the Wiltshire Council offices were open between 10am and 4 pm. Monday to Friday.

### **Trees along Trowbridge Road**

The Clerk had now heard from David Wyatt who had said that, as the trees in question were not clearly visible from the road and as there was no known threat to them or any indication of change of land

ownership or land use, placing preservation orders on them was not something that could be considered at the present time. But if there was a change in circumstances a TPO option would be considered.

### **Gates along Middle Lane**

The Clerk said that Paul Millard was going to meet with one of the County Ecologists so that they could look at the crossing in detail. She would contact him when the meeting had taken place.

### **Annual Parish Assembly**

The Chairman reminded members that this would take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 p.m.

### **Newhurst Park Parking Issues**

The Clerk had been in touch with Pat Whyte regarding the possibility of putting in white plastic posts along the stretch of verge affected. The Chairman had established that about five posts would be needed and suggested that the Parish Council might consider making a contribution to the costs. It was agreed that up to £250 should be paid by the Parish Council, and CATG asked to fund the remainder. (Proposed by Mrs Sawyer, seconded by Ms. Fisher, all in favour).

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Applications**

17/01042/FUL: Mrs L. Bolton, The Mead Community Primary School

Single storey timber nursery building

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

17/01129/FUL: Mr. S. Cant, 58 Newhurst Park, Paxcroft Mead

Demolition of garage and erection of a two-storey side extension, extension of existing drop kerb and creation of parking space to side of drive

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

17/01236/FUL: Mr. D. Philpott, 5 Stuart Close

Proposed two storey side extension

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

17/01250/REM: Hill Homes Ltd., land south of Devizes Road

Reserved matters application for the scale, layout and external appearance of the development and landscaping of the site following outline approval for the erection of up to 15 dwellings (13/06879/OUT)

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

- a) The plans showed the affordable housing in one particular area. It was considered that these should be 'pepper-potted' around the site.
- b) No consideration had been given to properties for the ageing demographic. All the private housing on the plans showed four-bedroomed properties and there was a lack of provision for smaller properties/bungalows.
- c) There was nothing in the plans which would secure the open space in perpetuity, and a condition should be imposed which would do this. Otherwise there was a concern that the area designated as open space might come back for development in the future.

(Proposed by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs Hayes, eleven in favour, one against, and one abstention by the Chairman).

### **Decisions**

16/10760/FUL: Mr. R. Pengilly, 2c Horse Road

New shed in rear garden – approval given

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letters of thanks for the grants given to St. Michael's pre-school, Hilperton PCC, and 1<sup>st</sup> Hilperton Scouts.

**11. PUBLICATIONS**

- a) Paxcroft Mead Community Centre Management Committee - Minutes of a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, and Agenda for a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.  
 b) Clerks and Councils Direct – March, 2017.  
 c) The Clerk – March, 2017

**12. ACCOUNTS****Payments authorised**

Clerk's Salary for march, 2017	£485.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£210.33)	£695.33

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

- a) Car parking issues for the April agenda.  
 b) Mr. Carbin said the Parish Council should be registered with the Information Commissioner's office in respect of data protection, and he would send details to the Clerk.  
 c) Mr. House said that he and his wife had recently cleared up a load of rubbish left by footballers on the playing field. The Chairman to contact the Chairman of the village hall so that the Management Committee, before the start of the new football season in the autumn, can speak to the footballers about the problem.

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

Due to time constraints, pre-meeting notes had been sent to the Parish News.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Parish Assembly: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, to be followed by a planning committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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