

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE,  
on THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2018, at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. E. Clark (Chairman) Cllr. S. Sawyer  
Cllr. P. Fisher Cllr. V. Packer  
Cllr. S. Uncles Cllr. R. House  
Cllr. D. Swift Cllr. K. Jackson  
Cllr. K. Hayes

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Carbin, Greatwood and Turner.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were none.

**3. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A RESPONSE FROM HILPERTON  
PARISH COUNCIL TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S REVISED HOUSING  
SITES ALLOCATION PLAN, ESPECIALLY WHERE THAT RELATES  
TO LAND IN THE HILPERTON GAP (if felt appropriate)**

After a detailed discussion, the attached response to Wiltshire Council was agreed  
(Proposed by Cllr. Packer, seconded by Cllr. Fisher, all in favour)

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

# **RESPONSE FROM HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S REVISED HOUSING SITE ALLOCATION PLAN**

Hilperton Parish Council congratulates Trowbridge Town Council for its work on its Housing Site Allocations Plan Alternative Submission.

The Parish Council endorses the Resolutions agreed by the Town Council at an Extraordinary meeting of its Policy and Resources Committee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, and especially E, F, G and I.

The Parish Council wishes to formally object to the following suggested Wiltshire Council allocations as they are clearly contrary to Wiltshire Council's adopted Core Strategy, specially paragraph 5.150 on page 181 reproduced below:-

*It is recognised that the villages surrounding Trowbridge - particularly Hilperton, Southwick, North Bradley and West Ashton - have separate and distinct identities as villages. Open countryside should be maintained to protect the character and identity of these villages as separate communities. The local communities may wish to consider this matter in more detail in any future community-led neighbourhood planning.*

**263/297/293 (part) – Hilperton Gap**, located in Hilperton parish. Hilperton Parish Council policy is to oppose development in the Hilperton Gap in order to prevent its coalescence with Trowbridge.

**298 North Bradley Gap**, located in North Bradley parish..

**3565 Southwick Court Gap**, located in Southwick and North Bradley parishes.

None of these suggestions would maintain open countryside between the town and the villages, nor would they protect the character and identity of these villages as separate communities.

Furthermore, Hilperton Parish Council is confused as to why Wiltshire Council has now 'recommended' that 355 houses could be constructed on the land west of Elizabeth Way. This increase from the original suggestion of 205 (which allowed for landscaping etc.) would indicate that the spatial planning team at Wiltshire Council is far from competent in seeking suitable housing sites in the Trowbridge Community Area and too easily changes its stance to suit the suggestions of developers.

**Resolved by Hilperton Parish Council  
at an Extraordinary Parish Council  
Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**