

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th April, 2019**

There were no members of the public present.

PRESENT	Cllr. E. Clark	Cllr. P. Fisher
	Cllr. S. Sawyer	Cllr. D. Swift
	Cllr. S. Uncles	Cllr. R. House
	Cllr. I. Greatwood	Cllr. K. Jackson
	Cllr. T. Carbin	Cllr. K. Hayes
	Cllr. P. Turner	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Packer.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th March, 2019, were approved and signed.

4. CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS PC MEETING

Minute 8 – 20mph speed limit for part of Whaddon Lane: This community issue 7069 would be discussed by the Area Board shortly.

Minute 8 – Devizes Road and its possible permanent closure: This community issue 7071 would be discussed by the Area Board shortly.

Minute 8 – CPRE Best Kept Village competition: The Clerk had entered Hilpertont in the competition in the large village category.

Minute 8 – Noise from traffic along Elizabeth Way: The Clerk had still heard nothing from Stephen Taylor of Persimmon, despite another 'chase-up' bus she said she would try again. In the meantime, Cllr. Hayes gave details of the steps she was taking to try to resolve the issue, including contacting WC to find out the cost of renting/purchasing noise monitoring equipment and who she might approach.

Minute 8 – Village Hall play area, provision of new seating and picnic benches: The Clerk had contacted the Chairman of the Village Hall and he said the committee would get some quotes for the provision of two new picnic tables and two benches.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman said he had attended the HSAP hearing the previous week. He had also attended the Trowbridge Civic dinner a few weeks ago. The card that members of the Parish Council had sent to Cllr. Packer had been acknowledged with thanks by her.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Clark gave details of his recent trip to see the Bustards on Salisbury Plain.

7. POLICE

PCSO Melissa Glover was not in attendance and no report had been received.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard

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Cllr. House had recently attended the AGM of the Allotments Association, which now had 51 allotment holders as members. Only one plot was vacant and it would shortly be taken over – he said he would give details to the Clerk when this happened. The Clerk herself had sent out some reminder notices to tenants who had not yet paid their rentals, and she would give details to Cllr. House.

A cider press had been obtained and there would be an apple pressing day in the autumn at the orchard.

Cllr. House said volunteers were measuring up timber required to create a ramp up to a new hut, and he should have an idea of how much this would cost by the next PC meeting. It was agreed that this should be included in the May PC agenda.

Mrs Lesley House had written to ‘Gardeners’ World’ in the hope that Hilperton Allotments could be shown on a future programme about allotment gardening.

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Examination

The Chairman said that three groups from Hilperton had spoken at the examination, and there were quite a few members of the public from Hilperton. He understood that the Gap Action Group might not now need the grant of £500 offered to them by the Parish Council in respect of independent expert advice.

Works for the Parish Steward

The Parish Steward would be in the village on the 23rd and 24th April.

Defibrillators – update

The Chairman had recently met Julia Doel of the South Western Ambulance Service on site at the Village Hall, and the first defibrillator had been ordered. The cost for this would be £1,800 (plus VAT) for the initial defibrillator for a four-year term, which would include an annual awareness/training session. If a defibrillator needed to be ordered, it could take a few months to arrive, but if there was a spare one this could be installed quite quickly.

Hills Development, Centenary Close, Devizes Road – Offsite Children’s Play Contribution

The Chairman had been informed by Wiltshire Council that the contributions from Hills (£4,026) and Charlcombe Homes (£5,168) could both be used at Lacock Gardens. This total amount of £9,194 would be index-linked. Discussion then took place on whether or not it would be worth the Parish Council adding to this amount to provide some decent play equipment. Cllr. Turner said she would get in touch with Playdale to see what their current prices were and – in view of comments made by Cllr. House – the Clerk was asked to contact WC and ask when Charlcombe Homes would be asked to pay their CIL.

Wiltshire Council Play Areas – Interest received from councils/communities for their future provision

In the WC March Highways newsletter there was a report entitled ‘Last Call for Play Areas’. It said that for a number of years WC had been asking local communities if they wished to provide for the few remaining WC-owned play areas. They had been working with those councils and communities who had registered an interest but they still had a small number of play areas without any registration of interest. The Clerk had asked what their records showed regarding play areas in the parish, and they had come up with Millards Close, Foxglove Drive, Stourton Park and Lacock Gardens. The

whole question of play areas and their upkeep had already been discussed by the Parish Council, and it was agreed that things should be left as they were for the time being.

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Wiltshire Council Commercial and Top-Up Services – Sweeping of Roads and Pavements

The Clerk gave councillors details of WC's top up services with regard to road and pavement sweeping. It was agreed that nothing should be done until details had been received from Trowbridge Town Council of the cost of sharing with other neighbouring councils a weed killer/street sweeper service.

Additional Village Maintenance 2019

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the same extra grass cutting services provided by Id Verde at six locations in the village in 2018 should be asked for again this year (Proposed by Cllr. Sawyer, seconded by Cllr. Hayes, all in favour). The Clerk said that the cost would be the same and she would contact Id Verde immediately with the Council's decision.

War Memorial – Maintenance of Plants and Sweeping

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay an amount of £360 (£12 a week for 30 weeks from the beginning of April) for the maintenance of plants at the War Memorial, and sweeping in the area.

Possible Hire of the Village Hall for Humanist Funerals

This matter had been put on the agenda following an enquiry about the possibility of hiring the Village Hall for a non-religious funeral service. Both the Village Hall committee and the Vicar had no issues with this, but the Chairman of the Village Hall felt that the Parish Council should be asked for its opinion. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would have no objection.

Local Wiltshire Council Highways Town and Parish Meetings

Cllr. Greatwood kindly offered to attend the meeting at County Hall, Trowbridge, on the 15th May (7pm to 9pm) on behalf of the Parish Council.

Amendments to Parking Restrictions in Hilperton

Full details of the amendments to parking restrictions in Hilperton had been received from Wiltshire Council.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

19/02369/FUL: Mr. P. Otterwell, 1a Horse Road

Demolition of existing double garage and construction of side extension with integral garage and car port. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the application, on the grounds that the plans appeared to show the creation of an additional area, not linked to the main dwelling, which could be used as separate accommodation. Also the Parish Council was unclear as to what provision had been made for adequate car parking. (Proposed by Cllr. Jackson, seconded by Cllr. Hayes, eight in favour, two against and one abstention by the Chairman).

19/03233/FUL: 18 Princess Gardens

Construction of new garage to side to replace existing prefabricated concrete sectional garage. It was agreed that no objection should be made to this application.

Decisions

18/07850/VAR: Land south of Devizes Road

Variation of condition 4 (approved plans) of outline permission 13/06879/OUT and condition 1 (approved plans) of reserved matters approval 17/01250/REM to allow for revision to the pedestrian access to the site and associated changes to landscaping – approval given.

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19/00394/LBC: 231 and 232 Church Street

Replacement of six windows at the rear of 231 and 232 Church Street (four at 232 and two at 231) – approval given.

19/00874/FUL: Home Farm, Whaddon Lane

Change of use of agricultural building to uses under class B8 Storage and B2 General Industrial in association with site-based fabrication business (re-submission of 18/06726/FUL) – application refused.

19/00968/FUL: Mr. and Mrs K. Horler, 12 Ashton Rise

Rear extension with room in the roof – application refused.

19/00993/TPO: 1 Foxglove Drive

T1 – Willow tree: re-pollard to previous pollard points: T2 – Ash tree: reduce by 25%: T3 – Maple tree: fell. Approval given.

19/01072/FUL: 20 Horse Road

Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory and first floor extension over the existing – approval given.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. PUBLICATIONS

None received.

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised:

Clerk's Salary for April, 2019	£512.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£208.88)	£720.88
IdVerde – planting/maintenance of planters, March, 2019 (including £20.27 VAT)		£121.60
IdVerde – extra village maintenance, February, 2019 (including £36.75 VAT)		£220.48

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

a) The problem with dog fouling along Elizabeth Way – the Chairman to contact Pat Whyte at Highways to find out how much it would cost to purchase a bin and arrange for it to be emptied.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

Notes to be prepared by 20th April.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21st May, 2019 (Annual Meeting).

Annual Parish Assembly – Tuesday, 7th May, 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Date