

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019**

PRESENT	Cllr. E. Clark	Cllr. S. Sawyer
	Cllr. S. Uncles	Cllr. T. Carbin
	Cllr. P. Fisher	Cllr. D. Swift
	Cllr. G. Boreham	Cllr. K. Hayes
	Cllr. D. Smokcum	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Prevett, Tucker and Turner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th November, 2019, were approved and signed, subject to one amendment. Under 'Items for Future Agendas' c) the word 'Christmas' should read 'Christian'.

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

Minute 8 – Devizes Road Blocking: The results of the survey had been sent to Kirsty Rose at Wiltshire Council and had been acknowledged. She said she would contact the emergency services to ask for their thoughts on Option 1., she would then collate the responses, once received, and issue them to the Parish Council.

Minute 8 – King's Arms Junction Redesign: The Clerk had written to Kirsty Rose to ask when the results of the metro count would be received. She responded to say she had not yet received a response but would continue to chase the officers involved.

Minute 8 – Community Governance Review: Both the Chairman and Cllr. Turner attended the meeting on the 11th December, and the views of the Parish Council had been reiterated.

Minute 8 – Grant Requests: Cheques had been sent and gratefully acknowledged by the parties concerned.

Minute 8 – Tree Fest: The Clerk had written to Tony Roddis and had also put notices up on the notice boards.

Minute 8 – Trowbridge Area Board: The Clerk had contacted Kieran Elliott and had given him Cllr. Turner's e-mail address to send on to Edward Kirk.

Minute 16 – Coal Charity: The Clerk had sent donations and Christmas cards to the four recipients.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

a) The Chairman said that he and the Clerk had met recently with a representative of the firm planning to locate a solar farm on an area of land off Whaddon Lane.

b) The Clerk had recently sent a second letter (on behalf of Wiltshire Council) to various residents of Marsh Road in respect of the maintenance of ditches and watercourses along a stretch of the road.

c) The Chairman said that Cllr. Prevett had been unwell recently but hoped to return to full health before too long.

d) The white posts at Marshmead had recently been installed, and residents were happy with the result.

e) The Chairman invited members to join him in the Village Hall bar for refreshments following the meeting.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Clark said that he would be meeting on Friday morning with Barratts concerning land owned by them in the Gap. There would be a Wiltshire Council planning officer present.

7. POLICE

PCSO Matthew Till's report concerned a) damage to a parked car on Horse Road between the 16th and 17th November; b) damage to parked cars on Navigator Close between the 27th and 28th November; and c) a report of sheep on the road at Whaddon Lane on the 15th November.

7. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard

In the absence of Cllr. House there was nothing to report.

Works for the Parish Steward

The Chairman said the Parish Steward would be in the village next on the 6th and 7th January, 2020, and asked parish councillors to contact him regarding work that needed to be done.

Defibrillators – update

The Chairman said that payment for the fourth and fifth defibrillators (for the primary school and Marsh Stores) had been made by the Parish Council. The South Western Ambulance Service had the two defibs. ready to be installed, and the Chairman was waiting to hear from the electrician to confirm the dates for their fitting.

Trowbridge Town Council – Road Sweeper Scheme

The Clerk read out an e-mail from Lance Allan which said that the Town Council had taken delivery of a road sweeper in September and had been using it since, to improve the look of their streets and pavements. Residents seemed to be pleased with the service compared to that provided (or not) by Wiltshire Council. Some parish councils had expressed interest about having such a service provided by the Town Council, and Mr. Allan said that the likely cost would be around £350 a day which would cover the sweeper, driver, all consumables and disposal of the waste to a licensed waste carrier. A discussion followed which indicated that this was a good idea, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Carl Maddox at TTC to ask him how long he thought it would take a sweeper each time to do all the parish streets. This could then be discussed further.

Trowbridge Town Council – Speed Indicator Devices

Another e-mail had been received from Lance Allan, which said that following research by TTC into the possibility of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use by the Trowbridge Community area parishes as well as the Town Council, they now had the approval of CATG to make some progress. Mr. Allan was confident that TTC staff could undertake the work required; to obtain permission for installation on appropriate columns on the highway; and undertake that installation and re-installation; and no road closures were needed for this activity.

He had based the costs on purchasing one SID and moving it once a month to one of twelve locations which would be offered to Hilperton, West Ashton, North Bradley and Southwick in addition to Trowbridge town. The proposed SID unit would be solar powered and the total cost would be £3,663.97 (including purchase price, mounting, spare battery and spare charger). He therefore proposed that if TTC made a bid to the Area Board for funding the total capital costs, then the costs of installations, moving, charging etc. would need to be covered by the parishes and the town council at a rate of £305 for each location in each parish, which would therefore be £610 per parish per annum.

In his e-mail, Mr. Allan had said that locations could change from one year to the next, if required. If any parish would like the SID moved during the month so that it spent a fortnight in each of the two

locations, there would be an additional cost. The Clerk was asked to find out what that additional cost might be and also ascertain what kind of SID was proposed, i.e. a ‘smiley-face’ type or one indicating a vehicle’s speed. This could then be discussed further.

Request for a reduction in the speed limit along the A361 between the start of the speed restriction adjacent to the Trowbridge RFC to the roundabout with Ashton Road

The Chairman gave details of a request to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along this stretch of road. He wished Wiltshire Council to look at this again because of the potential expansion of the facilities at the rugby club and the increased use of the ‘business units’ at Paxcroft Farm, all leading to higher traffic volumes. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should support this request, and the Clerk was asked to forward the traffic survey request form to Wiltshire Council.

The new Parking Area in Church Street

Cllr. Boreham spoke about the problems encountered when the whole parking area alongside Hilperton House was full of parked cars. Anyone wishing to drive past the parked cars could (and many had) have problems with another vehicle approaching from the opposite direction, as there was nowhere to move to avoid the oncoming vehicle. Cllr. Boreham felt this could be alleviated by taking away one parking space – the length of one car. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to contact Kirsty Rose at WC to ask for the parking area to be shortened by one car length at the Knapp end.

Cleaning mud off the road in the Knapp

Cllr. Boreham said that, on entering the Knapp, the path leading off it on the right hand side was a dreadful mess and covered in mud. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should liaise to come up with a suitable letter to send to the owner concerned, indicating that the highway should be cleared.

Remembrance Day – possible changes to the Roll of Honour

Cllr. Boreham felt that, rather than refer to the initials of people included on the Roll of Honour, their full Christian names should be quoted. He himself would be happy to help in any way with this. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr. Sawyer should have a word with the vicar, John Rees.

Millards Close Play Area – Issue with the Gates

The Chairman said he was still waiting for a quote from Id Verde for a new gate, and would chase them up.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

19/10805/FUL: Trowbridge Town Council, land to the east of Trowbridge Rugby Club
New sports facility to include a new fenced and floodlit 3G artificial grass pitch and a new pavilion, providing inclusive ancillary facilities to support the pitch, together with new community coaching and education rooms and a training room/gym for use by football and rugby club users. A new access road and additional parking also proposed.

Members spoke of their inability to access the plans on line in relation to this application, or print them, and it was agreed that until the plans could be accessed the Parish Council would have to defer discussion of the application. The planning officer concerned should be told that there was obviously a problem with Wiltshire Council’s website and the inability of anyone to download anything of importance regarding the application. He should be informed that the January, 2020, PC meeting would be held on the 21st and this was when the Parish Council proposed to discuss the application, by which time – hopefully – the problems would be resolved.

19/11565/TCA: The Manor House, Hill Street

Works to trees in a conservation area: T1 – Sycamore – reduce by 1m and shape; T2 – Rowan – reduce by 0.5m and shape; group of Conifers – fell.

It was agreed there should be no objection to this application as long as the planning officer concerned agreed with the proposals.

Decisions

19/09426/FUL and 19/09674/LBC

The King's Arms, Wyke Road - Extension of the existing rear single storey extension. Full refurbishment and alterations to the first floor – approval given.

19/10118/FUL: Land west of 4a Marshmead - Erection of a detached single garage at the rear, accessible from an existing driveway with existing dropped kerb – approval given.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) CPRE: Countryside Voices and Field Work – Winter, 2019
- b) Flooding – WC Operational Flood Working Groups News – November, 2019
- c) WALC Newsletter – December, 2019

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised since the last meeting:

Mrs L. House – plants and compost	£57.49
HELP Counselling Services – Section 137 grant	£500.00
Carers Support, Wiltshire – Section 137 grant	£1,000.00
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Two defibrillators for Hilperton Primary School and Marsh Stores – including £400.00 VAT	£2,400.00

Payments authorised this meeting:

Clerk's Salary for December, 2019	£512.00	
Clerk's Expenses	£231.66	£743.66
Id Verde – planting/maintenance of planters, November, 2019 (including £20.27 VAT)		£121.60
Id Verde – extra grass cutting, November, 2019 (including £36.75 VAT)		£220.48
CPRE – Annual subscription 2020	£36.00	
Hilperton Home and Garden Maintenance – cleaning of bus shelters and notice boards		£120.00

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- a) It was reported that a wooden post had been knocked off at Greenhill Gardens, but it was understood that this had been reported to Wiltshire Council.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS/LOCAL PRESS

A report had been sent to Michael Gamble to cover both the December and January editions.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 21st January, 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed Date

