

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st January, 2020**

PRESENT	Cllr. E. Clark	Cllr. S. Sawyer
	Cllr. S. Uncles	Cllr. R. House
	Cllr. T. Carbin	Cllr. K. Hayes
	Cllr. D. Swift	Cllr. G. Boreham
	Cllr. P. Turner	Cllr. D. Smokcum
	Cllr. C. Preveatt	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Fisher and Tucker.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that, on behalf of the Parish Council, he had sent a card and a bouquet of flowers to the Clerk.

4. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Clark had nothing to report.

5. POLICE

There was nothing to report.

6. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard

There was nothing to report.

Works for the Parish Steward

The Chairman asked parish councillors to send him details of work that needed to be carried out on the Parish Steward's next visit.

Setting the Precept for 2020/2021

After a discussion it was agreed that the Precept should remain at £14.28 per annum (per Band D property) In view of a slight increase in Band D properties in the parish from last year, this would bring in a Precept of £23,154.88. (Proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. House, all in favour). Those who voted were: Cllr. G. Boreham, Cllr. T. Carbin, Cllr. E. Clark, Cllr. K. Hayes, Cllr. R. House, Cllr. C. Preveatt, Cllr. S. Sawyer, Cllr. D. Smokcum, Cllr. D. Swift, Cllr. P. Turner and Cllr. S. Uncles). *(Note: The vote was recorded in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Amendment) (England) regulations 2014 (SUI 165 2014) which came into effect on the 25th February, 2014. Regulation 2 provides that votes at key budget decision meetings by local authorities should be recorded).*

7. 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.

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

- a) Increased traffic volume through the village, with particular emphasis on Devizes Road, and traffic speed.
- b) Overall lack of public transport serving the application site, especially in the evenings and on Sundays. Whilst Paxcroft Mead was well served with pedestrian and cycle paths, this did not extend to the application site.
- c) Concern over inadequate archaeological and geographical assessments on the site.

It should be added that the Parish Council recognised the need for additional sporting facilities serving the community, if its concerns could be addressed. (Proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Boreham, nine in favour with two abstentions from the Chairman and Cllr. Carbin).

Not forming part of the objection, the planning authority should be asked whether the residents of Paxcroft Cottages had been written to by Wiltshire Council, as there seemed no evidence of this.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 18th February, 2020.

Signed Date