

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,
at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th October, 2020**

There were eight members of the public present.

PRESENT	Cllr. E. Clark	Cllr. S. Uncles
	Cllr. R. House	Cllr. D. Swift
	Cllr. P. Fisher	Cllr. T. Carbin
	Cllr. G. Boreham	Cllr. S. Sawyer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hayes, Turner, Smokcum, Prevett and Tucker, under the resolution approved at the August, 2020, PC meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th September, 2020, were approved and signed.

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

Minute 8 – Marsh Road Speeding: The Clerk had contacted the resident of Marsh Road to explain why the Parish Council was unable to support her Highways Improvement request but also saying what steps were being taken to get permanent Speed Indicator Devices installed.

Minute 13 – The Clerk had contacted PCSO Till about the issues reported by Cllr. Prevett.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman said that three wreaths had been ordered by the Clerk for Remembrance Day.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Clark had nothing to report.

7. POLICE

The Chairman said that Inspector Fee would be retiring in November.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Church Farm – Presentation by Chris Beaver of Planning Sphere

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.05pm

Chris Beaver of Planning Sphere gave a presentation regarding his clients' proposed development of the Church Farm site. This was followed by a question and answer session. He said that the planning application would be submitted to Wiltshire Council shortly.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 8.24pm

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard

Cllr. House said that there was nothing to report other than the recent mowing of the wild flower meadow.

Works for the Parish Steward

On behalf of Cllr. Smokcum, the Clerk said that the surface gratings on Ashton Road, just north of the closure, were completely blocked with fallen leaves and debris, and the whole area could benefit

from some attention. The Chairman asked members to contact him with other work that the Parish Steward could do on his next visit.

Defibrillators – update

The Chairman said he had not received a response yet from the shop manager.

Village Green Application

The Chairman said the hearing had taken place at the end of September. The Inspector's opinion was awaited and then the application would go to Wiltshire Council.

The Future of Neighbourhood Plans

The Chairman had circulated an e-mail to members, after contacting the consultant the Parish Council used a few years ago, and had given details of how much it might cost in fees to 'renew' the plan. Minor changes, however, could be made by a simple process and OK'd by Wiltshire Council. WC itself was working on its five-year plan for the supply of land for housing development across the county, and it was agreed that nothing should be done for the time being.

COVID19 – Preparation of a Report on Achievements to date

Cllr. Boreham gave details of a report he had started to put together, and he said he would shortly liaise with Cllr. Turner before sending it to the Chairman.

Annual Review and Adoption of the Parish Council's Risk Assessment

It was agreed that the Risk Assessment should be adopted for a further twelve months.

Persimmon and Barratt Sites, Hilperton Gap – Management of Green Open Space

Cllr. Steve Oldrieve had contacted the Chairman to say that he had spoken to the developers recently, and learned that they intended the green open spaces to be managed by an independent management company (presumably at a fee) He was not in favour of this and he wondered whether Hilperton Parish Council would consider taking on responsibility. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should not get involved, and Cllr. Oldrieve should be informed that it was not incumbent on the Parish Council to provide management services.

Disposal of Wiltshire Council land off Wyke Road

The Chairman had learned that this piece of land, due to drainage issues, was not considered suitable for housing. He had written to the Wiltshire Council strategic projects and development manager to ask what they intended to do with it, and if they would they consider a 'nil value' transfer to the Parish Council. He was informed that the next stage in the process was for the officer to circulate its availability to all directors to ascertain whether they had a requirement for the land, and then a report would be submitted to the Council's Asset Gateway Group for consideration. He invited the Parish Council to send its proposals for the site to him, and these could be included in the AGG report. It was agreed that this would be a good way forward, and the Chairman said he would contact the officer.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Consideration of uses for funds received

The Chairman said that around £20,000 had been received in respect of Cedar Tree Close, the CIL monies to be used within five years. A few suggestions were put forward, one being the possible improvement of Church Field by replacing kissing gates and the field gate on the Trowbridge road to make it more accessible, together with the purchase of some robust benches and the planting of trees to encourage wildlife. This, of course, would only be possible if the Parish Council purchased the land. Another suggestion was to spend the money on improvements to the Village Hall and/or the play equipment. Cllr. House suggested a 'man shed'.

Grant Request from the Village Magazine towards its relaunch

The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Mary Tapping, giving details of the ‘reincarnations’ the magazine had undergone recently (culminating with its production being limited to online editions), and the proposals for its future. She said that a grant in the amount of £500 would be very much appreciated to bring the vision to life, and she hoped the Parish Council would consider the application favourably. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a Section 137 Grant of £500 should be made, but Ms. Tapping should be asked a) whether or not it was the intention for residents to pay for each edition and b) what the print run would be.

Speeding and Traffic Issues in Whaddon Lane

A letter had been received from a resident of Whaddon Lane, very concerned about the excessive traffic using it, including cars, HGVs and agricultural machinery. Many of these vehicles were being driven at a frightening speed, despite the village hall, the pre-school and playing field within metres of the beginning of the lane. It was agreed that two metro counts should be requested, one in the 30mph speed limit area and the other further up the lane. The Chairman said he would contact Wiltshire Council.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

20/07751/FUL: Mr. J. Proyer, land west of Elizabeth Way, and south of Middle Lane (Persimmon) Residential development comprising 71 dwellings (use class C3), a new vehicular access, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage and other associated infrastructure works.

It was agreed that an objection should be made, on the following grounds:-

- a) The proposed play area was in an inappropriate location.
- b) The proposed road access appeared to be in a dangerous position.
- c) A light controlled crossing should be included.
- d) Three-storey properties would not be in keeping with Albany Close.
- e) The green belt along Elizabeth Way did not appear to comply with the Hilperton NDP, nor Wiltshire Council’s HSAP as it seemed too narrow to conceal the houses from Hilperton or to attenuate noise from Elizabeth Way to the new properties.

(Proposed by Cllr. House, seconded by Cllr. Boreham, six in favour with two abstentions, one from the Chairman)

20/07966/FUL: Smith and Pike, 228 Church Street

Loft conversion with side and rear dormers and roof light to front

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

20/08245/FUL: K.Turner, 13 King’s Gardens

Single storey rear extension to provide larger bedroom and new bathroom for disabled child

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

20/08417/TPO: Mr. K. Warr, 114 Trowbridge Road – 25% crown reduction to Copper Beech

It was agreed that no objection should be made as long as the planning officer concerned agreed with the proposals.

20/08673/PNCOU (Prior notification on change of use), Knoll Farm, 56 Whaddon Lane

Notification for prior approval under Class Q for a proposed change of use and conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling (use Class C3) and associated building operations.

It was agreed that a ‘no comment’ response should be sent.

10/08548/FUL: 25 St. Mary’s Gardens

Proposed attached garage with entrance porch

It was agreed that an objection should be made, as follows:-

- a) The proposed garage and porch would come right up to the boundary, with no mention of protection of the neighbour's property, also on the boundary.
- b) The drawings showed a distinct lack of detail, making them difficult to interpret, so the Parish Council was not able to comment on certain aspects

Decisions

20/05482/FUL: Former poultry building, Paxcroft Farm, Devizes Road
Conversion of agricultural building to General B uses (B1, B2 and B8) and extension of car parking and associated works – approval given.

20/06946/FUL: 193 Devizes Road
Side carport, rear two-storey and one-storey extensions – approval given.

20/06488/FUL: Oak Tree House, 202a Devizes Road
Retrospective application for the change of use of office/studio (and associated parking) to the continued use as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling – approval given.

20/07297/TCA: 114a Trowbridge Road - Golden Leylandii tree, 15% reduction – no objection.

20/07854/TCA: 226 Church Street – G1 group of 3 cypress trees, reduce to approx.. 4 to 5 metres in height. G2 Leylandii, reduce hedge to approx. 3 metres, remove branches overhanging farm yard
No objection

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from HM Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, thanking organisations for the contributions made by them for the community over the past few months of the pandemic.

11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) WALC Newsletter for October, 2020
- b) CPRE Wiltshire Voice – October, 2020
- c) Local Council Review – Summer, 2020

12. ACCOUNTS

Payments authorised since the last meeting:

Id Verde – planters and maintenance for September (including £10.13 VAT)	£60.79
Horatio Waller – professional fees re. Village Green application (including £567.88 VAT)	£3,407.26

Payments authorised this meeting:

Clerk's Salary for October 2020	£520.00)	
Clerk's Expenses	£178.40)	£698.40

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Cllr. Boreham referred to the gate in The Knap, past the old school house, which had been padlocked recently. He was informed that this was on private property and the owners had every right to lock the ,ut the Chairman said he would have a word with them.

14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS

The deadline date for the online November issue had not yet been received.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Tuesday, 17th November, 2020.

16. MATTERS OF A POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

Sir William Roger Brown's (Coal) Charity

The Clerk said that in 2019 there had been four recipients, each receiving £20. Since then two had died, and members were asked to bring the names of any other worthy recipients to the November meeting. The amount in the CCLA account at the present time was £68.98.

The meeting closed at 9.19pm.

Signed Date