

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD VIA ZOOM at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

There was one member of the public present.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr. E. Clark	Cllr. S. Uncles
	Cllr. R. House	Cllr. D. Swift
	Cllr. T. Carbin	Cllr. G. Boreham
	Cllr. S. Sawyer	Cllr. P. Turner
	Cllr. C. Prevett	Cllr. K. Hayes

*Before the start of the meeting, Tim Davies, Chairman of the Hilperton Village Hall Committee, spoke about the trustees' request for a grant towards roof and chimney repairs on the first floor flat roof of the hall. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.34pm.*

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Fisher and Tucker, under the resolution approved at the March/August, 2020, PC meetings, and Cllr. Smokcum.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Hilperton Village Hall grant request: Cllrs. Clark, Sawyer and Turner.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, were approved and signed.

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

Minute 8 – Parish Precept: The Clerk had sent the Parish Council's precept requirement to Wiltshire Council in late December, 2020.

Minute 8 – Double Yellow Lines Request: The Parish Council's decision was reported to the resident who made the request.

Minute 8 – Trowbridge Town Council's request for financial contributions from parish councils re. 'Active Trowbridge' services: The Parish Council's decision was sent by the Clerk to Lance Allan.

Minute 8 – Grant request from 1<sup>st</sup> Hilperton Scout Group: The Clerk had sent the grant cheque to George Braham and it was gratefully acknowledged.

### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chairman wished parish councillors a very belated Happy New Year.

Speed Indicator Device: The Chairman suggested that, following the recent location of the SID along a stretch of Marsh Road, it might be an idea to have it located next in Trowbridge Road and then Horse Road.

### **6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Clark said that Wiltshire Council would be holding a meeting later in the month to set its budget. He thought there could be an increase of around 5%.

### **7. POLICE**

There was nothing to report.

### **8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

#### **Allotment Matters/Community Orchard**

It was agreed that the allotment rentals for the next financial year should remain the same.

### **Works for the Parish Steward**

The Chairman asked parish councillors to contact him if there were jobs that needed to be done during his next visit.

### **COVID19 Report update**

Cllr. Boreham gave a verbal update on how things stood at the present time. He said that a number of residents were talking about donations for the NHS and local charities such as Dorothy House; so his intention was to ask people for donations and report to the Parish Council in March.

### **Local Plan Review**

The Chairman said that the consultation was now open until the 9<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March - most probably via Zoom - commencing at 7.30 p.m., so that the Parish Council could consider its response and send it before the end of the consultation period.

### **Village Green application update**

The Chairman reported that the Village Green planning application had been rejected by Wiltshire Council. This followed a public inquiry held at the end of September, 2020. The Parish Council had received a formal letter from Wiltshire Council to this effect. The Chairman had been in touch again with the owners of the land concerned and was awaiting their response.

### **WALPA (Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Alliance)**

The Chairman gave an update on the situation regarding neighbourhood plans, especially since new guidance from central government suggested that any local neighbourhood plan more than two years' old might no longer hold any weight. A letter from WALPA (Hilperton Parish Council was one of the signatories to it) had recently been sent to the leader of Wiltshire Council and all Wiltshire Members of Parliament regarding the future of neighbourhood planning. The Chairman said that if anyone felt that the Parish Council should write as an individual council they should let him know and it could be discussed at the March PC meeting.

### **Grant Requests:**

#### **a) From HELP Counselling Services**

The Clerk reported that over the last year 39 Hilperton residents had been seen and 600 sessions provided. HELP were now asking the Parish Council if it would consider making a grant of £600 which would cover the volunteer expenses of one counsellor for a year, supporting 150 sessions of counselling to local Hilperton families. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a Section 137 grant should be made, in the amount of £600. (Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Turner, all in favour).

#### **b) From the Village Hall Committee**

Following the presentation by Tim Davies before the start of the meeting, it was agreed that a Section 19 grant in the amount of £665 should be made to the Village Hall towards the cost of roof and chimney repairs. (Proposed by Cllr, Carbin, seconded by Cllr. House, seven in favour with abstentions from the Chairman, Cllr. Sawyer and Cllr. Turner).

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Applications**

20/09814/FUL: 8 Leventon Place – change of use of land for inclusion within residential curtilage. The Chairman explained that the planning officer involved had already made a decision on this application.

21/006223/OHL: Paxcroft Farm – upgrading existing overhead electricity line to 3 phase, requiring a third line to be added to the existing two and dismantling an existing pole-mounted transformer and replacing it with a new 11m stout terminal pole.

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

20/11191/FUL: Willow Brook Barn, Whaddon Lane

Amendment to planning permission 20/01402/FUL to allow for redesign of single storey ground floor extension and folding doors.

21/00471/LBC: Willow Brook Barn, Whaddon Lane

Amendment to planning permission 20/02210/LBC to allow for redesign of single storey ground floor extension and folding doors.

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

21/00002/FUL: Windrush, 2 Nursery Close

Erection of a wooden garage at front right side of property

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

## Decisions

20/10794/TPO: 123 Ashton Road

Reduction of 1.5m to top and sides of walnut tree – consent given

20/08548/FUL: 25 St. Mary’s Gardens

Proposed attached garage with entrance porch – approval given

20/09438/FUL: 219 Church Street

Two storey rear extension – approval given

20/10126/FUL: 32 King’s Gardens

Single storey rear extension to sitting room – approval given

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

## 11. PUBLICATIONS

a) Clerks and Councils Direct – January, 2021

b) WALC Newsletter – February, 2021

## 12. ACCOUNTS

### Payments authorised since the last meeting:

Id Verde – planters and maintenance for December, 2020 (including £20.26 VAT)	£121.59
Mrs L. House – two trees for community orchard	£69.98
1 <sup>st</sup> Hilperton Scout Group – S. 137 grant	£509.00
WC – CATG contribution towards A361 junction warning signs	£385.26
Clerk’s Salary for January, 2021      £520.00)	
Clerk’s Expenses                              £159.85)	£679.85
Id Verde – plants and maintenance for January, 2021 (including £20.26 VAT)	£121.59

### Payments authorised this meeting:

Clerk’s Salary for February, 2021      £520.00)	
Clerk’s Expenses                              £114.85)	£634.85

**13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were none.

**14. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWS**

The Clerk was asked to contact Mary Tapping again regarding the grant which the Parish Council had approved last October.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** (extraordinary meeting) and **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....