

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE,
at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th June, 2021**

There were no members of the public present.

PRESENT	Cllr. E. Clark	Cllr. R. House
	Cllr. D. Swift	Cllr. T. Carbin
	Cllr. K. Hayes	Cllr. P. Fisher
	Cllr. G. Boreham	Cllr. S. Uncles
	Cllr. R. Allan	Cllr. S. Sawyer
	Cllr. C. Prevett	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Smokcum ad Turner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Planning application PL/2021/03061: Cllr. R. Allan, the owner of the land being known to him and his farm located in the general area of the proposed development.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting held on the 18th May, 2021, were approved and signed.

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

Minute 8 – Request for more street lighting in an area of Ashton Road: the Clerk said she was waiting for a Highways Request form from the resident who made the request.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman made reference to Section 137 grants for church buildings, saying that it was unclear whether or not it was permissible to make grants for religious establishments.

6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Clark said it was likely that 'Community Speed Watch' would not re-start, due mainly to lack of volunteer commitment.

There had been a CATG meeting recently, where the lowering of the speed limit along Whaddon Lane had been considered and rejected.

7. POLICE

PCSO Matthew Till was not in attendance.

8. ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

WALC Councillor Fundamentals Courses

Those parish councillors who had taken part in the online courses said they had found them very useful and informative.

The creation of further conservation areas within the parish – update

Cllr. Boreham said that it was proving difficult to make contact with stakeholders such as the CPRE and Wiltshire Council, and the group was continuing to try to put pressure on these establishments and others whose help they sought. They were considering a press release and leaflet drop around the parish to make people aware of what the group was trying to achieve.

They were also considering asking for a traffic assessment to see what impact a possible further 2,500 houses would make in the village. Cllr. Boreham said the group was growing and there were more people expressing their wish to become involved.

On the matter of a possible traffic assessment, it was agreed that this should be discussed at the July PC meeting.

Allotment Matters/Community Orchard

Cllr. House had nothing to report, and the Clerk informed members that Water2Business were now sending out monthly bills.

Works for the Parish Steward

The Chairman said that the Parish Steward's next visit would be on the 24th and 28th June, followed in July on the 22nd and 26th, and then the 19th and 23rd August. He asked members to let him know as soon as possible of any work that needed doing in June.

Fields in Trust – Deed of Dedication in the Whaddon Lane ‘Open Space’ and/or Allotments

The Chairman said that Fields in Trust worked in partnership with landowners to protect land through a Deed of Dedication, a binding legal commitment with the landowner that land – such as a public park, playing field or recreation ground – would be retained for use as green space, secured for current and future generations to enjoy. The Chairman said that this could be useful in protecting things like the Village Hall field against any development, as it would be put in trust as open space. It was agreed that the Chairman should look into this further.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 – 2022 Jubilee thoughts/suggestions

The Chairman suggested that commemorative mugs could be given to all school and pre-school children in the village, as was done at The Queen's golden jubilee. It was agreed that the schools should be contacted to see if the idea of mugs appealed to them, or if they had their own ideas of what they would like for the children.

Condition of Pavements in the Village

The Chairman said there were some areas in the village where the condition of the pavements was really bad, and he was in discussion with Wiltshire Council about this.

Speed Indicator Devices - update

The Chairman said that a SID would be in Hilperton from the 12th August for one month, situated along the Trowbridge Road. Trowbridge Town Council was still considering the purchase of another device, and if they were successful in obtaining a grant for this from the Area Board, it might mean that a SID could come to Hilperton four times a year rather than two. The Chairman was also looking at the SID Westbury Town Council had, which was moved around the town.

Road Sweeper Scheme

The Clerk had contacted Carl Maddox at Trowbridge Town Council in an attempt to get this off the ground, and she said she would have more to report at the next PC meeting.

English Parliamentary Constituencies: consultation on re-drawing of Boundaries

The Chairman said that the reason for the changes was to ensure each constituency had more or less the same number of people. It had been assumed that Hilperton would be going in with the

Trowbridge area; but there might now be a possibility of the parish moving into the Melksham and Devizes constituency.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.28 pm to enable David Dean, commercial manager of INRG, to make a presentation on the solar farm application. Following this, Richard Allan, as a member of the public, spoke about the application. He then moved to sit in an area set aside for the public. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 9.05 pm.

PL/2021/03061: Agricultural fields west of Whaddon Farm, Whaddon Lane.

Construction and operation of a renewable energy scheme comprising ground mounted solar photovoltaic (pv) arrays, together with ancillary battery storage and other associated infrastructure including inverters, external switchgear, dno substation, customer substation, security cameras, perimeter fencing, access tracks and landscaping.

A detailed discussion took place on this application, at the end of which it was agreed that an objection should be made unless certain conditions were imposed. It was further agreed that Cllr. Boreham and the Clerk should liaise on the wording of the objection. (Seven in favour and three abstentions, one being from the Chairman).

The agreed objection and conditions are attached to the minutes.

PL/2021/03647: Maxcroft Farm, 5 Maxcroft Lane

Proposed three-bedroom dwelling, parking and associated amenity in the garden of No. 5 - It was agreed that no objection should be made to the application.

PL/2021/05364: 225 Church Street – works to trees in a conservation area.

It was agreed that no objection should be made to the proposed works as long as they met with the approval of the tree officer.

PL/2021/04553: 15 Marshmead, Demolition of existing side single storey extension and erection of a two storey side extension.

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

Decisions

PL/2021/03112: 300a Marsh Road

Proposed two storey side and single and single storey rear extensions - Approval given

19/10805/FUL: Land to the East of Trowbridge Rugby Club

New sports facility to include a new fenced and floodlit 3G artificial grass pitch and new pavilion, providing ancillary facilities to support the pitch, and new community coaching and education rooms and training room/gym for use by football and rugby club users. A new access road and additional parking. - Approval given.

PL/2021/03352: 6 Horse Road, outline planning permission for a new dwelling

Approval given.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. PUBLICATIONS

Local Council Review – Issue 2, 2021

