

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON,  
at 7.45 pm on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

There were three members of the public present.

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

*Before the start of the meeting, Stuart Morgan and Tom Griffiths of Ashford Homes gave a short presentation on their plans for the land owned by the company behind Church Farm. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.55 p.m.*

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hayes, Fisher and Allan.

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

There were none.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, were approved and signed.

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

Minute 8 – Hilpertons School, Recruitment of Governors: The Clerk had written an article which was now on the website and had put up a few posters on the notice boards. So far there had been no response.

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

The Chairman said he had laid a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, and also two wreaths at servicemen's war graves in the cemetery.

He was pleased to report that Cllr. Fisher was now out of hospital, and the Clerk had spoken to her briefly earlier in the day.

Wiltshire Council had been informed of the resignation of Cllr. Swift and the wheels set in motion to find a replacement. The Chairman had written to Cllr. Swift, thanking him for his support over the years.

Following the Clerk's letter to King Charles 111 on the death of his late mother, a 'thank you' card had been received from Buckingham Palace.

### **6. WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Clark said he had nothing to report.

### **7. POLICE**

The Chairman had invited Inspector Andrew Lemon to the January, 2023, PC meeting, to give a short address (around 15-20 minutes) to parish councillors. PCSO Jack Thomas had sent his apologies and

said he was keeping an eye on issues in Greenhill Gardens, as well as monitoring any burglaries that came in (the main priority on the run-up to Christmas). He asked parish councillors to contact him if they had any matters they would like to report or discuss.

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

### **Wiltshire Council Local Plan – Update**

Dr. Beckett was unable to attend the meeting, and Lucy Castleman and Mike Linham (members of the Hilperton Area Action Group – HAAG) had come instead to talk about various issues, in particular the proposal to distribute a flier throughout the village, calling residents' attention to developers' plans for land north of Devizes Road. It was considered that 2,000 copies (in colour) would be required, and it was agreed that the printing costs should be met by the Parish Council (proposed by Cllr. Uncles, seconded by Cllr. Boreham, seven in favour, one against and one abstention from the Chairman).

### **Allotments/Community Orchard**

Cllr. House said that one quote had been received in respect of the creation of a pond in the corner of the orchard, but it was extremely expensive. It might, therefore, be more cost effective to hire a small digger.

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

The Chairman asked parish councillors to contact him, as usual, with details of jobs that needed to be done on the steward's next visit on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Greenhill Gardens: Grit Bin**

Cllr. Uncles said that the new grit bin which had recently been installed had, for some reason, been moved to another place. He was waiting to hear from the contractor, Andrew Perrett about this.

### **Greenhill Gardens: Request for more Lighting**

The Chairman said that LHFIG had discussed the request for more street lighting at their recent meeting and agreed £3,450 of funding. They were now asking for a contribution from the Parish Council in the amount of £1,150. It was agreed that this should be paid (proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Sawyer, all in favour) and the Clerk said she would get back to Kirsty Rose.

### **Grant Request from Victim Support**

The information which the Clerk was waiting for had now been received, and she was able to tell parish councillors that fourteen residents within the parish of Hilperton had been supported over the past twelve months, and twenty over the previous year. It was agreed that a Section 137 grant in the amount of £300 should be made (proposed by Cllr. Carbin, seconded by Cllr. Turner, eight in favour with one abstention).

### **Paxcroft Mead Play Areas: Update, to include Assets Transfer**

The Chairman said that Wiltshire Council (highways operations) were undertaking an asset review to determine the extent of assets that could potentially be transferred. He was waiting to hear the results and it was agreed that this matter should be discussed at the December PC meeting.

### **SIDS Update**

The Chairman said he was meeting Kirsty Rose the following day, and he suggested two sites where SIDS could be permanently located:- a) along the Trowbridge Road from Elizabeth Way and b) along Marsh Road from the King's Arms. Sunken tubes would need to be concreted in and the cost would be around £500 for each tube. He would have more to report at the December PC meeting.

### **Street Naming: Barratt Homes (another four names needed for their development off Elizabeth Way) and Belway Homes (Weavers Meadow, off Elizabeth Way (nine names needed))**

A number of parish councillors had put forward suggestions for street names, and it was widely agreed that any names should have some connection to the parish of Hilperton. Cllr. Boreham was at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, and he suggested that the streets could be dedicated to those servicemen who gave their lives in the two world wars and whose names were listed on the War Memorial. Names could be selected at random or voted upon. He said there was also the question of longevity, as there were 33 names and two at rest in the cemetery, so the Parish Council could continue using them to name roads in future developments. It was agreed that this was a good way forward and Cllrs. Boreham and Turner volunteered to make enquiries.

### **Consideration of ways to commemorate the life of the late Queen Elizabeth 11**

A suggestion was made by Cllr. Carbin to dedicate an historic map of Hilperton, and it was agreed that he should look into this and report back at the December PC meeting. The Chairman also asked all parish councillors to think about other ways to commemorate the life of the late Queen.

### **Neighbourhood Plan – to consider updating**

The Chairman said that now the Hilperton Neighbourhood Development plan was over three years old it no longer held any planning weight. He suggested that enquiries should be made with a view to updating it and this was agreed by members.

### **New Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries**

The Chairman said that consultation on proposed new parliamentary boundaries was under way, and this latest revision was not good news for Hilperton, as it would be moved to the South West Wiltshire constituency with Trowbridge. Individuals could, of course, make comments, and it was agreed that the Parish Council should also take part in the consultation. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should come up with a suitable response which could be circulated to members before sending it to the Boundary Commission for England.

### **Beat the Street 2023**

Hayley Bell of Trowbridge Town Council had forwarded an e-mail from the CEO of Wiltshire and Swindon Sport giving details of this initiative. Wiltshire and Swindon Sport was committed to working in partnership with organisations that could find ways to get people active. They were planning to host Beat the Street in 2023, expanding the number of schools and residents who could participate, and parish councils were invited to become involved in the game. At this stage they were looking for expressions of interest from local councils and they would also request £500 as a contribution to support the project. After a short conversation, it was agreed that the Clerk should get back to the organisers to say that Hilperton Parish Council supported the initiative in principle and to ask for more information regarding what kind of support might be required (other than the cash contribution).

### **Church Farm – Ashford Homes**

A two-acre parcel of land, owned by the developers, had been offered to the Parish Council to be kept as wild space or used potentially for more allotment plots. Discussion took place on this offer and on the possible use of the land. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should come up with a form of words, thanking the representatives of the developers who had addressed the Parish Council before the start of the meeting, for their offer of green space. The Parish Council would, of course, need to remain neutral in respect of the new planning application at Church Farm.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PL/2022/07475 (full planning permission) and PL/2022/07721 (listed building consent)  
Fieldways, Hilperton Road, Trowbridge

Proposed conversion of existing property into 15 dwellings with associated works

Due to the proximity of the site to Hilperton, it had been suggested that the Parish Council should be consulted on this application. It was agreed that a 'no comment' response should be made.

PL/2022/07924 – 13 Newleaze

Removal of existing outbuilding and new flat roof side extension to the annexe

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

PL/2022/07977 – land north of Devizes Road

Demolition of existing building (residential/stable block) and erection of 37 dwellings, formation of new vehicular access from A361 and Devizes Road roundabout, landscaping, drainage and other associated infrastructure works.

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

- a) Outside Village Policy Limits
- b) Against the current Hilperton Neighbourhood Development Plan
- c) Style not in keeping with the aesthetic of Devizes Road
- d) Detrimental to the bat population in the area, together with other wildlife

In addition, it appeared that the developers were persisting on the 'road to nowhere' rather than building across the northern boundary of the site.

(Proposed by Cllr. Boreham, seconded by Cllr. Uncles, six in favour, one against and two abstentions from the Chairman and Cllr. Carbin as members of the Western Area Planning Committee).

PL/2022/08233 – Moxhams, 1 Horse Road

New dwelling (outline application relating to access): it was agreed that no objection should be made.

PL/2022/08452 – 5 Ashton Rise

Addition of workshop extension to rear elevation of garage and change of existing flat floor to hipped pitched roof: it was agreed that no objection should be made.

PL/2022/08786 – Woodcote House, 112 Church Street

Works to trees in a conservation area: T1 Willow – pollard back to a structural framework, reducing height by approximately one third, bringing in the lower laterals by three metres to leave a balanced shape.

PL/2022/08778 – Woodcote House, 112 Church Street

Consent under TPOs: T1 – Beech – (TPO ref: W/85/00008/IND) – overall canopy reduction, reducing the east and south sides of the canopy by two or three metres (back to appropriate pruning points) and reducing the top, north and west side by two metres.

It was agreed that no objection should be made to either applications, provided that the proposed works met with the approval of the planning officer concerned.

### Decisions

PL/2022/05661 (householder application) and PL/2022/05944 (works to a listed building)

49 Marsh Road: Single storey rear extension, demolition and replacement of garage, minor works to existing elevations – approval given.

PL/2022/04505 – 8 Compton Close: Single storey rear extension – approval given.

PL/2022/06494 – 57 Lacock Gardens: Single storey living room extension to front and single storey conservatory to rear – approval given.

PL/2022/07352 – 196 Devizes Road: Rear two storey extension and detached garage – approval given.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Message of thanks to the Parish Council and residents of the parish from King Charles.

## 11. PUBLICATIONS

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct – November, 2022
- b) WALC – September/October Newsletter, 2022
- c) Wiltshire Voice – Autumn, 2022
- d) Bulletin: War Memorials Trust – November, 2022

## 12. ACCOUNTS

### Payments authorised since the last meeting

Water2Business – Supply to allotments from 5/4/22 to 3/10/22	£462.98
Hilperton Village Club – Bottles of lemonade for scouts at the Jubilee Fete (Chairman’s allowance)	£24.00
Perrett Fencing – Material deposit for bollards and retractable bollards (including £214.00 VAT)	£1,284.00
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Three wreaths for Remembrance Day	£75.00

### Payments authorised this meeting

Clerk’s Salary for November, 2022	£533.00)	
Clerk’s expenses, including office rental	£927.77)	£1,460.77

## 13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- a) Help at the War Memorial for sweeping etc.
- b) Parish Council notice board at Hackett Place (Budgens)
- c) Paxcroft Farm road traffic (byway by the Rugby Club)

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Probable earlier start at around 7pm)**

## 15. MATTERS OF A POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE

*Under Standing Order 68, the following item was classified as confidential and members of the public asked to leave the room.*

### Sir William Roger Brown’s (Coal) Charity

It was agreed that each recipient should receive £20, the bulk of the money to come from the charity with a ‘top-up’, if required, from the Chairman’s Allowance.

**The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.**

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

