

**Minutes of a Meeting of Hilton Parish Council  
Held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.00pm  
The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty**

**PRESENT** Mr E Bridle (EB)  
Mrs C Langham (Vice Chairman)  
Ms J McGuinness (Chairman)  
Mr R Northover  
Mr R Rowe (RR)  
Mr A Wyld (AW)

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Brown – Dorset 100 Mile Walk  
Members of the Public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs H Cox (County), Ms E Parker (District), Mrs J Somper (District) and Mrs M Walbridge (Parish Councillor).

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting had been circulated. There being no corrections the Minutes were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest for any items at this meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1** RR reported to members that he had been instrumental in resolving the problem with the sign and had moved it; members thanked RR.

**4.2** Point 4.2 - direction sign for Ansty. RR reported to members that the word Ansty would be added to the Ansty Cross sign. The Higher Ansty to Ansty Cross signage would be renovated in the spring 2016. More work regarding signage would be discussed at the February meeting.

**ACTION RR**

**4.3** Reported as ongoing, that effluent which was described as grey sludge had been seen entering the stream in the vicinity of Allers Lane/Vickers Retreat. CL asked members to monitor the situation and report back any complaints to the February committee meeting. Following discussion with Mrs J Somper (District Councillor) it was suggested that CL contact the Environmental Protection Team for further advice. It was agreed that initially AW would consult with Villagers for further information.

**ACTION AW & CL**

**4.4** Point 14.1 – Potholes in The Knapp – The large potholes which were reported to DCC Highways had been repaired including one opposite Manor Farm. They will be monitored by EB. It was agreed that each member of the committee would report potholes via the Dorset For You website which allows users to identify the precise location and get updates regarding repair progress.

**ACTION EB ALL COMMITTEE**

## **5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (BY INVITATION)**

**5.1** The County and District Councillors had sent their apologies for this meeting.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

**6.1** A presentation was received by the Parish Councilors from Richard Brown who represented the Dorset Long Distance Walkers Association (DLDWA) to discuss the annual 100 mile challenge walk being hosted by Dorset this year. A map of the route was circulated to members showing the proposed route walkers would take and approximate timing for the walkers through the villages. Mr Brown thanked Hilton Parish Council for its support and the Brewery Hall Committee for allowing them to use the facilities at the village hall for both the preparatory marshalls walk in April and for the main event at the end of May 2016. Appropriate signage would be provided for the event.

**6.2** Richard Brown discussed the provision of communications for the event and that the current lack of mobile phone signal in the village was a cause for concern. It would be necessary to track the progress of walkers and to have had a communications link between check points and HQ. Hence, he would like to work with the Brewery Hall Committee to secure the installation of Wi-Fi, if possible. It would be essential in the event of a walker arriving in a poor state or an unexpected incident and would be helpful for the smooth running of the event, enabling communication with HQ and the emergency services at any time of the day or night.

**6.3** Members received a proposal from the (DLDWA) that a payment of £100 could be given to the Parish Council in order to cover the installation costs of Wi-Fi, with a further donation of £50 in the first year to assist with the running costs. It was hoped that this proposal would bring long term future benefits to the hall, the parish council and the community as a whole.

**6.4** The Chairman thanked Richard Brown for updating members and suggested that any requirements needed might be provided with notice.

**6.5** The proposal was discussed at length; it was acknowledged that the Village Hall Committee had indicated that they would not be supportive of the initiative. Some members of the Parish Council felt that they would not wish to support the proposal as everyone had internet access at home. It was noted that Wessex might be worth contacting, as a number of residence used their services for broadband. A local resident voiced his strong support for the proposal for internet access in the hall. He felt that the village would benefit enormously by having Wi-fi installed in the village hall, commented on the success of the facility in other villages, commented that it would make the village hall more marketable in the future and it was essential to consider the (potential) increased community use that could be gained, following installed.

It was noted that the Parish Council gives a donation of £400 each year to the Hall and that for the next budget period a caveat could be placed on the funds to request that part of the money is put towards the cost of wi-fi, once there was clarity about costings.

**ACTION CL to find out contact details of Wessex and forward to Mr Brown**  
**R Brown to report back with costings**

**6.6** Alan Morgan asked if meetings are cancelled or re-arranged please could people be informed in good time. The Chairman assured him that this would be done in the future and apologised for the change of date for the December 2015 Parish Council meeting.

## 7. POSITION OF PARISH CLERK

It was confirmed that the position of Parish Clerk had been advertised and interviews were taking place. An update would be given at the February meeting and it would therefore be an agenda item for that meeting. Thanks were given to Mrs L Bowden for her assistance in respect of the supporting paperwork for the December meeting.

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

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There were no planning applications received for consideration.

There were no planning applications received after the agenda was published. However, two items were noted. The first was the notification of an approval of retrospective planning permission. The second, ENF/2015/0188, refers to an enforcement notice of alleged unauthorised works in an AONB and conservation area, at Jesmond Dene, Hartfoot Lane, Melcombe Bingham, Dorset DT2 7PF. There was no action for the Parish Council in regard to either item.

## 9. FINANCE

### 9.1 Review of the proposed draft Budget for the financial year 2016/17, ahead of its confirmation and the setting of the Precept at the February 2015 meeting. (Item 18 refers.)

The Council reviewed the draft Budget as presented. Members voiced their concerns regarding the clarity of the figures within the notes section. The Parish Plan and the Pension Provision elements needed to be looked at again with the help of the former Clerk. The Precept was agreed and set at £5096.00.

**ACTION JM**

## 10. PURCHASE OF LAPTOP

JM circulated correspondence to members providing details of a scheme offering low cost computers to rural people. The scheme was available to individuals, clubs and organizations in rural areas that needed to access information and services. They are fully functional ex-government computers and can be purchased for as little as £130.

It was suggested and **AGREED** that this be deferred until the incoming Clerk was in post, however, in the meantime JM would investigate this option further and report back to the members in February. In addition it was agreed that an advertisement could be put into the village news asking if anyone has a redundant computer they could donate to the Parish Council. This was **AGREED** and that the matter will be an item for the next agenda.

**ACTION JM**

## 11. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

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CL proposed a "Clean for The Queen" litter pick event be planned. The suggested date was for the weekend commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The format would be for people to get together in small groups and walk the boundaries of the Village, whilst other people could be working in pairs. A BBQ would be organized at the end of the project. Following lengthy discussions it was agreed that this would put the village in good order, ready for inspection for Best Kept Village in June. JM suggested a Working Group could be set up to organize this event. It was **AGREED** that the working group would be lead by CL and include MW and SS.

**ACTION Working Group to include CL/MW/SS**

## 12. LITTER AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

The ongoing concerns over the problem of littering resulted in the following:

- A working group to be set up to organize A Village Litter Pick in March 2016.
- An advertisement to be put into the Parish Magazine advertising the event and asking for volunteers.

**ACTION CL**

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### 13. HIGHWAYS

14.1 The ongoing concerns would be monitored by EB

**ACTION EB**

### 14. RIGHTS OF WAY

Nothing to report.

### 15. NHS CHANGES – UPDATE

15.1 – The Chairman reported that the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (known as the CCG) was responsible for designing and commissioning many of the health services for people living in and around Dorset had announced that they would make a decision in March 2016 as to when they would plan to launch a public consultation. JM to write inviting the CCG to ‘consult’ with the Parish Council. This was **AGREED**.

**ACTION JM**

### 16. RISK ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

It was suggested and **AGREED** that this be deferred until the February meeting. JM would do some research into the format and requirements involved in carrying out a risk assessment annual review.

**ACTION JM**

### 17. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Council correspondence received 6<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> December was reviewed: 2 items were circulated:

- Safer Neighborhoods newsletter.
- A Proposal to Ansty Village Hall Committee the Long Distance Walkers Association.

### 17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

17.1 Working Group update (Bridge repairs)

17.2 New laptop

17.3 Risk Assessment Review

17.4 Best Kept Village

17.5 Recruitment of Clerk and purchasing a laptop

### 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2 February 2016, 7.00pm, Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

Dates for 2016 meetings **agreed**: 7pm 1/3/2016, 5/4/2016, 3/5/2016, 7/6/2016, 5/6/2016, 6/9/2016, 4/10/2016, 1/11/2016 and 6/12/2016

End of ordinary business 8.15pm.

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date .....