

**Minutes of a Meeting of Hilton Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT** Stephen Sanders (Vice-Chairman) Acting Chairman (SS)  
Edward Bridle (EB)  
William Earp (WE) (arrived 7.20pm)  
Mr R Northover (RN)  
Marion Walbridge (MW)

**IN ATTENDANCE** Cllr Jane Somper (District), Shulla Jaques (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Ms E Parker (District), Mrs C Langham and Mr J Waterworth. Mr Earp had offered apologies that he would be attending late due to work commitments.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2015**

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

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1** It had been drawn to the Parish Council's attention by Ms C Eastment, Melcombe Horsey Parish Meeting, that point 4.3 of the approved Minutes from the December 2014 Hilton Parish Council meeting was incorrect. The Minute could be interpreted to mean that NDDC would have to agree to Melcombe Horsey becoming a Parish Council. It was agreed unanimously therefore to change, '...If NDDC agree to this change there will be implications for the District boundary...' to 'If this change were to go ahead there will be implications for the District boundary...'. The change was made by hand to the approved Minutes and signed by the Acting Chairman.

**4.2** Points 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 had been actioned. There had been no news about removal of the dump at Green Hill or repair of the stile. There had been a note to the Clerk about the previously reported footpath being obscured now the crop is growing. Mr Langham would be asked whether it could be sprayed.

**4.3** Mr Hiscock has agreed for the grit bin to be placed in the hedgeline at Lower Farm. Mr Northover has been asked to arrange for the bin to be dug into the hedgeline and filled.

**4.4** Highways has been contacted about a direction sign for Lower Ansty.

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

**5.1** Cllr Somper wished all councilors standing at the election well and thanked the Parish Council for its support. The Parish Council's AGM clashes with that of the Winterbournes and so Cllr Somper expressed her regrets that she may not be able to attend both.

**5.2** The meeting in Winterborne Whitechurch about the application for four windturbines (2/2014/0768/PAEIA) had been well attended. Mrs Langham (Chair of the Parish Council) had spoken on behalf of Hilton Parish Council. There had been speakers from both sides of the argument and the meeting had been calm and polite. The development Management Committee had refused the application.

**5.3** The Tri-Council partnership is evolving. A new senior leadership team is being appointed.

**5.4** Approval to spray for Blandford Fly had been approved at the end of March.

**5.5** Sadly two District Councillors, Cllr Richard Moyle (Riverside Ward) and Tony Harrocks had passed away recently. Councillor Somper and Hilton Parish Council expressed their sympathy.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

6.1 Mr Jones reported that he had been issued a license for the site. However, no decision had been made yet about the application for additional tent pitches.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

**7.1** No applications had been received. However the Parish Council had been notified by NHS England that, because the parish lies within their dispensing radius, Child Okeford Surgery and Dispensary and Puddletown Surgery and Dispensary had requested outline consent and premises approval.

**7.2** Planning decisions: **2/2014/1643/FUL** Garage at Streamside, The Knapp, Hilton. Demolish existing bus galvanised/block work bus station and erect 1 No. dwelling. A resident of Hilton had notified the Parish Council that they had sent comments to NDDC about this application expressing concerns. A copy of the letter was in the correspondence file. Decision PENDING. **2/2015/0244/CATREE** Old Post Office, Hilton. T1 Beech, fell. PERMITTED. **2/2015/0010/FUL** Moonfleet Farm, Higher Ansty. Change of use of agricultural land to a mixed use of agriculture and camp site with games area, and form grassed earth bund, PENDING. **2/2015/0141/HOUSE** flincomb Cottage, Hilton. Erect Garden Office, GRANTED. **2/2014/0768/PAEIA** Wind turbines, Winterborne Whitechurch, REFUSED.

**7.3** Applications received after agenda published: none

## **8. FINANCE**

**8.1** Approval of accounts and signing of cheques.

Accounts and cheques were approved and cheques signed. The Clerk/RFO suggested moving £400 from the current account remaining at the end of the financial year to the benefit account. The Parish Council is slightly exposed on data saving and the Clerk suggested part of this money could be spent on a digital back-up storage service. Whilst this was agreed in principle it was agreed that as the membership of the Parish Council would be changing after the elections on 7 May this decision should be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting to enable the new Council members to undertake their own review.

<b>Accounts</b>					
Current account at 31.03.15		£427.90	Fingerpost balance		£313.70
Benefit account at 31.03.15		£5095.07			
<b>Cheques for signature</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheques for signature</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk's salary (Mar 15)	321	£53.62	S Sanders expenses	100111	£65.60
PAYE	322	£41.00	fingerpost project		

**8.2** The external audit is due by 16 June 2015. The accounts will be looked at by the internal auditor later this month.

## **9. HIGHWAYS**

**9.1** The drain in Melcombe Bingham has been fully repaired and to a high standard.

## **10. RIGHTS OF WAY**

Nothing to report.

## **11. FINGERPOSTS**

**11.1** The last finger has been completed. There will be a small gathering to thank all those who contributed to the project, invitations have been sent. Mr Earp commented that the restored fingerposts look very smart and thanked Mr Sanders.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes HPC meeting 07.04.15 SJJ 26.04.15 Approved 12 May 2015: Signature..... Date:.....

All correspondence was available on the table.

**12.1** Councillors were reminded of the Winterbourne Division meeting.

### **13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Formalising digital back-up system

Neighbourhood watch

### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 7.00pm, Old Brewery Hall. This will be the Annual Parish meeting followed by the AGM.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mrs Langham had asked Mr Sanders to apologise that she could not offer her thanks in person.

Mrs Langham wanted to thank Mr Earp, Mr Sanders and Mr Waterworth who are standing down from the Parish Council for their contribution to the Parish Council and support of her as Chairman.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.