

Minutes of a Meeting of Hilton Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2015 in the Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty at 7.00pm

PRESENT Stephen Sanders (Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman) (SS)
Edward Bridle (EB)
Rodney Northover (RN)
Marion Walbridge (MW)

IN ATTENDANCE Cllr Jane Somper (District) and Shulla Jaques (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Emma Parker, Mrs C Langham, Mr J Waterworth and Mr W Earp.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated. There being no amendments the Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Further to 4.3 of the previous Minutes Mr Sanders reported that Carol Eastment had taken the next step in the formation of a Melcombe Bingham Parish Council. A petition has been presented to the principle council. Depending on the conclusions of these consultations the proposed change may be passed to the Secretary of State. Mr Sanders advised the meeting that should this change be approved it would mean a reduction in the size of Hilton Parish Council which would dilute its standing and have financial implications on its precept, which would be reduced, and could increase the tax of its residents. The question was raised that if boundary changes were to happen would it not be in the interests of the villages if Melcombe Bingham became part of Hilton Parish. A resident of the village had also expressed considerable concern about the proposal. Mr Sanders felt that the matter was important to consider and asked Cllr Somper for guidance. Based on the discussion it was understood that the process of the proposed change is both complicated (made more so by the fact that the village is divided across two Districts (North and West Dorset), and costly. There will be high monetary costs, which the tax payer will be asked to meet, and it will involve much District Council time. The Boundary Commission has not considered the split in the village to date. It was agreed that Hilton Parish Council did not need to be proactive in this matter yet, however it should be kept informed about the progress of this proposal. Therefore Mr Sanders suggested putting this matter on the Agenda for the February meeting and Ms Eastment would be invited to attend.

ACTION Clerk

4.2 Mr Sanders asked for matters arising from 8.1 of the previous Minutes to be considered under item 8 of the current Agenda.

4.3 Point 12.4, the Clerk would follow up repair of the collapsed drain, which has not been done to date.

ACTION Clerk

4.4 Point 12.6 Mr Sanders would ask the resident whether they would be prepared to volunteer to look into monitoring speeding in the village.

ACTION SS

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 Cllr Somper reported that at its Meeting of Full Council on 15 December 2014 it was resolved that a grant of £43,000 for 2015/16 based on 25% of the amounts paid in 2013/14 increased for inflation would be offered to Parish Councils to set against their precepts. The sum for Hilton

Parish Council will be small, however for larger councils this could have implications. The grant will be reviewed for the 2016/17 budget.

5.2 Cllr Somper also reported that NDDC has a £750,000 transportation award. It is likely that this will be put towards local community transport schemes.

5.3 Cllr Somper reported that the senior management team would be shared across the Tri-Partnership Council.

5.4 Mr Sanders commented that it was his opinion that pot hole repairs were done well in Dorset. Cllr Somper was thanked.

6. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

7.1 No applications had been received.

7.2 Planning decisions: **2/2014/1313/FUL** Change of use of land to station mobile home and form 2 parking spaces, Lower Farm, Hilton, PENDING. **2/2014/0768/PAEIA** Wind turbines, Winterborne Whitechurch, PENDING.

7.3 No planning applications had been received after the agenda had been published.

7.4 Tree works: **2/2014/1587/CATREE** Hilton House, Hilton G1 Cypress, fell. Mr Northover would visit the property. If there was any concern he would notify the Clerk.

ACTION Mr Northover

8. FINANCE

8.1 Approval of accounts and signing of cheques. The PAYE cost was due to the change in the Clerk's tax code and is the arrears from the previous months. The sum will be covered from the Clerk's salary over the next months. The accounts and cheques were approved and the cheques signed.

8.2 Mr Sanders explained the changes in the budget to accommodate the national increase in the Clerk's salary. These changes keep the budget the same as last year. Mr Sanders also explained that the precept for 2015/16 would therefore be the same as the budget. NDDC had offered a grant of £22.50 for the 2015/16 year. The Parish Council had been asked to confirm whether it wishes to accept the grant. It was resolved to accept the revised budget £4996. It was resolved to set the precept at £4996. It was resolved to accept the grant from NDDC of £22.50.

Accounts		Cheques for signature	Ref	Amount
Current account at 31.12.14	£2435.93	Hall hire Jan '15 to Apr '15 inc	306	£20.00
Benefit account at 31.12.14	£5169.74	Clerk's salary (December) & one-off payment to clerk	307	£180.30
Fingerpost balance 31.12.14	£396.70	PAYE	308	£372.20

9. HIGHWAYS

9.1 Pot holes opposite the memorial seat would be reported by Mr Sanders.

10. RIGHTS OF WAY

Nothing to report.

11. FINGERPOSTS

11.1 The new finial has been completed. Restoration of the final post at Hilton Hill is underway. The money (£200) from Cllr Cox's fund and held by AONB will be given to Hilton Parish Council.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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12.1 Mr Sanders read the email from Ms Eastment to Cllr J Cuff regarding Melcombe Bingham becoming a Parish Council.

12.2 Mr Sanders had responded to the request for information about raising awareness of broadband.

12.3 Information regarding the review of housing support options for older people available on the Dorsetforyou website or from the Clerk.

12.4 Information about the dementia awareness sessions would be put on the Parish Council website.

ACTION Clerk

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

13.1 Parish Council boundary review.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd February 2015, 7.00pm, Old Brewery Hall.

There being no further business the Acting Chairman thanked all those who attended and the meeting closed at 8.00pm.