

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the AGM of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) E Bridle (EB) R Northover (RN) & M Walbridge (MW) **IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) District Cllrs Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs A Wyld (AW) & R Rowe (RR) were absent from the meeting.
- 2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (ANNUAL):** JS & EP gave a joint annual report for 2017/18. They thanked the PC, Clerk & Chairman for all their work over the past year. This was JS & EPs final report, from May next year they will no longer be representing us as District Cllrs. The County Council will be dissolved & the new Unitary Authority will take its place. Since they were elected they have resolved many resident's problems, carried the Olympic Torch, fought off wind farms and attended many PC meetings in the area. The Norden site in Blandford has now closed and everyone has been re located to South Walks House, Dorchester, although a hub information office is still open at the old site. PB reported that the main news from the past year was that of the proposal to form a new Unitary Authority which was ultimately given the go ahead by the Secretary of State. New ward boundaries will be drawn up and it was felt/hoped that this would be the opportunity to join Melcombe Bingham together under the one ward, rather than it being split into two as present.
- 3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** JM stated that she would be prepared to continue as PC Chairman for another 12 months. This was agreed and supported by all Cllrs.
- 4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** CL stated that she would be prepared to continue as PC Vice Chairman for another 12 months. This was agreed & supported by all Cllrs.
- 5. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO VARIOUS POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES:**
These were agreed as follows –

Cllr E Bridle – Flooding & Emergencies, bank signatory

Cllr R Northover – Highways, bank signatory

Cllr M Walbridge – Transport

Cllr R Rowe – Rights of Way, bank signatory

Cllr C Langham – Waste, Fly Tipping, bank signatory

Cllr A Wyld – Trees

Alan Morgan - Ancient Monuments

End of AGM

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- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs A Wyld (AW) & R Rowe (RR) absent from the meeting.
- 2. A REVIEW OF THE YEAR – CHAIRMAN:** JM spoke of the village community spirit, our willingness to come together & help each other out. This had been highlighted during the recent period of heavy snow that hit Dorset. Tim, the milkman had continued to deliver the milk to households during the bad weather, a life line to a number of elderly residents. The PC have put forward Tims name for a NDDC Community Award, the result will be known soon. JM talked of the annual Litter Pick and resident's initiatives and the ability to solve local issues as a community. Supporting the community as a whole was also mentioned, the village shop, the pub and residents willing to give up their free time to form various action & support groups.
- 3. OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR – CHAIRMAN:** With the forming of the new Unitary Authority more responsibility for local services will be passed down to PCs. There will be more pressure on the PC both in time & money. More community action needs to be encouraged to see our wonderful villages survive and flourish. We need to ensure that the local environment is protected – planning & fly tipping etc. The PCs main project for the forthcoming months is to fund raise & provide a defibrillator for village emergency use.
- 4. MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY:** The new tenants from the Ansty Village Farm Shop attended the meeting. They spoke of their future plans for the shop. They have lowered prices, sourced new suppliers & are trying to stock a wider range of goods. They would like to encourage residents to engage with them and let them know what we would like to see introduced at the shop. They will soon have a website and a Facebook page. JM welcomed the family to the village & thanked them for all their hard work to date. A resident also attended the meeting to speak of her aim to make the villages dementia friendly. She plans to form a local support group (Dementia Friends) guided by the Alzheimer's Society. This will take the form of 1hr sessions to give support and information. The PC agreed to supports this activity once the resident has received her training from the Alzheimer's Society and is ready to start her first session, contact [littledorrit@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littleddorrit@hotmail.co.uk) for more information. The issue of the Dorset Ambulance Service was also raised in this meeting. Cllr Langham spoke of her experience of having to wait 4 hrs after calling 999 for a friend with potential stroke symptoms. Cllr Langham wanted to make other residents aware of this issue. A resident who attended the meeting also wanted to thank Cllr Langham & her volunteers for the recent successful Litter Pick.

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1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Wyld (AW) & R Rowe (RR) County Councillor Pauline Batstone (BP) were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on the 6th March & 3rd April 2018 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by J McGuinness (JM - Chairman).
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk agreed to chase up Graham Stanley at Dorset Countryside for the planned date of the cutting of the problem village bridleways. Tim, the milkman has been put forward for a NDDC Community Award. The Chairman had received a letter to say our nomination had been successful – more details to follow later.
5. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Both reports as in the AGM minutes.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** Nothing raised
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 2/2018/0528/HOUSE – Delcombe Lodge, Milton Abbas DT11 0BT – Erect single storey side extension & 2 storey side extension –** all Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to this application. **PLANNING DECISIONS:**
2/2018/0268/FUL – Sawmill, Cuckoo Lane – the applicant had withdrawn this application.
2/2018/0172/FUL – Moonfleet Farm, Higher Ansty – Riding arena – approved by DCC planning
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

8.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –

£285.81 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for April 2018

£50.00 C Langham – 2018 Litter Pick BBQ expenses

£2,703.20 April Precept payment received into the PC bank account from NDDC

The Clerks annual pay rise for 2018/19 was agreed and approved by all Cllrs as recommended by the NALC Employment briefing 2018 -2019 National Salary Award document. The Annual PC Audit 2017/18 - the Clerk will seek approval of the 2017/18 PC accounts at the June PC meeting. The Clerk will arrange for the accounts to be internally audited before the June meeting.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: The grit bins in Hilton are still half full, these will be re filled again in Autumn 2018 ready for next winter. There are still a number of large pot holes along Aller Lane, these have all been reported to Highways online via Dorset for You.

9.2 GENERATOR NOISE AT LOWER FARM: It has come to light that the generator noise coming from Lower Farm is actually from the mobile phone mast. It seems that the mast is not connected to the electric mains but a diesel generator. The Clerk has looked at the original planning application and it was stated in the plans that the mast would have a generator. The Clerk has contacted BT for more information but has been told by BT to contact EE. The Clerk has also contacted the original company who erected the mast to see if they can say if the generator is a permanent fixture.

9.3 DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDING: Clive Jones who attended the meeting has agreed to coordinate the funding & purchasing of the village defibrillator on behalf of the PC. Clive will liaise with the Clerk to try and move this matter forward. The Clerk agreed to forward to Clive all the information that she has gathered so far on a village defibrillator.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. A survey - DAPTC is requesting the PCs views on 2 very important questions about the new unitary council arrangements. Cllrs agreed to complete the survey and forward to the Clerk for processing. There has been a burglary reported at Higher Ansty, a number power tools were stolen from a locked garage & in day light hours, the incident has been reported to the Police. Breaches of planning permission can now be reported online via Dorset for You.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: 2017/18 PC Annual Return, plastic waste

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 5th June 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty.

End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date