

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7pm The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs McGuinness (JM - Chairman), M Walbridge (MW), R Northover (RN) & E Bridle (EB) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs E Sellen (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman), R Rowe (RR) & A Wyld (AW) were absent from the meeting. District Councillors J Somper & E Parker were not present.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th October 2016 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by the Chairman (JM).
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** JM reintroduced the issue of future charges for Highways services and the recommendation from County Cllr Mrs H Cox to increase the precept in anticipation and shared the contents of a draft letter of complaint to be sent from Hilton PC to DCC. A resident expressed his view that this was an outrageous act on the part of DCC. JM advised that the letter requested attendance of a Highways officer to walk the village to discuss the service cuts; and suggested that residents should also attend. A resident offered his support. Since AW was unable to attend, a consideration of the bus services was postponed until the December meeting. JM informed Councillors of HC's Divisional Meeting to be held in the Reading Rooms at Milton Abbas on 22 November at 7pm, when Andrew Martin (DCC Highways) would be in attendance. It was agreed that JM would ask if CL, AW and/or RR are free to attend and represent Hilton's concerns.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** None
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** No issues raised
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**
2/2016/1367/FUL – Brewery Farm, Ansty Lane DT2 7PN, erect building to provide toilet & washing facilities for existing caravan site. The applicant provided a summary of his application and explained that whilst approximately 150 nights camping were booked in the month of August 2016 alone, approximately 50% of all enquiries are lost through lack of toilet and washing facilities. The new building will be timber clad to retain a natural look and all three rooms will be accessible by disabled users. The only complaint to NDDC suggests that only six plants along the boundary hedge have become established, however a visit has revealed that 57 hedging plants have taken (the willow is a quicker establishing plant in the damp conditions). Conversion of existing facilities has been considered and is out of the question. Brewery Farm provides employment for 9 residents, and encourages uses of the local pub by a wider market. It was agreed that in this age, it is unreasonable for a campsite not to be able to provide public facilities and Councillors agreed to SUPPORT this application, with the condition that adequate screening is provided since the site lies within the AONB.
2/2016/1472/HOUSE – 15 Church Row, Hilton DT11 0DD – An existing old wood garage is to be demolished and replaced by a new timber clad garage with a room above, on the existing footprint. It was unanimously agreed that this application would improve the existing site and should be SUPPORTED.
2/2016/1409/House – Hambledon Cottage, The Knapp, Hilton DT11 0DG This application to build a flint and brick one storey extension with a slate roof will enable the existing resident to remain in her home in the village and is in keeping with the surroundings. It was unanimously agreed to SUPPORT this application. It was unanimously agreed that the lack of parking in Hilton should be raised as an issue again with NDDC Planning.

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8. FINANCIAL REPORT: The following payments were authorized (cheques signed) - **£260.86** (S Smith) Clerks wages & expenses for October 2016 and **£70.00** Cllr Mr R Rowe reimbursement of Fingerpost expenses. JM advised that the matter of bank signatories would be deferred to the December meeting. The Clerk reported that Lloyds are still processing the application for online banking. JM recommended that the draft budget for 2017/2018 should be an agenda item for the December meeting.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 RAILINGS AT MONKS HOUSE, HILTON: EB advised that the cone has been replaced by two "Men at Work" signs and barriers for over three weeks. Residents are wondering what works are due to follow. JM recommended that whoever agrees to attend HC's divisional meeting should raise this concern with Andrew Martin. EB also remarked that following a recent clearance of gullies by the Abbey and minor drainage works at Hiscock's Crossing, it appears that nothing more has been done to alleviate flooding along the Hilton Road. The Clerk advised that Mr Paul Starkey (DCC Highways) has requested a larger drainage facility at Hiscock's Crossing and that the farmer is supportive of proposed works. Work is scheduled, however a date has yet to be confirmed.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY – DCC HIGHWAYS CUTS & VILLAGE

SIGNAGE: It was unanimously agreed that the draft letter of complaint should be signed and sent to address concerns regarding proposed cuts in Highways' Services. An update on signage would be postponed to the December meeting.

9.3 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – BOUNDARY

CHANGES: JM provided an explanation that Hilton are due to move into the Wimborne area, whilst Melcombe Bingham will be split between two areas. It was agreed that following the consultation with residents a letter of complaint to the Boundary Commission should be agreed at the December meeting.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: Winterborne Division meeting (Hilary Cox) 22nd November @ 7pm, Milton Abbas, Reading Rooms – it was agreed that CL, AW or RR would be best to present the Highway concerns to AM. DAPTC AGM 5/11/16 10am Dorchester it was agreed that JM will ask AW, CL and RR whether they can attend.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: 2017/2018 Budget, Letter to the Boundary Commission, Highways Cuts, Meeting dates 2017.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 6th December 2016, 7.00pm, Old Brewery Hall Ansty.

End of ordinary business 7.50 pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date