

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) R Rowe (RR) A Wyld (AW) M Walbridge (MW) R Northover (RN) & E Bridle (EB)

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** District Councillors Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) were absent from the meeting.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 5th March 2019 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These were signed by the Chairman as a true copy.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The villages annual litter pick had taken place on Saturday 23rd March 2019 and was attended by approx 30 volunteers. A total of 6 trucks of rubbish was collected, including 35 rubber tyres. Some fly tipped asbestos at Bulbarrow was also reported to DWP for removal. The Chairman thanked the litter pick organizers & everyone who had turned out to help on the day. Fundraising by the PC is still underway to provide a village defibrillator at Brewery Hall, approx £500 is still needed to reach our target amount.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** This was PBs last meeting as our County Councillor – the new ‘Dorset Council’ went live on the 1st April 2019. There have been a few hitches along the way especially with the Dorset for You website, but everything seems to be now running smoothly. The Chairman thanked PB on behalf of the HPC for all her hard work and support over the past year.
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** A number of issues were raised with regards to Hawkes Field Farm – bonfires & the burning of commercial waste, the open storage of waste, an obstructed footpath and the recent planning application for a property. The Clerk agreed to follow these points up with the relevant authorities to which they have been reported to.
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES:**
2/2019/0197/FUL – Brewery Farm, Ansty Lane DT2 7PN – form new vehicular access & erect 2 gates – the applicant attended the meeting and spoke of his plans for a new entrance at Brewery Farm. PC Cllrs and residents raised a number of issues & concerns and the applicant answered any questions that were put to him. After discussion and taking into account the views of residents, it was agreed by all Parish Councillors that the application should be objected to by the PC. For the following reasons: Highways & safety - the lane is very narrow & the proposed entrance would be sited on a bend, just inside the 30mph zone at the entry point to the village where visibility is poor. The new entrance would create 2 gateways exiting onto the highway very close together. The loss of hedgerow – for the entrance to be installed established hedgerow would need to be removed, resulting in a loss of habitat for wildlife, even if the hedge is replanted. The PC seeks to preserve and enhance the AONB by highlighting the issue with the hedgerow.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

- £254.57 S Smith** - Clerks wages & expenses for March 2019
- £50.00 C Langham** – Litter pick BBQ expenses March 2019

The Clerk presented Cllrs with a summary of the HPC income & expenditure for 2018/2019. Cllrs agreed to take the document home for reading.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 ELECTIONS 2019: The deadline for nomination papers to be submitted is 4pm on the 3rd April 2019. At present it is likely that more applications will be received than the 7 current Cllr vacancies on the HPC. If this is the case then an election for Hilton Parish Cllrs will also take place on the 2nd May 2019. The Chairman requested that all candidates submit a 50-word manifesto to the Clerk to be displayed on the village noticeboards.

9.2 MAY PC MEETING AGM & APM: These meetings will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019 @ Brewery Hall, all welcome.

9.3 BUS STOP @ HIGHER ANSTY: The BT phone kiosk has been removed from the site in Higher Ansty. A resident has obtained a quote for a simple structure with a view to erecting it at the site as a bus stop for the school children. The quote was for £750.00. The Clerk agreed to look into the possible issue of planning permission etc.

9.4 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: A resident had reported to the Clerk an issue with the verges on the approach into Hilton. The Clerk will request that Highways assess the site for safety etc. Pot holes were reported on Aller Lane, these can be reported online via Dorset for You website.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. An email has been received from DWP requesting that residents do not attach speed limit stickers to their wheelie bins. Cllrs Rowe & Bridle have both decided not stand for re election in May and the Chairman thanked them for all their work over the past number of years.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: AGM, APM

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7th May 2019 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Antsy. End of ordinary business.

Signed(Chairman) Date