

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the AGM of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) R Rowe (RR) R Northover (RN) M Walbridge (MW) & E Bridle (EB) & District Cllr Jane Somper (JS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Wyld (AW) County Councillor Hilary Cox & District Cllr Emma Parker were absent from the meeting.
2. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (ANNUAL):** Cllr Hilary Cox had sent her report in advance by email and this was read out by the Clerk. District Cllr Jane Somper reported that the final Full Council meeting was held on the 24th March 2017 at the Nordon offices, Blandford. All NDDC meetings will now be held at South Walks House, Dorchester, although planning and Full Council meetings will be held in Durweston Village Hall. There are plans for a hub to be located in the area but this has yet to be confirmed. All District Council services are now located at South Walks House. Residents can still access some services at Nordon until they are re located to another site, these are housing, planning, building control, revenue & benefits. The reception is still staffed and operational. There are 4 bidders submitting plans for the Nordon site, when these are received the future of the site can be considered. We are still waiting for a decision from the Secretary of State with regards to the move to a unitary authority, it is likely that we will now need to wait until after the June general election for a decision.
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

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) R Rowe (RR) R Northover (RN) M Walbridge (MW) & E Bridle (EB) & District Cllr Jane Somper (JS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Wyld (AW) County Councillor Hilary Cox & District Cllr Emma Parker were absent from the meeting.
- 2. GUEST SPEAKERS: Briony Baxter, Community Conservation Officer, Dorset Wildlife Trust** gave us a short presentation on 'B-Lines'. This is a network of routes running through our countryside & towns, linking together wildlife sites. Over time the sites will join up by filling the B-Lines with new wildflower rich areas. These wildflower routes will provide an important habitat for bees, butterflies and other insect pollinators. The website is www.buglife.org.uk/b-lines. This idea is supported by the Ansty Environment Group. Briony explained that funding, seeds & plants are available to local groups & schools to help with setting up a wildflower area. An information poster will be put on the PC noticeboards. **Sandra Brown Dorset & Devon National Park Team** gave us a presentation on the campaign for a Dorset National Park. The proposal is for a National Park to cover the areas of ANOB in Dorset & what remains of Thomas Hardy's Egdon Heath between Dorchester & Wareham. Sandra explained how National Park status could help Dorset in many areas - tourism, environment, farming etc. The campaign has so far passed an initial evaluation by Natural England. The website is www.dorsetnationalpark.com. Sandra asked if the PC would lobby Natural England asking them to complete the next assessment of the Dorset National Park proposal. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next PC meeting in June.
- 3. A REVIEW OF THE YEAR – CHAIRMAN:** JM stated that the main objective of the PC was to enable residents to achieve a good quality of life and to be an advocate for local people living in the villages. Next year will be a crucial year for the PC as several changes have been implemented by central Government & the District Council and more are on the way. There is real concern for the local NHS services and the future of Dorchester hospital. Cuts in funding from Government have meant that the PC has had to take on responsibility (inc funding) of some services. Several DCC Highway responsibilities have now been passed on to the PC. Litter & fly tipping continues to be a big problem in our villages. CL has organized two litter picks, which have both been successful and achieved good results. The next year will be a challenging one as we move towards a 2-unitary authority and more services will be cut and extra burdens placed on the PC.
- 4. OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR – CHAIRMAN:** As above
- 5. MATTERS RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY:** The Ansty Environment Group raised the issue of new village welcome signs, to replace the worn, damaged metal ones. Any new signs will need to be funded by village fundraising, the PC or a community grant. It was agreed that this matter would be put on the agenda for the June PC meeting for further discussion. The Environment Group agreed in the meantime to gain some more information including some basic costs. Fly tipping was discussed and also the lack of action taken by DWP when a flytipper was identified and the information passed on to them. JS agreed to look into why DWP did not take the matter further.

End of the APM

**MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at
The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty**

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) R Rowe (RR) R Northover (RN) M Walbridge (MW) & E Bridle (EB) & District Cllr Jane Somper (JS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Wyld (AW) County Councillor Hilary Cox & District Cllr Emma Parker were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 4th April 2017 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:** None
5. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Both reports as in the AGM minutes.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** Clive Jones reported some fly tipping alongside his woods, Bulbarrow to Milton Abbas. He had dealt with this himself and he has had some CCTV installed. A resident raised the issue of dog fouling in Pleck Lane. Dogs are running off the lead and the owners are not cleaning up the mess.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** **2/2017/0562/HOUSE – 2 Hillside, Hilton DT11 0DB – install solar panel** – agreed by all Cllrs to support this application. **PLANNING DECISIONS:** **2/2017/0018/HOUSE & 2/2017/0210/CATREE - Orchard Lands, Village Road, Hilton DT11 0DQ** – erect 1st floor extension & fell Oak & crown Beech tree. **2/2017/0178/HOUSE Old Brock Cottage, 16 Church Row, Hilton, DT11 0DD** - erect detached garage/workshop (demolish existing) **Both approved by NDDC**
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - 8.1 **CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed – **£ 237.41** S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for April 2017
A cheque was made out to Came & Company insurance and signed to enable the Clerk to pay the PC insurance invoice before the next meeting. The Clerk will confirm the final amount paid at the next PC meeting in June.

The Clerks annual pay rise for 2017/18 was agreed and approved by all Cllrs.

8.2 NATIONWIDE – BENEFIT ACCOUNT: The Clerk has visited the Nationwide in Blandford and obtained the forms to update the PC contact details and to delete/add signatories. The 2 forms were signed by CL at the meeting. The forms need to be signed by the 3 current signatories (2 of whom are no longer on the PC) The Clerk will seek to obtain the last signature needed and then send the forms to Nationwide for action.

8.3 ANNUAL PC AUDIT 2016/17: The Clerk will seek approval of the 2016/17 PC accounts at the June PC meeting. The Clerk has arranged to meet our internal auditor on the 9th June 2017.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: RR reported that the foot bridge in Melcombe Bingham had now been repaired by Dorset Countryside.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. The Clerk had received an email of the route map of the 2017 Ironman 70.3 Weymouth triathlon bike course that is scheduled for Sunday 17th September 2017. It was agreed that this information would be put on the PC noticeboards.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Dorset National Park Campaign & Village sign proposal – The Ansty Environment Group

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 6th June 2017 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty.

End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date