

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) District Cllr Jane Somper and 4 members of the public

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) District Cllr Emma Parker (EP) & Cllr J McGuinness (JM – Chairman) were absent from the meeting. Cllr C Langham chaired the meeting in JM's absence.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 6th June 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman)
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** At the last meeting in June JM had raised the possibility of asking a Community Police Officer to attend a future PC meeting. JM has since contacted Dorset Police Rural Crime Team and PCSO Tom Balchin has agreed to attend our October PC meeting and give a short presentation to Cllrs & the public about rural crime prevention.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Jane Somper had recently attended a DWP scrutiny meeting, fly tipping was again discussed. Lessons have been learnt from the recent failings of DWP to prosecute identified fly-tippers due to procedural errors, extra staff are being employed to address these issues. Following on from the Grenfell Tower fire – Dorset CC does not own any social housing properties in the county, all social housing is contracted out to housing associations. All social housing landlords have been contacted and emergency safety checks of properties have been carried out.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** A resident raised the issue of fly tipping, questioning again why prosecutions weren't being carried out by DWP. A dead sheep had recently been dumped on a piece of land leaving the owner responsible for disposing of the animal and the associated costs involved. The Police had been informed and the animal was tagged so tracing was possible, but the report was not followed up by the Police.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 2/2017/0805/FUL Hollybank Cottage, Ansty DT11 7PU –** change of use & associated rear extension of the barn attached to Hollybank Cottage for residence of the owner. The applicant attended the meeting and briefly explained to Cllrs his plans for Hollybank Cottage. It was agreed that the HPC supported the application and the Clerk agreed to inform NDDC planning of the PC's decision. The PC supported the application as the conversion would assist a young person to remain living and working in the village and also improve the properties current appearance. **PLANNING DECISIONS:** None. Carol Rogerson at planning enforcement is currently investigating the issue with the number of caravans sited at Brewery Farm.
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - 8.1 **CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –
£ 235.41 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for June 2017
The PC annual audit has been approved by our internal auditor and has now been sent to BDO for the external audit to be completed.

8.2 NATIONWIDE BUSINESS INVESTOR ACCOUNT: It was agreed to close the PC account currently being held at the Nationwide and to move the balance to a Lloyds account connected to the current PC Treasurers Account, the Clerk will arrange this.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 WEBSITE TRAINING (CLERK): The Clerk had obtained 2 quotes (Vision ICT & Alex Ross) for the cost of training the Clerk to maintain the PC website. All Cllrs agreed to the training and gave permission for the Clerk to go ahead and organize the training that she feels is best suited to her requirements.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: CL & JM had attended the recent Divisional meeting in Milton Abbas where they were shown a presentation from DWP. Fly tipping was of course discussed and the introduction of fixed penalty notices is underway. The issue of dog poo and poo bags hanging from the hedges was raised. Cllr AW agreed to write a small piece for the Valley News reminding residents of dog poo disposal etiquette. The issue of extra highway responsibilities being passed down from DCC Highways to the PC was discussed. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways and see if the offer from Roland Skeats of walking the villages with a Cllr still stands. It was felt that a map of drains, gulleys etc that are located in our villages would be useful to the PC.

9.3 DEFIBRILLATOR: A resident in Hilton is looking into the possibility of purchasing a village defibrillator, with the possibility of it being housed at the Hilton Church.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. The Clerk had received an email from Tara Hansford, Countryside & Conservation Management Dorset with regards to funding available for improving footpaths & green spaces. Cllr RR has already contacted Tara and will see if any funding is available for any current village projects.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 5th September 2017 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty.

End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date