

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB), District Councillor Jane Somper (JS) Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** District Cllr Emma Parker (EP) was absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd July 2018 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:** On Sunday 5th August 2018 Cllr Walbridge & the Hilton Parish Clerk attended the North Dorset District Council Community Hero Awards. This was held at the Durweston Village Hall, an afternoon tea was served & enjoyed by the nominees & the proposers who had put the names forward for the awards. Hilton Parish Council had nominated Tim Cox our local milkman for the service that he provided to customers during the previous cold and snowy winter. Tim ensured that we all received our milk and supplies as normal, his service really was a lifeline for a number of elderly & disabled customers in our community.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Somper reported that progress is being made in the shaping of the new 'Dorset Council'. The registered address for the new council will be South Walks House, Dorchester. The interview process is currently underway to appoint a Chief Executive. Shortlist interviews will take place on the 13th September with an appointment hopefully being made on the 27th September. DCP are hosting a #DigitalGarage event on October 19th. Businesses of all shapes & sizes gain guidance on ways to enhance their business online with tricks of the trade – this is a free to attend event. Following completion of the Boundary Commission review of parliamentary constituency boundaries, the report is now finalized. The report will be sent to the Secretary of State on the 5th September. The report needs to go through various stages, until finally being put before Parliament. Cllr Batstone added that she had recent been helping to organize a number of community events in Sturminster Newton & that hopefully there will soon be a Sturminster Chamber of Trade & Commerce for local businesses to join as members.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** A resident raised the issue of salary scales for the top level of management at the new Dorset Council, stating that they thought the pay was too high and not in line with austerity. This issue was raised with BP & JS, who stated that the salaries were needed to attract the correct caliber of applicant to the new management positions.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES:**

2/2018/0822/HOUSE - Hatherly Meadow, Coniger Knap DT11 0HF - erect single storey side extension. All Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to this application.

2/2018/0732/FUL Brewery Farm, Ansty Lane DT2 7PN – erect agricultural building to over winter cattle & store machinery, equipment & straw. **Approved by NDDC.**

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –

£505.14	S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for July & August 2018
£400.00	Old Brewery Hall – annual PC donation
£450.00	Hilton & Ansty Church – annual PC donation

Donation received from Clive Jones (defibrillator)

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 DEFIBRILLATOR: Clive Jones attended the meeting. Clive has very kindly on behalf of the PC put together a folder with his research into the purchasing of a village defibrillator. This folder will be circulated amongst Cllrs prior to the next PC meeting in October. Clive has also applied on behalf of the PC for a grant from The British Heart Foundation to help fund the defibrillator, hopefully by the Oct PC meeting we will know if this has been successful. Clive also has very kindly made a sizable donation towards the cost of the defibrillator & the PC are extremely grateful & thanked Clive for his generosity. Cllrs Rowe voiced his concern over the effectiveness of a defibrillator without CPR also taking place. While the defibrillator was being fetched CPR would have to take place. Cllr Rowe thought that CPR training would be important and that there would be no point in having a defibrillator without this training. Some training had taken place earlier this year at The Brewery Hall, approx 9 residents attended. He insisted that, to make the defibrillator worth having, villagers must attend future CPR training.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: A reported broken gate post on the Jubilee Trail was discussed. It was agreed that Graham Stanley at Dorset Countryside should be contacted and a request made for the gate post to be fixed. Cllr McGuinness agreed to forward the Clerk the details of the location of the broken post to enable her to inform Graham. Cllr Rowe has been collecting litter from the Highway & surrounding villages over the summer months, he has been recycling this & he suggested maybe a road sign to encourage motorists to do the same. The 30mph speed sign between Ansty X and Ansty village has become covered by a hedge, Cllr Rowe agreed to investigate this matter. Cllr Langham had received 2 separate emails from residents with regards to the recently slurry mess on the road in Hilton. The farm had been made aware of the issue & the road is now clear. Any slurry/mess on the road should always be reported to Highways via Dorset for You website. Large farm vehicles & their inconsiderate driving was also discussed. The Clerk agreed to write to the contractors and inform them of the road safety issues & copy in DCC Highways.

9.3 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: Progress seem to have been made on this matter & the affected residents have had contact from the Blandford Neighbourhood Police Inspector. The Clerk agreed to contact Dorset Police to request that we are kept in formed of progress on this matter.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Parish survey, Phone box maintenance, The barn at Cuckoo Lane & Alzheimer's support presentation.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2nd October 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Antsy. End of ordinary business.

Signed(Chairman) Date