

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th December 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) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) District Cllr Jane Somper (JS) and 1 member of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) & A Wyld (AW) County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) District Cllr Emma Parker (EP) were absent from the meeting. The meeting was chaired by CL (Vice Chairman) as JM (Chairman) was absent.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by CL.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has now set up a subsidiary PC bank account with the Lloyds Bank. All the new account details have been received by the Clerk in the post. The Clerk will now visit the Nationwide and request for the balance of the savings account to be transferred into the new Lloyds account. The red phone box in Ansty is due to be removed by BT imminently. The Clerk has contacted BT, but we may be too late to purchase the box as it is already listed with BT to be removed. The PC would like to purchase the phone box so that it could be used as a possible library or for defibrillator storage. The Clerk will chase BT for a definite answer as to the future of the red phone box.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Jane Somper gave a report as follows - The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP has advised that he is minded to support Future Dorset proposal to replace Dorset's nine councils with two new unitary authorities. There will be a short period of consultation before further progress can be made. The 'Dorset for you' website is in the process of being redesigned & updated. The project is due for completion in Summer 2018. Bringing empty homes back to use for families is a priority for NDDC. Loans for up to £15,000 can be offered through Wessex Home Improvement Ltd. South Western Railway passengers will soon benefit from more than 100 additional carriages on its busiest routes. New class 707 trains will primarily go on the Waterloo, Windsor, Weybridge & Hounslow routes. Council have launched a campaign to tackle the housing crisis with a target of 20,000 new homes by 2033 in West Dorset, North Dorset, Weymouth & Portland. Cllr Batstone had sent a short report in advance of the meeting – a hub will remain at the redundant NDDC site at Nordon. This will be a drop in 'hub' open to the public for council information. If we go ahead with the 2 unitary authorities proposal there will be a reduction in the number of serving Cllrs across rural Dorset.
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** Clive Jones from Moonfleet Farm informed the PC that his recent permissive development application for a timber drying barn had been approved by NDDC planning. Clive stated that he may follow this up with a full planning application as the drying barn may have to now be re sited. More fly tipping was reported up at Bulbarrow, building waste etc. JS informed the PC that Dorset Waste Partnership were no longer collecting used Xmas trees after Xmas, but the trees could now be taken to the Blandford tip free of charge.

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES:** An ongoing application for a phone mast at Steeptonbill Farm in Milton Abbas was raised. There is a meeting in Milton Abbas on the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 6.30pm December where the application will be discussed.

**8. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**8.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –  
**£ 244.13 S Smith** - Clerks wages & expenses for November 2017

**8.2 2018/2019 PC BUDGET:** The Clerk presented to Cllrs a draft 2018/19 PC budget. Estimated expenditure for 2018/19 was discussed. It was agreed that the precept request for the next financial year (2018/19) should not be reduced from the 2017/18 amount, but also not be increased. The budget will need to be finalized at the January meeting to enable the Clerk to submit the PC 2018/19 precept request to NDDC. A circular has been received via email from the Chief Executive at DAPTC stating that there are no Government plans at the moment to cap precepts. An internal auditor is still required by the PC to complete the 2018 audit. The Clerk agreed to place an ad in the Village News to see if a volunteer can be sought.

**9. MATTERS ARISING:**

**9.1 REVIEW OF PC POLICIES:** Following points raised at previous PC meetings, the PC has decided to review and update its Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Complaint Procedure. A current copy of the PC's Standing Orders has been circulated by the Clerk for all Cllrs to read. Cllr Langham drew everyone's attention to the planning applications section in our Standing Orders. This procedure was not being followed at present and Cllr Langham suggested that this point should be reviewed. In the absence of the PC Chairman it was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting in January.

**9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY:** RR & Clive Jones had a discussion with regards to the installation of dog gates on the 7 footpaths that cross over Moonfleet Farm. Clive stated that cost implications were an issue but he still was mindful of the fact that providing better dog access to the footpath would be beneficial to walkers.

**9.3 DEFIBRILLATOR – CPR TRAINING:** The Clerk agreed to contact John Lewis at 'CallPushRescue' and to check on availability for village CPR training in January/February 2018. The Clerk will also contact Brewery Hall and check the hall availability.

**10. CORRESPONDANCE:** All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. An email from a potential house purchaser @ Lower Ansty – the Clerk will answer the questions asked. An email from SAAA - Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017/18 financial year. North Dorset dog control – Consultation 1/12/17 – 2/3/18. North Dorset Local Plan Review – Issues & Options Consultation 27/11 – 22/1/18. An email from DAPTC - Preparing your council for the General Data Processing Regulations (GDPR) due to come into force in May 2018.

**11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** 2018/19 Precept request,

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. End of ordinary business

Signed .....(Chairman) Date .....