

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 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) A Wyld (AW) R Northover (RN) & E Bridle (EB)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** District Councillors Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) PC Cllr R Rowe (RR) & were absent from the meeting.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These were signed by the Chairman as a true copy.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Planning, Lower Farm – Cllr Langham’s husband rents another farm in Higher Ansty to the applicant.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The PC minutes from January were published in the latest edition of the Village News, the Clerk will ensure that the PC contact details are updated & included in the March issue.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Progress is underway with the forming of the new ‘Dorset Council’ due to go live on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and the next meeting of the NDDC will be its last. Our roads have a number of potholes at the moment & these should always be reported via the ‘Dorset for you’ website. At County PB was part of a team enquiring into how children with Special Educational Needs (SEND) are provided for. This was a day’s session with school staff, parents, practitioners, strategists and finance officers coming together in turn to be questioned by a panel of councillors of which PB was one. A number of recommendations were produced as a result which will be presented to the Council, the obvious one of which was to lobby central government for an increase in SEND funding. The issue is that the money has stayed the same whilst the number of children with special needs has increased and is continuing to increase. From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 PB will cease to be our DC and it was suggested that a small farewell could take place at our March or April PC meeting.
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** A resident from Higher Ansty has spoken to AW about the need for a school bus stop. The children are standing in the open, in sometimes bad weather, waiting for the various school buses. A suggestion had been made that a shelter could be constructed on the site of the old BT phone box. This item will be on the agenda next month, but in the meantime the Clerk agreed to try and obtain a date for the kiosks removal from BT. AW agreed to look into the costs associated with constructing a shelter. Clive Jones informed the PC that he has submitted an application to DCC planning to build a wooden clad building in Delcombe Woods to store machinery etc. The application is not online yet, but will probably come under the umbrella of Milton Abbas PC.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES: 2/2018/1790/FUL – Lower Farm, Village Road, Hilton – erect no 1 agricultural workers dwelling with garage.** This application was discussed by Cllrs. It was agreed that a dwelling for farm workers was needed but a number of issues were raised. Cllrs objected to the use of UPVC for the windows & the large windows at the back of the house were highlighted as a possible source of light pollution. The need for a large garage was also questioned at a farm workers property.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

8.1 **2018/19 CHARITY DONATIONS:** To be discussed at the March PC meeting.

8.2 **CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –

- **£254.57 S Smith** - Clerks wages & expenses for January 2019
- **£120.00 Vision ICT** – website hosting 2019

9. **MATTERS ARISING:**

9.1 **DEFIBRILLATOR:** The Clerk had submitted a request to the British Heart Foundation for funding towards the cost of a defibrillator. The application had been turned down by the BHF as we were unable to provide sufficient numbers of residents to take part in CPR training on a regular basis. Clive's file on possible defibrillators to purchase has been returned. At present the monies raised for a defibrillator stands at £1,150.00 we need approx another £500 - £600 to reach our target amount.

9.2 **RED PHONE BOX:** A use for the red phone box has still not been decided on. Cllr McGuinness agreed to speak to a resident who she thinks maybe interested in tidying up the box and repainting it, come the warmer weather.

9.3 **CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE SCHOOL:** Cllr McGuinness will be visiting Cheselbourne School this Friday to meet the Headmistress Mrs See. The school are looking to refurbish their playground and have requested a donation from the PC towards the funds to do this.

9.4 **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY:** Cllr Langham has organized a Hilton & Ansty Litter Pick for Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 10am. Free drinks and BBQ for all participants afterwards and a great sense of achievement, for further information or to volunteer please contact Catherine on 01258 817516 or cel@langhamfarm.co.uk. The metal bridge at Lower Ansty will need re painting this summer but in the meantime the overgrowing brambles will need to be cut back. Both grit bins at Higher Ansty need a top up, the Clerk will organise this. The drains are blocked at Bonfire Knapp, the Clerk will inform DCC Highways. Cllr Rowe has recently installed 2 dog gates at Hilton & Ansty.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. It was noted again this year that despite the bad weather Tim Cox (Milkman) still managed to provide residents with their doorstep dairy orders.

11. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** Bus Stop, Litter Pick, Charity Donations

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –** Tuesday 5th March 2019 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Antsy. End of ordinary business.

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