

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM – Chairman) R Northover (RN) M Walbridge (MW) E Bridle (EB) R Rowe (RR) & A Wyld (AW) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) and 2 members of the public

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllr C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) District Cllrs Emma Parker (EP) & Jane Somper (JS) were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 4th July 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by JM.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr R Rowe – Well Cottage (planning)
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has contacted Rolly Skeats at DCC Highways requesting that a member of his team visits the Parish to discuss Highway issues, the locations of the village drains & gulleys etc. In particular the PC would like to confirm which areas we will now be responsible for maintaining. Despite the Clerk sending a chase email to Highways this has still not been arranged, the Clerk will contact Rolly again. A member of the Dorset Police Rural Crime Team has agreed to attend the October PC meeting and give a short presentation, the Clerk will contact the Police to coordinate this. An article has been placed in the latest edition of the Village News re the 'etiquette of dog poo'. It was agreed that this article should be repeated at a later date.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Jane Somper sent a report in advance of the meeting – We are still waiting for a decision from the Secretary of State on forming a new Unitary Authority. NDDC no longer has a '5-year housing land supply' this means that planning permission for housing development will now be looked at using the National Planning Policy (NPPF). Dorset Waste Partnership has achieved an underspend of £3 million for 2016/17. £2.5 million is to be returned to partners with £156,150.86 being returned to NDDC. PB reported that she has been liaising with parents re school transport provisions for the over 16yrs, as this week the children have returned to school. Although children are required to stay in education until they are 18yrs, no provision is made to provide them with transport and no monetary help is available to them. The local public busses have also ceased to operate, which has caught a lot of parents unawares. Councils are presently looking at their budgets for next year, again the biggest cost is in social care, the elderly and children. PB has also recently been involved in locating pockets of council land in Dorset that have the possibility to be developed as social housing sites.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** The meeting was attended by a resident from the caravan site at Brewery Farm, Ansty. Recently the planning enforcement officer from NDDC has visited the site (at the request of the PC) to check that the planning conditions at the site are being adhered to. This has caused some anger & disappointment from the site owners as they feel that they have been unfairly targeted by the PC and several of its Cllrs. The resident stated that they would be taking the complaint higher and submitting a formal complaint to DCC. The resident also stated, that his belief is, that Hilton PC Cllrs knowledge of the planning system is lacking and how this affects the outcome of applications was of a concern to him. The same resident felt that Cllrs should be given more training and gain more experience/knowledge of the planning laws and take more time to consider and discuss the applications that are put before them. Cllr JM and the Clerk agreed to stay behind after the meeting for a discussion with the resident about these matters as it was felt that it was not appropriate to discuss and name individuals in a public open meeting. This matter will be discussed again at the October PC meeting.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 2/2017/1114/HOUSE Well Cottage, Higher Ansty DT2 7PR – erection of a timber outbuilding** – Cllr Rowe left the meeting while the application was discussed by Cllrs. It was agreed by all that a decision on this application should be deferred until the views of the immediate neighbours are known, as the new building is of a substantial size. Cllrs agreed to inform the Clerk of their views before the comment date of the 26th September so that the Clerk can submit to NDDC the PCs comments. **PLANNING DECISIONS: 2/2017/1004/VARIA Orchard Lands, Village Road, Hilton DT11 0DQ – approved by NDDC 2/2017/0899/FUL Cothayes farm, Ansty DT2 7PJ – approved by NDDC. 2/2017/0805/FUL Hollybank Cottage Ansty DT11 7PU – approved.** The planning enforcement officer has recently visited Brewery Farm campsite and concluded that there is no breach of the original planning conditions re the number of caravans on site and their position.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

8.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –
£235.41 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for July & August 2017
£156.41 DAPTC - PC annual membership subscription 2017/18
£435.00 Brewery Hall - £400 annual PC donation & £35 room hire to Dec 2017
£450.00 Hilton & Ansty Church - £400 PC annual donation & £50 church clock
Our internal auditor Robin Stewart is moving to Dorchester. Cllrs agreed that a replacement should be sought now, ready for next year. The Clerk agreed to place an article in the Village News and see if a local volunteer for the job can be found. The Clerk agreed to provide a financial break down of the PC bank accounts at the next meeting in October, including our current financial position against the 2017/18 budget.

8.2 NATIONWIDE BUSINESS INVESTOR ACCOUNT: The Clerk will visit Lloyds Bank in Blandford to arrange opening another savings account before requesting that the Nationwide account is closed, this will enable us to transfer the balance straight across to the new account.

9. **MATTERS ARISING:**

9.1 PC WEBSITE UPDATE: The Clerk has visited Alex Ross in W Stickland and received some training on updating the PC website. Some maintenance of the site has already taken place and this is a work in process, which the Clerk hopes to complete by October. Cllrs were asked to inform the Clerk of any changes or amendments that are needed on the website.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: Cllr McGuinness reported an incident of building waste being disposed of in the village stream, this has been reported to the Environment Agency. RR raised the issue of local bridleways not being maintained adequately and stated that he had cut some overgrown vegetation himself. RR plans to contact Graham Stanley at Dorset Countryside and see if some action can be taken to make the local bridleway more accessible. It was also mentioned that the white markings on the road at Higher Ansty corner, by Pleck lane had worn away. The Clerk agreed to report the issue via Dorset for you.

10. **CORRESPONDANCE:** All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration - A Dorset Waste Partnership guide for Cllrs, information of the new Dorset Care Record starting in Sept 2017, an email with a link to a DCC Highways satisfaction survey for Cllrs to complete, information on the proposal of NDDC forming a PSPO with regards to dogs in public spaces.

11. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** Planning issues raised in the open forum.
The phone box at Melcombe Bingham.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 3rd October 2017 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty.

End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date