

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 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, District Cllr Jane Somper (JS) and 8 members of the public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllr C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) & District Cllr Emma Parker (EP) were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 9th January 2018 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by JM.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** All matters were covered later in this meeting under agenda items.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Jane Somper gave a report as follows – NDDC are moving offices on the 15th February 2018 to a smaller, more economical building, Norden Lodge. NDDC will still be located at Norden, Blandford. The Tri Council Partnership has won bids to unlock the development of 2,700 homes. The Councils have been successful in bringing in over £8m worth of funding for housing infrastructure projects in Gillingham, Portland & Chickerell. The funding boost is a result of the housing infrastructure fund, a government capital grant programme which aims to help the delivery of over 200,000 homes in England. SDK is ceasing to be DCCs approved pest controller. DCC will now issue residents with general advice about how to find a suitable pest controller. On the 21st February 2018 there is course running in Sturminster Newton aimed at people who are interested in helping to run health walks to help others stay healthy and active.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** A resident raised the issue of the local pub (Fox) and farm shop (Brewery Farm) there was concern that these facilities may shut down in the future, it was felt that that this would be detrimental to the local community. Cllrs agreed, but stated that at present they was not a lot that could be done, residents are encouraged to show their support by using the shop & pub frequently. Cllr JS raised the issue that as there will be a boundary review for the new Unitary Authority (once and if we receive the go-ahead) perhaps now is the time to make the change to the boundary lines. This will include the ability to make changes across previous district and borough administrative boundaries, providing more flexibility than in previous boundary reviews. We are all aware of the split of Melcombe Horsey/Bingham down the middle, one half being in North Dorset the other half being in West Dorset. Cllr JM agreed to have a discussion with Carol Eastment from Melcombe Horsey Parish meeting and discuss their views on the matter.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES:**
 - 2/2017/0979/HOUSE – Hilton House DT11 ODD – erect netting around existing tennis court** – all Cllrs agreed that the PC had no objections to this application.
 - 2/2017/1925/HOUSE – Old School House DT11 ODB – erect rear canopy, new front door, changes to windows** - all Cllrs agreed that the PC had no objections to this application.
 - 2/2017/1824/FUL – Lower Farm DT11 ODQ – erect 1 agricultural dwelling, detached garage & access drive** – a number of residents attended the meeting wishing to discuss this application. The meeting was also attended by the applicants, the farm owners

themselves. Cllr RR had previously visited the site and gave us an overview of the proposed plans. The issue of scale, siting, landscaping, possible flooding, access & material used were all addressed by the applicants. It was strongly felt by residents & Cllrs that if given the go ahead the new property should have an agricultural tie placed on it as a condition, meaning it could only be occupied by the farmer or farm workers. After a lengthy discussion, with questions answered, it was agreed by all Cllrs that they had no objects to the application in principle, but the details will need to be finalized by NDDC with maybe some changes to building materials etc.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- 8.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –
- £239.39 S Smith** - Clerks wages & expenses for January 2018
- £120.00 Vision ICT** – annual PC website hosting
- £10.50 Brewer Hall** – hall hire for CPR Training on the 17th Feb 2018
- £50.00 Dorset Air Ambulance** – PC annual donation

The Clerk confirmed that Hilary Cox has very kindly found the PC a volunteer to complete the PC annual internal audit. The Clerk will contact the volunteer at the end of March 2018 and arrange a time and date to meet up with the PC accounts.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 RED PHONE BOX: BT have confirmed that the red phone box in Melcombe Bingham is now owned by Hilton Parish Council. The PC has paid BT £1.00 and signed the required documents to enable the change of ownership to take place. It was agreed that the purpose of the phone box would be discussed at the next meeting - a library, a home for a defibrillator? etc

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: The Clerk gave RR some replacement footpath markers that she had obtained from Dorset Countryside. Pot holes in the roads were discussed, these should always be reported as soon as possible via the 'Dorset for you' website. Once reported they are normally filled/repared quite quickly by Highways.

9.3 CPR TRAINING: The Clerk has booked John Lewis from the British Heart Foundation to run some CPR training on Saturday 17th February at 11am for local residents. This will be at the Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. All residents are invited and the event is free to all ages. The Clerk has advertised the event in the Village News. Cllr AW agreed to attend the event and unlock the hall on the day for John Lewis.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration. Cllr Langham has again organized a villages litter pick. This will be on Sat 24th March 2018 with a free BBQ after for all participants – to be discussed further at the next meeting. There are some changes to the Dog Warden service mainly a change of contractor as the service will now be run by in house staff rather than an external contractor. Dorset ANOB are reviewing their 5-year Dorset ANOB Management Plan and Cllrs have been asked for their views. There will be a consultation starting in mid-August, Cllrs agreed to submit their views then. A Parish & Town Planning session is to be held at South Walks House on the 8th March 2018 – Cllrs were invited to attend.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: PC Donations 2017/18 & 2018 Litter Pick

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 6th March 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman)

Date