

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) & Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** District Cllrs Jane Somper & Emma Parker were absent from the meeting.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on the 2nd May 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by J McGuinness (JM - Chairman)
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has visited the Nationwide Bank in Blandford with the completed forms needed to amend the PC Business Investor account signatories. The procedure has not been easy and help from the Nationwide not forthcoming. Moving the funds to another bank was discussed and this will be possible once the current signatories have been amended. It was agreed that alternative bank accounts available will be investigated in the meantime and discussed at the next PC meeting.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** The Parish Council is now in the electoral division 'Blackmore Vale' and our new County Councillor is Pauline Batstone. PB gave a small presentation on herself and her responsibilities within DCC. She is Chairman of the Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee which works towards ensuring that people in Dorset are safe, children & vulnerable adults etc including ways to tackle crime, antisocial behavior and domestic abuse across Dorset. This also includes road safety. She is also Chairman of the Dorset Race Equality Council. PB informed us that a decision on the 2-unitary authority proposal for Dorset will not be forthcoming from the Secretary of State until autumn 2017 at the earliest. Fly tipping in the area was raised by Cllrs with PB particularly the recent failure of the DWP to prosecute an individual (photographic evidence had been provided) A Division meeting is to be held on the 27th June @ 7pm in Milton Abbas and the Director of DWP will be in attendance. All Cllrs were encouraged to attend and raise their issues at the meeting. JM raised the possibility of asking a community Police Officer to attend a future PC meeting, it was agreed that this was a good idea, JM to organize.
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** A resident raised an issue with fly tipping on his land. The waste (garden) has been cleared away but the culprit seems to be a serial offender, returning to the same spot many times. CCTV had been installed in the area but the camera has now been stolen by someone. Still photos were retrieved from the camera before it was taken, these will be distributed amongst the PC to try to identify the offender.
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** None **PLANNING DECISIONS: Malthouse Business Units 2/2016/1852/OTDWPA** convert business units into 2 dwellings – this application was approved by NDDC at a planning committee meeting on the 23/05/2017. The issue of the number of caravans in storage at Brewery Farm and the original planning application conditions was again raised. Carol Rogerson at planning enforcement is currently investigating. The Clerk agreed to contact Carol for an update and to put something in writing to state that the Parish Council would like this possible breach of planning investigated.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

8.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –
£236.41 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for May 2017
£168.00 Came & Company PC annual Insurance

8.2 APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN 2016/17 & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS: The Clerk presented to Cllrs an end of year (31/03/17) Bank Reconciliation. The combined closing balance of both PC bank accounts was £8,474.67. The Clerk circulated the updated the PC Asset Register to show acquisitions made over the past year. Cllrs were also shown an Income & Expenditure Summary for 2016/17. Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return 2016/17 was signed by JM. Section 2 – Accounting Statements was then also signed by JM. The Clerk will now meet with Robin the internal auditor before sending the Annual Return to BDO.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 NATIONAL PARK PROPOSAL: Following on from the May PC meeting where we had been given a presentation on the Dorset National Park proposal, a discussion was had, did the PC wish to support the proposal for a Dorset National Park? Many Cllrs felt that more legislation and restrictions in the countryside was not needed at present. The benefits to the community from Dorset becoming a National Park were not apparent. It was felt that at present the proposal could not be supported by the PC. In future, if the proposal moves forward to the next stage and more information is forthcoming, the PC will reevaluate its position on the matter.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: A broken stile along Aller Lane has been fixed by RR. A concrete slab has fallen into the road by the Chapel at Ansty Cross, RR will investigate. There is a large pot hole on the approach to Ansty Cross, the Clerk will report it via 'Dorset for you'. There is a fallen tree along a bridleway just outside of the Abbey School, RR will investigate.

9.3 VILLAGE SIGN PROPOSAL: At the May meeting The Ansty Environment Group had discussed with the PC the possibility of a 'Welcome to Ansty' village sign. This was discussed amongst Cllrs and it was generally felt that the village has too many signs already and that a village sign was not needed. It was suggested that signs reminding people to recycle & pick up rubbish would be more beneficial to the village.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. The DAPTC AGM is on the 4th Nov 2017 submission of proposals for the agenda must be submitted by the 28th July 2017.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Community Police Officer, alternative PC bank account, fly tipping.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4th July 2017 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty.

End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date