

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 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: Mrs S Smith (Clerk), and 0 members of the public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone, District Cllrs Jane Somper & 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 6th February 2018 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by JM. The Clerk had omitted to add 'anti-social behavior' to the March agenda from the February meeting & so this was covered under 'Matters Arising' below.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** JM informed us that the Brewery Farm Shop has recently changed hands, it was suggested that the new tenants may wish to attend a PC meeting in the future to talk of their plans for the shop. JM has invited Paul from The Fox Pub to the April PC meeting to talk to us about his fund raising for the defibrillator. RR raised the issue of anti-social behavior in the villages. It was agreed that the issue could be discussed further with Pauline Batstone at a future meeting. The Clerk agreed to write to Sovereign Housing with regards to the points raised at the meeting.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone & District Cllr Jane Somper did not attend the meeting. JM mentioned that an official announcement has been received from The Secretary of State for the go ahead to form two new unitary councils, changeover is to be completed in April 2019.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** Nothing raised.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES: 2/2018/0172/FUL - Moonfleet Farm Access to Track from Coniger Knap Higher Ansty DT2 7PU - Change of use of agricultural land to riding arena and erect 10 No. column floodlights.** Cllrs discussed this application, it agreed by all Cllrs that there were no objections to the proposal to erect a riding arena on the land. The issue of floodlights proved to be a more contentious issue as it was felt by some that the issue of light pollution should be taken into consideration on ANOB land. It was also stated that the arena should be for private use only. The Clerk agreed to submit the PCs comments and concerns online to planning. **NDDC Planning Decisions** – none this month. The issue of the newly erected barn on the field at Cuckoo Lane was discussed. It was felt by some that the barn is overpowering. The barn was given planning permission under an agricultural application and it was questioned why this type of application by passes the PC at the application stage. It was suggested that some trees/hedging have been planted recently to soften the look of the barn, but this was not confirmed. It was agreed that nothing much could be done now at this late stage. It was suggested that a letter could be sent to our MP Simon Hoare questioning the agricultural application process, RR agreed to draft a letter and forward it to the Clerk for sending.
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - 8.1 **CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –
£237.41 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for February 2018
£50.00 Citizens Advice - 2017/18 PC donation

8.2 PC DONATIONS 2017/18: It was agreed that the remaining **£50.00** left in the PC 2017/18 PC budget (donations) should be given to the Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 RED PHONE BOX: Housing for the proposed defibrillator still seems to be the favoured proposed use for the redundant red phone box in Ansty. It was agreed that the box will firstly need some tidying up and repainting. The Clerk agreed to look at the BT paperwork and see if there is any recommendation on the correct paint to use.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: RR raised the issue of Bridleway maintenance in the villages. RR has been discussing this with Graham Stanley at Dorset Countryside. Graham has explained to RR that DC is contracted to cut our bridleways once annually. The Bridleways will only be cut more frequently if a member of the public reports a Bridleway as needing attention, even after being reported it may take up to 6 weeks for the work to take place. DC only have a limited budget, manpower & machinery. RR suggested that the PC could enter into a SLA agreement with DC, the bridleways will then be cut a further 2 times annually. RR is particularly concerned with regards to 2 village Bridleways The bridleways are: 1) E10/28 between Rawlsbury Farm and the Higher Ansty/Hazlebury Bryan road and 2) E10/5 the bridleway from Church Row to the bridge Lower Farm, Hilton. RR has been quoted **£156.00** per year for the SLA. The possibility of entering into a SLA agreement with DC was discussed amongst Cllrs. Although it was felt that keeping the Bridleways clear was important it was also felt that the residents would in fact be paying twice for a service that we are just not receiving adequately from DC and that entering into a SLA should be a last resort. JM felt (after consulting with the Clerk) that parishioners may object to this extra expenditure of PC money and this was felt by other Cllrs too. JM suggested that before the issue is taken further the Clerk should write to DC and express our dissatisfaction that these Bridleways are not being serviced to an acceptable level. CL also suggested that a group of volunteers could form a 'working group' to oversee the maintenance of the bridleway.

9.3 CPR TRAINING: John Lewis from the British Heart Foundation had completed some CPR training on Saturday 17th February at the Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. A total of 9 residents attended. CL mentioned that if a defibrillator is purchased from the Dorset Ambulance Service it is replaced free of charge should it be stolen or faulty. The Clerk agreed to look into this. It was also suggested that Bulbarrow Music Festival may see fit to contribute to funding of the defibrillator from its proceeds in June.

9.4 LITTER PICK: 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. The PC agreed to fund the BBQ up to a cost of **£50.00**. The Clerk agreed to write to Tesco (as last yr) and ask if they would be able to also make a donation towards the BBQ also.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration – a letter from Dorset Air Ambulance thanking the PC for its £50.00 donation. Cllrs mentioned a big thank you to Tim our milkman, even in the recent snow all milk was delivered and residents were extremely grateful. The Clerk distributed the February 2018 Dorset National Park newsletter to Cllrs.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Possible emergency register for vulnerable residents, fund raising for the defibrillator, Bridleway maintenance.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 3rd April 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman)

Date