

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th Sept 2016 at 7pm The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) M Walbridge (MW), R Northover (RN) & R Rowe (RR) County Councillor Hilary Cox & District Cllrs Jane Somper & Emma Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and no members of the general public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Councillors A Wyld (AW) & E Bridle (EB) were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th July 2016 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by the Chairman (JM).
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest for any items at this meeting.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has written to the residents at Dove Cottage, Ansty re the parking issues outside the farm shop. She had received no reply, but it was agreed that the parking problem seems to have been resolved. The Clerk confirmed that she had also written to the property owner at Lower Farm, Hilton. This was with regards to the recent flooding along the road adjacent to the farm crossing gates. The Clerk had received no reply, Cllr RR agreed to have a chat with Mr Hiscock and to ask if any work to improve the drainage at the gates was planned.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** District Councillors Jane Somper, Emma Parker & County Councilor Hilary Cox gave a short presentation to the PC. Dorset's councils are considering reducing the number of local authorities in the county from nine to two, the proposal is a single Dorset Authority (rural) and one for Bmth\Poole (maybe with Christchurch). There is a consultation on line at present (Dorset for You) and all residents are encouraged to go on line and have their say, the deadline is Tuesday 25th October 2016. The PC agreed to submit its views on line and its response will be discussed at the October PC meeting. The proposed cuts to the Highways service was also discussed and what this means for rural communities. Hilary Cox also mentioned that the mobile library service was ending and rural buses are being axed. Rural communities will need to provide many of these cut services themselves if they would like them to continue. Volunteers are going to have to be sought or an increase made on the village precept (council tax) to cover the cost of providing these services in the future.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** Nothing to note
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS: 2/2016/0773/LBC 17 Church Row, Hilton DT11 0DD** – demolish existing single storey extension and erect 2 storey extension, convert out building to office space – **approved by NDDC**
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - 8.1 **CLERKS ACCESS TO THE PC BANK ACCOUNT** -The Clerk presented the Lloyds Bank form that once completed would enable the Clerk to access the PC bank account. This form was signed by existing signatories Cllrs CL & RR. The Clerk will visit the bank with her ID to enable the changes to take place, hopefully in time for the next PC meeting.

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The following payments were authorized (cheques signed) –

- £431.19 (S Smith) Clerks wages for July & August 2016

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 CLERKS CONTRACT & EMPLOYMENT A letter has been received by the Clerk from Cllr JM confirming the Clerks temporary position with pay details etc. The role is to be reviewed in November 2016 with a view to Sam Smith becoming the permanent Hilton Clerk.

9.2 BUS SERVICES It was agreed that this discussion would be carried forwards to the next PC meeting in October to enable Cllr Wylde to be included in the discussion.

9.3 DCC HIGHWAYS CUTS

A DAPTC Meeting was held in Blandford on the 20th July 2016. The main item on the agenda was the proposed DCC Highways cuts. As from the end of 2016 Highways will only provide core functions with no non-essential repairs taking place. To plug the gap all Parish Councils are expected to employ volunteers or to pay workman to complete the work. All Cllrs agreed that this was unacceptable and ultimately would require the parish precept to be raised to cover costs. The Clerk agreed to write to Highways and state that the PC are angry at the proposed cuts and to also to request an inventory of the items that the PC would now be responsible for to enable the PC to discuss the 2017/18 PC budget.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: An email had been received from a Hilton resident re a dog running about unaccompanied in the dark, late at night. The owner of the dog has been identified and it has been established that this was a one off incident and should not happen again.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Buses services, Highways cuts, PC response to the local authority consultation.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4th October 2016, 7.00pm, Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

End of ordinary business 8.10pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date