

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) R Rowe (RR) M Walbridge (MW) R Northover (RN) E Bridle (EB) & District Cllr Jane Somper

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) A Wyld (AW) & District Cllr Emma Parker were absent from the meeting.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th February 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by R Rowe (RR).
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllrs JM & MW stated that they were close neighbours of 10 Harfoot Close, a planning item on the agenda.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has received a £20 gift card from Tesco. This was very kindly donated to the PC by Tesco to be used to part fund the litter pick BBQ on the 18th March 2017. The gift card has been given to Cllr CL and the Clerk has thanked Tesco. Hilton PC now has a .gov email address which is - **hilton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk**. All PCs have been informed by DCC that a .gov email address is required for the future, **hiltonclerk@gmail.com** is still the Clerks contact email until such time that the PC decides to switch over fully to the .gov address.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** District Councillor Jane Somper reported that the last meeting of the Full Council had taken place at the end of February. This was the last meeting to be held at NDDC, Norden. In the interim future meetings will be held in the Durweston Village Hall. Other meetings, training etc will be held at South Walks House, Dorchester. Following the recent consultation on the re organization of local government, a proposal has been submitted to the Secretary of State. An indication of the Secretary of States intentions should be known by the end of March. Cllr Somper confirmed that Dorset Council Tax will be rising for 2017-18 an increase of £5 for a Band D property, this does not include the local precept increase or the Police etc. Cllr Somper is a member of several scrutiny committees but has recently taken on the role of Chairman at the Tri Partnership Committee.
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** No items were raised by the public.
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** **2/2017/0018/HOUSE & 2/2017/0210/CATREE** - Orchard Lands, Village Road, Hilton DT11 0DQ – erect 1st floor extension & fell Oak & crown Beech tree. **No objections, supported by all Cllrs** **2/2016/0552/FUL** - Rear of Little Hatherley Bungalow, Coniger Knap, Higher Ansty – all weather turnout/manege, stable & feed room (equestrian) **No objections, supported by all Cllrs** **2/2017/0147/LBC** - 2 Aller Green, Aller Lane, Ansty DT2 7PX – remove & re thatch **No objections, supported by all Cllrs** **2/2017/0022/FUL** - Little Hatherly Farmhouse, Conigar Knapp, DT11 0HF – construction of conservation lake **No objections, supported by all Cllrs** **2/2017/0178/HOUSE** Old Brock Cottage, 16 Church Row, Hilton, DT11 0DD - erect detached garage/workshop (demolish existing) **No objections, supported by all Cllrs** **2/2017/0235/HOUSE** - 10 Hartfoot Close Ansty Dorset DT2 7TY - erect two storey extension (demolish existing garage) **No objections, supported by all Cllrs.**

PLANNING DECISIONS: 2/2016/1852/OTDWPA Malthouse Business Units, Ansty DT2 7PN – change of use to 2 dwellings – **approved by NDDC.**

An email had been received by the Clerk with regards to the number of caravans situated on the site at Brewery Farm, Ansty and the absence of a screening hedge. The number of caravans and hedge do not seem to comply with the original planning permission granted. Cllr Somper agreed to investigate this further and to contact planning enforcement for further guidance on the matter.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT: 8.1** The following payments were authorized (cheques signed) –
£224.17 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for February 2017
£120.00 Vision ICT – PC annual website hosting
£250.00 Ashford Brown – Higher Ansty noticeboard

8.2 ADD SIGNATORY TO THE PC BANK ACCOUNT: The Clerk passed the Lloyds Bank application form over to RR and it was signed by EB & RN. RR will now need to visit Lloyds Bank in Blandford with his ID to enable the bank to action our request.

8.3 BUDGET 2017/18: A final copy of the PC 2017-18 budget was presented by the Clerk. The document was signed and approved by JM. The Clerk presented a summary to Cllrs of the PCs income and expenditure for the 2016/17 period. Pending any last minute unexpected costs, the PCs yearly spend will finish slightly under budget, the surplus will be carried over to the next financial year to help meet the PCs increased costs and extra responsibilities. The Clerk also presented the PC bank statements, the balance in the PC Treasurers Account will be £3,418.59 at the end of the 2016/17 financial year. Cllr RN enquired as to the 'PC Benefit account' the Clerk explained that the PC also has a Nationwide account, the current balance is £5,053.58, the Clerk agreed to investigate as to whether this is the same as the benefit account that RN is referring to.

9. **MATTERS ARISING:**

9.1 VILLAGE LITTER PICK: Cllr Langham is organizing a village litter pick for Saturday 18th March 2017. A BBQ will be held afterwards to thank all volunteers. Cllr Langham can be contacted at cel@langhamfarm.co.uk or phone on 01258 817516 for more information.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: Fly tipping in the surrounding villages was discussed. Cllr RR has been contacted by a resident with regards to a local incident that has taken place. A photo of the car responsible had been taken and RR agreed to investigate the matter further.

9.3 CLERKS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: A draft copy of the contract had been read by Cllr JM and the Clerk. A copy was shown to all other Cllrs. It was agreed that any changes could be made before the next meeting in April and then a final copy signed by the Clerk and Cllr JM.

10. **CORRESPONDANCE:** All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting for consideration. A Waste Plan Consultation is underway and this runs until 5th April 2017. Cllr JM agreed to attend a planning training session at South Walks House on the 5th April 2017. A programme of works has been received from DCC Highways, no works are planned for any roads in the Parish over the next 12months.

11. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** Benefit/Nationwide account, clerks contract, items for the PC AGM in May.

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

End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date