

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT:** Cllrs C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) R Northover (RN) M Walbridge (MW) A Wyld (AW) & E Bridle (EB) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) and 2 members of the public.

**1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) & R Rowe (RR) District Cllrs Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) were absent from the meeting. The meeting was chaired by CL (Vice Chairman) as JM (Chairman) was absent.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by CL.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has been contacted by Paul Starkey from DCC Highways as an attempt has been made by DCC Highways to re fill the village grit bins. Paul reported that some bins were padlocked shut and so could not be re filled. It was agreed that the bins in the Hilton PC boundary are not padlocked and so maybe the locked bins are in Melcombe Bingham? The clerk will report back to Paul Starkey with the bin information. The Clerk is still trying to set up a subsidiary PC bank account with Lloyds Bank. The bank has sent a letter to the Clerk stating that they have been trying to contact her via telephone, but the Clerk has had no messages left on her answer phone. The Clerk will phone Lloyds Bank to move the matter forward. The red phone box in Ansty was again discussed. The phone box is due to be removed by BT imminently. The possibility of the PC purchasing the phone box was discussed. The idea is that it could be used as a possible library or for defibrillator storage. The Clerk will contact BT, but we may be too late to purchase the box as it is already listed with BT to be removed.

**5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Jane Somper emailed a short report ahead of the meeting. News has been circulated that the Secretary of State Rt Hon Sajid MP has advised that he is minded to support the Future Dorset proposal to replace Dorset's nine councils with 2 new Unitary Authorities. No timescales for the move have been given. Keeping land free and clear from dog fouling is a high resident priority and there will soon be a public consultation (date to be advised) with regards to Dog related public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) these will replace the current North Dorset Dogs (Fouling of Land) designation order. A consultation is taking place at present with regards to the North Dorset Local plan. The District Council was required to carry out an early review of the plan to ensure it remains appropriate for the District and continues to encourage and secure the development & infrastructure the District requires.

**6. JOHN LEWIS – BHF CO ORDINATOR - DEFIBRILLATOR:** John very kindly attended our meeting to give Cllrs a presentation on the benefits of purchasing and installing a village public access defibrillator and undertaking CPR training. At the end of 2014 the British Heart Foundation launched a scheme 'CallPushRescue' to try and train the general public in CPR. Since the start 593,000 have received the training. From the evidence obtained in their research the BHF found that 30,000 people died in the UK annually from cardiac arrests. Since the 'CallPushRescue' training started 66 incidents have been recorded and 33 lives have been saved. Currently the **Call Push Rescue scheme** is available in this area, free of charge. The scheme has been delivered in the North Dorset area to Town and Parishes as well as to local village and town groups including young people. The sessions, which last about an hour and are run from the DVD and cover the

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basics of CPR, Recovery Positioning and Defibrillation. It was agreed that some CPR training would be organized by the PC for village residents and this would take place sometime in January/February 2018. A final decision was not made on the purchase of a defibrillator, the cost of this would be approx. £1,000 with a maintenance cost of approx £20 per year. John was thanked by the PC for his informative presentation.

**7. OPEN FORUM:** A resident had brought along some information that they had printed off from the internet, they thought this might be useful & informative to Cllrs. Copies of 'The Nolan Principles' and a House of Commons briefing paper on Parish & Town Councils was given to Cllrs. Cllrs were thanked for the work that they do, especially in difficult situations and it was reiterated that Cllrs are not planning experts. Clive Jones from Moonfleet Farm informed Cllrs that he had submitted an application (general permitted development) to NDDC planning to erect an open fronted, metal framed, timber clad drying shed.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES: 2/2017/1114/HOUSE – Well Cottage, Higher Ansty DT2 7PR – Erect timber outbuilding** – approved by NDDC. A resident had emailed the Clerk with regards to a barn that is in the process of being erected on land at the east side of Cuckoo Lane. NDDC have confirmed that this barn was approved by planning back in 2014 and was an agricultural application. The Clerk has replied to the resident's email & CL has also spoken to the land owner to confirm his plans for the new building. Following on from an email circulated at the end of the October PC meeting by a resident at Brewery Farm – the email had also been copied to Carol Rogerson at planning enforcement. Both CL & CR disputed some of the facts that were stated in the original email. CL had sent a letter to Brewery Farm addressing the issues raised in the circulated email and a reply letter had been received, including an apology for the miss quoted facts and statements. The planning investigation matter is now closed with regards to the PC and Brewery Farm.

### **9. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**9.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –  
**£235.41 S Smith** - Clerks wages & expenses for October 2017

**9.2 2018/2019 PC BUDGET:** The Clerk presented to Cllrs a draft 2018/19 PC budget. Estimated expenditure for 2018/19 was discussed. It was agreed that the precept request for the next financial year (2018/19) should not be reduced from the 2017/18 amount but also not be increased. This item is to be discussed further at the December PC meeting.

### **10. MATTERS ARISING:**

**10.1 REVIEW OF PC POLICIES:** Following points raised at previous PC meetings the PC has decided to review and update its Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Complaint Procedure. A current copy of the PCs Standing Orders has been circulated by the Clerk for all Cllrs to read and comment at the December meeting.

**10.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY:** The Clerk & Cllr Rowe had met with Paul Starkey (DCC Highways) on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ 1pm outside The Fox. A number of highway issues were discussed. The issue of which areas of the highway that the PC are now responsible for maintaining should now be clearer. It was made very clear that DCC Highways now work on a reactive basis rather than a proactive one. All highway issues should be reported via 'Dorset for you' online. Signage was also discussed with Paul and horse safety on the roads.

**10.3 PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES:** Cllrs agreed to make a representation to request that the boundary is extended so that Melcombe Horsey (including Cross Lanes and Bingham Melcombe) are included in the same constituency as Hilton, Higher Ansty, Ansty and part of Melcombe Bingham. The Clerk will submit the PC comments.

**11. CORRESPONDANCE:** All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors ahead of the meeting, for consideration. **DCC Public Notice** – road closure 12/11/2017 Water Knapp/Pidney Hill, Hazelbury Bryan in the morning for a Remembrance Parade.

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**Minerals & Waste Plans consultation** 1/12/2017 – 31/01/2018 emailed to Cllrs.

**Planning session held at South Walks House** 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – meeting notes forwarded to Cllrs. **DAPTC annual report 2016/17** circulated to Cllrs by email **A letter from Blandford Town Council** requesting a contribution from the PC towards the upkeep of the public toilets in Blandford – Cllrs agreed to not contribute any money from PC funds.

**12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** Budget 2018/19, PC Standing Orders document review

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. End of ordinary business

Signed .....(Chairman) Date .....