

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) M Walbridge (MW) & E Bridle (EB) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) District Councillors Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) PC Cllrs A Wyld (AW) R Rowe (RR) & R Northover (RN) were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These were signed by the Chairman as a true copy.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Langham's husband is a Director of a company that owns the land adjacent to Hawkes Field Farm.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk has contacted The Village News and the PC minutes should now be included in the magazine every month from February 2019. Cllr McGuinness agreed to speak to the local resident, who it was thought might be interested in tidying up the red BT telephone box on behalf of the PC.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) District Councillor Jane Somper (JS) both emailed reports ahead of the meeting.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** Members of the public had attended the meeting to discuss the Hawkes Field Farm planning application, see next item.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES: 2/2018/1486/FUL Hawkes Field Farm, Hilton DT11 0DN – erect 1 x dwelling** – the applicants attended the meeting along with members of the public. A lengthy conversation was had with regards to the proposal. A number of issues were raised by Cllrs & the general public. It was felt that the proposed building would not be suitable at the chosen location. The site is in the Dorset AONB & outside the village settlement boundary. The proposed design of the building features large windows which would create light pollution at night, especially as the site is elevated. This light would be seen from a great distance in a largely rural area. The construction materials & height of the proposed property also raised concerns. Concern was also raised over the building of a property connected to a business, what happens to the property once the business ceases to trade? It was felt by all Cllrs present that this application should not be supported by the PC, especially as so many local residents are against the proposed property. It was requested that this application is sent to the Planning Committee for a final decision.
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - 8.1 **CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED:** The following cheques were signed –
    - £275.14 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for December 2018
    - £55.00 Old Brewery Hall – meeting room hire for 2019

**8.2 BUDGET 2019/20:** The Clerk distributed a final copy of the proposed 2019/20 budget for agreement. It was agreed to not raise the precept amount this year but to keep it the same as in 2018/19. The Clerk will submit a precept request for £5,406.40. Cllr McGuinness mentioned that she had been recently approached by Cheselbourne School with regards to a possible PC donation towards the cost of refurbishing the school playground. This will be discussed at the February PC meeting along with other 2018/19 PC charity donations.

**9. MATTERS ARISING:**

**9.1 DEFIBRILLATOR:** The information file that Clive Jones very kindly put together needs to be located and returned at the next PC meeting. The Clerk is waiting to hear from BHF with regards to the possibility of funding support for a defibrillator.

**9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY:** there was a flooding issue recently in Hilton which seems to have been resolved after the intervention of DCC Highways. The village roads are littered with pot holes at present and these should always be reported via the 'Dorset for You' website, click on the 'Report a Road problem' link. Cllr Langham mentioned another website called 'Fix My Street' where road, litter & street lighting issues etc can be reported and then the information given is sent directly on to the correct Council for actioning.

**10. CORRESPONDANCE:** All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration. Refills of village grit bins can now be requested by residents via the 'Dorset for You website'. Strategic grit bins are re filled and the grit paid for by DCC, with Community bins, the grit is paid for by the PC. A request will be sent first to the PC asking if they agree to the bin being re filled before the PC is charged.

**11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** Defibrillator, telephone box

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –** Tuesday 5th February 2019 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Antsy. End of ordinary business.

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