

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) R Northover (RN) M Walbridge (MW) E Bridle (EB) & A Wyld (part) (AW) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) District Cllr Jane Somper (JS) and no members of the public.

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) & R Rowe (RR) County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) & District Cllr 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 5th December 2017 had been circulated and were approved unanimously as being a true record and signed by JM.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The Parish Council is still looking to recruit a volunteer to complete its internal audit in April 2018. The Clerk had placed an ad for a volunteer in February's Village News. Hillary Cox was suggested as a possible candidate and the Clerk will contact Hilary and ask if she can help. There are some changes this year to the PC audit process and the Clerk has booked herself to attend some DAPTC training on the 30th January 2018 to cover the new audit process. In May 2018 new Data Protection Rules come into effect and these new rules will apply to the Parish Council. The Clerk has agreed to attend some DAPTC training in March which will cover this subject and report back to Councillors, on what as a PC, we need to do to comply with the new rules.
- 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Jane Somper gave a report as follows – the Local Government Re Organization Consultation period ended on the 8th January 2018. The Secretary of State will soon make an announcement taking into account the findings from the Consultation. A plan/timetable has been drafted detailing the steps that need to be taken to complete the re organization, with completion planned for September 2018, so the timescales are very tight. Dorset Waste Partnership has been working hard to optimize its collection rounds to increase efficiency and make savings. Some Dorset residents will experience changes to their garden waste collection days from 5th February 2018. DWP will write to all affected households. A number of the local Recycling Centre will be closing over the coming weeks for deep cleaning. Each site will close for approx 1 week and each site will stagger its closure, so a local site is always open.
- 6. OPEN FORUM:** There is a Milton Abbas PC meeting on the 10th January 2018 to discuss the proposed mobile phone mast at Stepton Bill Farm. The Clerk agreed to publish details of the current members of the Hilton PC in the Village News and on the PC noticeboards to help residents identify, who is who, when it comes to engaging with the PC.
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES: 2/2017/1828/FUL - Pearman's End, Hartfoot Lane Ansty DT2 7PE** Cllr McGuinness had visited Pearman's End prior to the meeting. The proposed application was discussed amongst Cllrs. It was felt that as the planned expansion of the property is to house a growing family, this type of development should be encouraged. Support should be given to families wishing to make a permanent home in our villages. All Cllrs supported this application with no objections.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

8.1 CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –
£ 237.41 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for December 2017
£ 55.00 Old Brewery Hall – PC hall hire for 2018

8.2 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. The final amount was agreed at **£5,406.40**, the Clerk will submit this request to Dorset Councils Partnership by the 31st January 2018 deadline. The Clerk raised the issue of unspent money in the 2017/18 budget that had been set aside for charity donations (£100) The Clerk agreed to look back over previous minutes to see who it had been agreed to donate the money to. Samaritans & Air Ambulance was suggested but the Clerk will check and the cheques can be signed at the next meeting in February.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 REVIEW OF PC POLICIES: The PCs Current Standing Orders have been read by Cllr JM and they are still correct and no amendments are required at this time. It was agreed that the PC should have a 'Complaints Policy' in force and the Clerk agreed to see if a historic copy was on the PC laptop. New data protection rules come into effect in May 2018 and the PC will need to also have a Data Protection Policy document on file.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: Cllr JM has reported some low hanging branches to SSE as they are near to overhead power cables, they have said that they will visit the area to assess the situation. It was reported that some yellow footpath markers have been stolen/defaced in Melcombe Bingham. The Clerk agreed to contact Dorset Countryside and obtain some replacement markers.

9.3 CPR TRAINING: The Clerk has booked John Lewis from the British Heart Foundation to run some CPR training on Saturday 17th February at 11am for local residents. This will be at the Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. All residents are invited and the event is free to all ages. The Clerk will advertise the event in the Village News. Cllr MW agreed to ask the pub (Fox) and shop (Brewery Farm) to promote the event.

9.4 RED PHONE BOX: The Clerk has obtained a purchase agreement from BT. The agreement was read and checked over by Cllr JM prior to the meeting. It was agreed to purchase the Melcombe Bingham phone box for £1.00. It was agreed that Clerk should go ahead and sign the paperwork and send a £1 to BT.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration. MP Simon Hoare will be holding a roundtable meeting on the 2/2/2018 at The Crown Hotel, Blandford. Cllrs are invited to attend to discuss local issues. The Milton Abbas Clerk had sent an email asking if Hilton PC would be interested in shared use of SID device (speeding) It was decided that finding volunteers to operate the equipment would be problematic at present and we should decline the offer.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 6th February 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. End of ordinary business

Signed(Chairman) Date