

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 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) R Rowe (RR) & E Bridle (EB) County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB)
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES:** District Councillors Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) PC Cllrs A Wyld (AW) & 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 6th November 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, owns the land that borders Hawkes Field Farm.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** The blocked drain issue at Harfoot Close, that was reported at the November PC meeting, has now been resolved.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** The new logo for the newly formed Dorset Council has been circulated to Cllrs. Following a public consultation, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) have published their final recommendations for ward boundaries for Dorset Council. The new wards will be represented by 82 councillors and the arrangements will come into effect at the first elections in May 2019. If re-elected, we will be saying goodbye to PB as our District Councillor, as she will be covering the Blackmore Vale Ward in the future.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** A resident raised the issue of sheep worrying. A dog, which was running off the lead in Higher Ansty, had recently killed a sheep. The dog owner had been spoken to, but the resident wanted to raise awareness that all dogs must be kept on a lead when walking near livestock. Allowing your dog to attack sheep is a criminal offence & the farmer is within his rights to shoot any such dog to protect his sheep.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES: 2/2018/1486/FUL Hawkes Field Farm, Hilton DT11 0DN – erect 1 x dwelling** – it was agreed by all Cllrs to defer the discussion of this application until the January 2019 PC meeting. Cllrs asked the Clerk to contact the applicants and see if a site visit could be arranged. Cllr Langham has already received some emails with regards to this application, she agreed to forward them on to the Clerk for actioning.

Barn off Cuckoo Lane – this matter is being followed up by Cllr R Rowe.

2/2018/1329/HOUSE Aller Green Farm, Ansty DT2 7PX - approved by NDDC.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –

8.1 £254.57 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for November 2018

8.2 BUDGET 2019/20: The Clerk presented Cllrs with a draft 2019/20 budget. Items of expenditure for the forthcoming financial year were discussed. It was agreed to discuss the budget for the final time at the January 2019 meeting to enable the precept request to be made in time.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 DEFIBRILLATOR: The Clerk had received an email from a resident offering a donation of £100 towards the cost of a village defibrillator. The information file that Clive Jones has put together is still being passed amongst Cllrs. The Clerk will chase up the British Heart Foundation with regards to a request that the PC has made for some funding. The money needed for the defibrillator has now more or less been raised, a decision now needs to be made on which one to purchase.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: The gate post is still broken on the Jubilee Trail; the Clerk will chase this up with the land owner. There has been some recent flooding at the farm gates in Hilton which has now subsided. The flooding has greatly reduced in this area since the new drains etc have been installed. Cllr Rowe stated that he was going to carry on maintaining and cutting some of the bridleways in the villages to keep them passable & safe.

9.3 RED PHONE BOX: A notice was placed by the PC in the Village News seeking a volunteer to tidy up the red phone box. Cllr McGuinness had someone in mind who she will contact to see if they wish to help with this matter.

9.4 PARISH SURVEY: Cllr McGuinness gave a brief review of the recent Parish Council survey results. Pot holes & drains, lack of public transport & a need for 1st time buyers housing stock were all issues raised by local residents. Generally, the view was that our villages are nice places to live. PC charity donations were highlighted in the survey & it was agreed that our charity donations would be reviewed at the January 2019 PC meeting.

9.5 HIGH SPEED INTERNET: Clive Jones spoke of a new government grant scheme called the 'Gigabit Voucher' a fund established to provide small & medium enterprises with a faster internet service. This would require a super-fast fibre network direct to each business. A business can claim up to £2,500 towards the cost of installing the fibre connection. There has to be enough interest for Wessex Internet to take the scheme further forwards. If any local business is interested, they are asked to register this at wessexinternet.com/gy.

9.6 PC MINUTES IN THE VILLAGE NEWS: The Clerk agreed to speak to the Village News & see if a space can be reserved every month for the PC minutes, in the past this has not always been possible, due to space limitations.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: 2019/20 PC Budget, Defibrillator

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 8th January 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Antsy. End of ordinary business.

Signed(Chairman) Date