

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7pm in The Club Room of The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

PRESENT: Cllrs J McGuinness (JM - Chairman) M Walbridge (MW) R Northover (RN) A Wyld (AW) & E Bridle (EB) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB), District Councillors Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) PC Cllrs C Langham (CL - Vice Chairman) & R Rowe (RR) were absent from the meeting.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd October 2018 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These were signed by the Chairman as a true copy.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT:** JM has spoken with Dotty, Roy & Anna with regards to the possibility of an Alzheimer's support presentation at a village coffee morning. The Fox Pub is currently up for sale.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** JS & EP sent a report in advance of the meeting as follows - The Boundary Commission for England have published their final recommendations for the new boundaries for the Dorset Council. They are proposing that the Dorset Council should be represented by 82 councillors in future. The recommendations mean that those councillors should represent 6 three-councillor wards, 18 two-councillor wards and 28 one-councillor wards across the council. The Planning validation team for West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council are now down to validating within a day. This is the shortest times for validations in the area for a number of years. The validation times for North Dorset District Council are currently at 3 weeks. This is due to staffing issues and a higher receipt of email/postal applications caused by the Planning Portal introducing a £20 charge for every application submitted. The team are working very hard to get these numbers back down. North Dorset District Council has carefully considered the views of dog owners and the concerns of other residents who use public places such as parks. After considering 859 responses the council has attempted to strike a balance. The result is the new North Dorset Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2018, which will replace the existing order. This decision was taken at a meeting of the district council's cabinet and then approved by Full Council earlier this month. The new rules will come into effect later this year.
6. **OPEN FORUM:** A resident raised the issue of the water surface drains at Harfoot Close. The drains appear to have not been cleared for sometime and some of the drains are blocked, the concern was that flooding could occur in the coming winter months. The resident was directed to the Dorset for You website where the issue can be reported. The Clerk will also contact Highways and requested that the drains are cleared.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES:**
2/2018/1329/HOUSE – Aller Green Farm, Ansty DT2 7PX – Proposed 1st floor link extension – it was agreed by all Cllrs that the PC had no objections to this application.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –

£254.57 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for October 2018

8.2 BUDGET 2019/20: The Clerk gave all Cllrs a copy of the current 2018/19 PC Budget. All the current expenditure items were discussed in turn. In time for the December PC meeting the Clerk will draft a 2019/20 budget to present to Cllrs. Any expenditure items that Cllrs would like to see included will need to be emailed to the Clerk in time for the December meeting. The results of the PC survey will also be ready for the December meeting & some of the questions asked were regarding the PCs financial spending. The recent email with regards to election re charging was discussed from a budgeting point of view. The costs incurred for a contested PC Cllr election in May 2019 will now be passed on for the PC to fund. This possible extra expenditure will need to be included in the 2019/20 budget.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 DEFIBRILLATOR: Clive Jones attended the meeting. The defibrillator information file that Clive put together has now been read by all Cllrs. Clive was looking into funding from the British Heart Foundation but has now passed the application form on to the Clerk. It was agreed that at the next meeting in December the proposal should be made as to whether the balance needed to purchase the defibrillator should be made up out of PC funds.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: A gate post is broken on the Jubilee Trail, Melcombe Bingham. The Clerk agreed to contact the landowner & inform them of this issue and request that they would be kind enough to fix the post.

9.3 HORSES – ROAD ISSUES: A resident had raised, via email, the issue of horses & road safety with regards to inconsiderate driving. Cyclists speeding in groups through the villages was also raised. Although a lengthy discussion was had on this matter it was agreed that there was not much that the PC could do to solve the problem. JM said that she would draft a letter to Michael Gove as this issue is something that is happening in all our local villages & the matter should be drawn to the attention of Government. A recent incident involving a car & tractor collision was also discussed & the Clerk agreed to contact the tractor contractor & raise the issue of tractor speed with them.

9.4 PARISH SURVEY: JM has been busy distributing the PC survey to the villages. The survey is on the 'Our Melcombe Bingham' Facebook page, in the churches, The Fox Pub & the Ansty Farm Shop. More completed surveys are still needed by the PC, a request for a survey can also be made to the Clerk at hiltonclerk@gmail.com.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration. The DAPTC AGM is on the 10th November 2018 in Dorchester.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Defibrillator, PC Budget 2019/20, PC Survey & Phone Box

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4th December 2018 @ 7.00pm, The Old Brewery Hall, Antsy. End of ordinary business.

Signed(Chairman) Date