

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd October 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 Northover (RN) & R Rowe (RR) **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES: County Councillor Pauline Batstone (PB), District Councillors Jane Somper (JS) & Emma Parker (EP) & PC Cllrs A Wyld (AW) & E Bridle (EB) were absent from the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on the 4th September 2018 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These were signed by the Chairman as a true copy.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had emailed some documents to PC Cllrs stating the legal requirements for 'declaring an interest' when discussing PC business at a PC meeting. With regards to planning matters on this agenda, Cllr Langham declared an interest as did Cllr Northover.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PC MEETING/CLERKS REPORT: All matters are covered on the agenda.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS: JS sent a report in advance of the meeting as follows – Matt Prosser has been appointed as the Chief Executive for the new Dorset Council. The timescale for the validation of planning applications is now back down to 2 weeks, the team aim to always achieve a 10-day validation timescale, but at busy times this may increase. The finance teams are working to bring the finances for all 6 councils into the one new organization (Dorset Council) working with one budget.

6. OPEN FORUM: Clive Jones reported that on a stile, on his land, 2 post are broken he is planning to fix these when he has the time.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS & ISSUES:

2/2018/1126/HOUSE – Stockland House, Hilton DT11 0DE – erect no 1 double garage & workshop – Cllrs had no objections to the application although the issue of screening the garage from view from the road and the building materials to be used was raised.

The barn off Cuckoo Lane – Cllr Rowe has been in contact with Planning & Enforcement with regards to the positioning of the barn and other planning issues. A site visit has been conducted by Carol Rogerson and Cllr Rowe agreed to keep the PC updated with a progress on this matter.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED: The following cheques were signed –

£297.84 S Smith - Clerks wages & expenses for September 2018

We have received notification from NDDC that our September instalment of the annual Precept **£2,703.20**. has been paid into the PC bank account.

9. MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 DEFIBRILLATOR: Clive Jones attended the meeting. Clive has very kindly on behalf of the PC put together a folder with his research into the purchasing of a village defibrillator. This folder is currently being circulated amongst Cllrs & hopefully by the November PC everyone will have read it. Clive has also applied on behalf of the PC for a grant from The British Heart Foundation to help fund the defibrillator, hopefully by the November PC meeting we will know if this has been successful. The Brewery Hall has agreed that the most appropriate place to site the defibrillator would be at the Hall.

9.2 HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY: The 30mph speed sign between Ansty X and Ansty village has become covered by a hedge & the post twisted. The Clerk has reported this matter to DCC Highways.

9.3 THE FOX PUB: The pub now has new tenants. Cllr McGuinness had paid a visit and invited the new management team to attend a future PC meeting to talk to us of their plans for the pub and to introduce themselves and promote the pub to residents.

9.4 PARISH SURVEY: Cllr McGuinness suggested the idea of the PC undertaking a short Parish residents survey, with the questionnaire published in the Village News? Cllr McGuinness suggested that questions such as, what would residents like the PC to finance with the precept? could be asked, or what issues would you like the PC to tackle on your behalf? Cllr McGuinness agreed to put the survey together & distribute copies to residents & public places. A request will also be made to the Village News to feature the survey in the November issue.

9.5 PHONE BOX MAINTENANCE: The red phone box in Melcombe Bingham desperately needs a repaint & tidy up. The Clerk agreed to place a write up in the Village News asking if a village volunteer would like to take this task on. The PC would supply the paint & equipment to complete the job. The Parish Survey could also ask the question of what would residents like to see the phone box now used for? as it longer contains any telephone equipment.

9.6 ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT: Cllr McGuinness agreed to talk to Dotty and suggest that maybe she could make a presentation at one of Roy & Annas coffee mornings.

10. CORRESPONDANCE: All correspondence had been emailed to Councilors ahead of the meeting for consideration. Highways Satisfaction Survey needs to be completed by 12th Oct 2018. AONB Consultation Draft Management Plan needs to be completed by 3rd Oct 2018. Planning training session at South Walks House, Dorchester on 9th Oct 2018 all PC Cllrs invited.

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

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

Signed(Chairman) Date