

**MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2016
7.30 IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, POTTON ROAD, HILTON**

Present: Cllrs P. Balicki (Chair), G. Barradell (Vice Chair), Cllr. K Dunk, A. Goodridge, A. Parkinson, S. Partridge, J.Perez and S.Perry

In Attendance: The Clerk- Mrs J Perez, Cllr I Bates and 6 parishioners

1. To note Apologies for Absence

W.Wilson due to a personal commitment, A.Goodridge left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Declarations of Interest

G.B item 5.5 and J.P Item 6.2

Parishioners Open Session

Parishioners were invited to participate stating to which item on the agenda they wish to comment.

Margaret Shardlow:- Item 5.3 Concerned about arrangements regarding the lighting of the Beacon.

John Carter:- Item 5.6 Has spotted Water Voles opposite Douglas Cottage. Ken Attwood and Cllr Partridge have also spotted some in the village.

Cllr Ian Bates:- Will remain as a County Councillor, but will not be standing for election for HDC.

Closed 19.39

2. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th April 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 11.4.16 were approved as a true record, P.B prop, G.B 2nd, S.P abstained as he was not present at this meeting, all other Cllrs were in favour.

3. Matters arising or carried forward from the last meeting for discussion and decision

3.1 (3.1) Clean for the Queen – Feedback from the event

The Clerk received positive feedback from Parishioners. There was a good turnout on the day. The Parish Council will consider making this an annual or bi-annual event.

3.2 (3.2) Queen's 90th Birthday – Commemorative Tree – plaque –approx costs

Cllr A.P suggested a brass plaque and kindly offered to pay for the plaque. Cllr P.B and Cllr A.P will look into this further and report back to the next meeting.

4. Committee, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 HAT – Mick George – voluntary speed restrictions –signs- to be discussed

Mick George Haulage are offering to introduce a voluntary 20mph speed restriction for their Lorries through Hilton and provide signage. Cllr J.P will invite Mick George and Joe Gossage to attend and speak at the next PC meeting. Once the Parish Council has all the information available then it will consider. P.B proposed that this item be deferred until the next PC meeting. S.P 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

4.2 (4.2) Green Open Spaces Management – inc complaints regarding new road at Northern edge of the Green

The Working Group met recently. Maintenance hours on the new Green Spaces Contract were discussed. Cllr Dunk has received a letter from Mr. Way asking if the Parish Council can maintain the piece of land outside of his house, he has maintained this for a number of years but he would now appreciate some help. Cllr Dunk has asked JSC services to keep an eye of grassed areas around the village and attend to if required as part of the contract. Concern was raised about agricultural vehicles causing damage to the Green when cutting the corner at Wraggs Row and continuing on the Green instead of returning to the road. It was suggested that posts be erected at the top of Wraggs Row near the gate to the wilderness. Cllr G.B has posts that were previously used by the PC. The Clerk will contact the Common rights holders and this will be discussed at the next PC meeting. Cllr Dunk has received a letter informing the PC that Mr S. Bridge would like to plant two willow trees by the pond in

front of his property, Cllr Dunk will ask Ian Stott to advise. FYFC held an event on the Green without speaking to the PC, they have been advised that in future they should seek permission before organising events. The road to the north of the Green has been patch repaired by CCC, but they did not notify anyone of this work and therefore the boundary line had not been re-established and tarmac chipping have been left behind. This has been reported and we are waiting to hear back from CCC.

4.3 Fireworks – confirmation on date and budget

All parties are in agreement that the Fireworks will be held on Saturday 5th November 2016. The budget for Fireworks will be the same as last year, £1450.00.

4.4 Village Hall Meeting – report from Cllr Barradell, inc further idea on how the PC can support Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations on 12th June – including Commemorative Keepsakes ideas

The Village Hall committee met in March, they already have a cake organised for the Queen’s Birthday celebrations. Keepsake ideas seem expensive. The PC would look to spend approx £100.00. Cllr J.P suggested raffling a Keepsake. Cllr G.B will speak to the VH for ideas.

4.5 Pecks Coppice – Access update

The PC has received a letter from the homeowner. The easement working group will discuss and bring back to the next PC meeting.

5. To consider any correspondence/communications received requiring decision or action and any other agenda items

5.1 (5.2) Election – details on PC elections 5th May 2016 – nominations papers now with HDC

Since the publication of the agenda the deadline date for nominations has passed and we now know that 9 nominations were received by HDC for 9 available seats. Therefore there will not be a need to hold an election. The PC says goodbye and thank you to Cllr A. Parkinson and S. Perry, and will welcome R.Collard and S. Walker when they take office at the next PC meeting on the 9th May.

5.2 (5.3) Rural Exception Housing – clerk to update on any suggestions sent to her and next step.

As there will be a new Council in place at the next PC meeting it was decided to bring this back to the next meeting.

5.3 (5.6) Queen’s Birthday Beacons – 21 April 2016 – time 8.30pm and discuss final plan

The Pageantmaster has advised that Beacons will be being lit at 8.30pm. The Beacon should be ready for the event to be held on the Wilderness. Flyers and Posters will be organised and delivered. The Clerk will advise the Common right holders.

5.4 Request for Road Closures for the Queen’s Birthday celebrations, Feast Week and Cricket club

The PC are happy with the suggested road closures, the Clerk will advise that the date of the Ball should also be included. P.B prop, A.P 2nd, all Cllr were in favour.

5.5 Request from Fenstanton Youth Football for permission to use the Green for their home matches for 2 teams for year 2016/17. Same arrangements as last year

Cllr P.B prop to agree on the same terms as last year, Cllr K.D 2nd, all other Cllrs were in favour.

5.6 Request from the Water for Wildlife Officer to carry out a water vole survey.

The PC would be interested to hear the findings and how we can look after the water voles. P.B prop the PC allow this to go ahead, K.D 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.7 Ramblers Association Walk – Donation offered for use of the Parish Council car park £9.00, what would the PC like to do with this?

The PC would like to give the donation to the Parish Church. P.B prop, J.P 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.8 Next PC meeting- proposed 9th May (within 14 days of the election) – APCM to be held in May also, set date.

9th May will be the Annual Parish Council meeting. The clerk will find out availability for the Annual Parish Meeting w/c 23.5.16 and liaise with other parties.

6. To consider and decide upon matters relating to Finance and Risk Assessment

6.1 Authorise payment of any bills

6a John Carter (JSC)	S/O March 2016	£575.00 s/o
6b Ecotricity	Electricity Charges 25.1.16-24.02.16	£ 9.77 DD
6c Ecotricity	Electricity Charges 25.2.16-12.3.16 (actual)	£ 35.76DD
6d Church Floodlights	1.1.15 -31.12.15 Floodlight Costs –Churchyard	£ 69.00chq
6e K & M Lighting	Street Lighting Maintenance 1.4.16-30.6.16	£ 153.82chq
6f Bannold	Gravel for carpark –as previous agreed	£ 53.63chq paid
6g R. Makeham	Cricket Pitch – mowing 23.3.16 & 5.4.16	£ 80.00chq

P.B prop, A.P 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour

6.2 Authorise Clerks salary and expenses

Jo Perez	Clerks Salary – March 2016	£456.30 s/o
	Expenses :- Travel & parking	£ 7.55
	Postage	£ 2.21
	Total	£ 9.76 chq

P.B prop, A.P 2nd, Cllr J.P abstained, all other Cllrs were in favour.

6.3 Monies received

FYFC £300.00, Feast Week utilities £111.38 and Cricket Club utilities £35.60.

6.4 Audit Papers received ready to be completed

The Clerk and Chair will prepare and bring to next meeting.

7. Councillors items – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made.

No comments

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.02pm

Signed.....Date.....