

**MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st DECEMBER
2014 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs P.Balicki, G. Barradell ,D. Bates, K. Dunk, A. Goodridge, J. Perez, W. Wilson

In Attendance: Jo Perez (Parish Clerk), Cllr I Bates and 11 parishioners.

1. To note Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S. Perry due to work commitments and Cllr S Whyte as he has resigned from the PC.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr J.P has a pecuniary interest in item 6.1 Clerks payment and a non-pecuniary interest in item 3.3 Speedwatch.

Parishioners Open Session

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

Andrew Parkinson – item 3.1 - Andrew objected to being recorded but wanted to thank and congratulate the PC for clearing away following the Fireworks so promptly.

Margaret Shardlow – item 4.1 – can we indicate how much does 18% represent and what is it for? Consider low income parishioners. Make Villagers aware of what we are proposing sooner.

Ken Harris – updated on Neighbourhood Watch

Ken Attwood – item 4.1 – not against a raise in precept but would like to have in monetary terms rather than percentage.

Andy Bush – item 2 – commented on minutes recorded at Oct meeting.

John Carter – item 3.2 – offered to pay for hedge to be reinstated on the land adjacent to Pecks Coppice, High Street, Hilton.

Peter Blake – item 3.2 – advised that there are affidavits to say there is no access to land adjacent to Pecks Coppice.

Roger Furniss – item 3.2 – agreed with Peter Blake.

Sharon Walker – item 3.1 – made a donation to the PC from FW committee from takings at the Firework display.

Report from Cllr Ian Bates :-

Gave the PC details of all Trees in Hilton with preservation orders. He also passed the PC some reports on wind energy, A14 and HCV. HDC local plan will be re-consulted in March 2015. A428 is being made into a dual carriageway from Caxton Gibbet to the Black Cat roundabout.

Open session closed at 19.46

2. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd November 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd November 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, P.B proposed, K.D 2nd, G.B abstained as 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) Fireworks – update from the W.G

The working group have met and discuss some ideas going forward. This will come back to be discussed at a later meeting.

3.2 (3.4) Green Management Open Spaces – Ditches and other updates

Tree work in the village will start on 28th January 2015 and will take 3 days to complete. Wood will be stacked for villagers to help themselves. Councillors had not received the quote for ditch work in time to consider ahead of this meeting, therefore an extraordinary meeting will be arranged to discuss and approve the work. John Carter offered to sweep up the gravel spilled from the village car park.

3.3 (4.3) Speed Watch - update

The Volunteers that have previously helped with Speedwatch have now resigned, They were thanked for their help and time. The clerk will write to thank them. There is currently no Speedwatch operating in the Village. Moving forward it was decided to put a notice in Spectrum and on the PC website asking for volunteers who are willing to run Speedwatch under constabulary guidelines.

3.4 (4.2) Emergency Plan –

The Environment Agency has now commented and there are a few minor changes to be made. This will be distributed ahead of the next meeting to be discussed again then.

3.5 (3.2) A14 – update

The Chairman read from an update following a meeting with District and County Councillor Ian Bates. The full content of that update is available on the Parish Council website.

3.6 Winter Gritting Volunteers

Winter Gritting Volunteers will be alerted directly. The Clerk will not have to coordinate. Details of how to volunteer are on the PC website.

4 Committee, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 Report from Finance and General Purposes committee - Precept recommendation for decision

An increase to the precept of £4023 was recommended, so total precept recommendation would be for £27070. Details of where money is spent will be put on the website so Parishioners can have time to consider. A decision will be made at the extraordinary meeting.

4.2 Easements – update

A letter has been sent to the owner of Pecks Coppice to advise that there is not an easement to the land adjacent and therefore this land should not be used for access. A Parishioner has offered to reinstate a Hawthorne Bush at the entrance to this land. Ongoing easements:- to grant agricultural vehicle access to Gault Close and to grant residential access to St Francis Toft. The PC need to clarify legal costs of easement. This will be reported on again at the next meeting.

5 To consider any correspondence/communications received requiring decision or action

5.1 Cllr Stephen Whyte – resignation and casual vacancy

Cllr Stephen Whyte has resigned from the PC as he has moved away from the Village. The Chair expressed his thanks to Cllr Whyte on behalf of the PC. The Clerk will inform the elections office at HDC and a vacancy notice will be put on the noticeboards and website.

5.2 Defibrillator – discuss need in the Village

The PC needs more information before considering. This will come back to the next meeting. The Clerk will check with our insurance company if this would affect our insurance.

5.3 The Rural Exception Scheme – update following Cllr Dunk & Cllr Barradell meeting

This was a fact finding meeting. Cllr I Bates would like to speak with Cllrs Dunk and Barradell about the meeting. This will come back to our next PC meeting.

5.4 Village Volunteering initiatives

As no information had been sent in advance of the meeting the Chair suggested that information be put together and can be discussed at the next meeting.

5.5 Review of Village Plan

As no information had been sent in advance of the meeting the Chair suggested that information be gathered and discussed at another meeting.

5.6 Invoice received from CCC for the Crossing on Potton Road

The PC would like to see a breakdown of costs before agreeing payment. The Clerk will request this.

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

6.1 Authorise payment of any bills

6a	Jo Perez	Clerk’s November Salary	£ 435.06
		Postage	£ 2.85
		Travel & parking	£ 7.75
		18866 prefix and BT phone Calls	£ 4.66
		Total	£ 450.32chq
6b	Jo Perez	Clerk’s December Salary (As no meeting in January)	£ 435.06chq
6c	John Carter (JSC)	S/O September	£ 575.00s/o
6d	John Carter (JSC) (part 2)	Reeves ditch- clearing bank sides	£ 40.00
		The Ware- clearing bank sides and debris	£ 140.00
		Total	£ 180.00chq
6e	Rodney Makeham	Grass cutting – Village Green 5.11.14	£ 40.00chq
6f	E-on	Electricity (reading) November	£ 44.76DD
6g	Cambs County Council	Zebra Crossing – Potton Road (First payment of 3)	£3,333.34chq

P.B Proposed that 6a,b,c,d,e and f be paid. More information require for 6g. G.B 2nd. J.P abstained all others in favour.

6.2 Receipt of monies

Donation of £150 received from Feast Week from monies received at the Firework Display.

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

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.32pm

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

