

**MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2015**  
**7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs P.Balicki, G. Barradell, K. Dunk, J. Perez, W. Wilson

**In Attendance:** Jo Perez (Parish Clerk), 12 parishioners and guests Nigel Ferrier and Ray Whitby.

**1. To note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D.Bates as on Holiday, A.Goodridge and S.Perry due to work committments.

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr J.P has a pecuniary interest in item 6.1 Clerks payment. G.B has a non pecuniary interest in the Football Pitch

**Parishioners Open Session**

Nigel Ferrier and Ray Whitby were invited to speak about ideas and plans already in place to celebrate the 300year Anniversary of Capability Brown. They would like to work with volunteers from Hilton and work together to make this a memorable occasion. They gave information on some events that are already in planning.

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

Andy Bush – item 3.3 - Village Map appendix is still mentioned in Parish Council documents.

Ken Attwood - item 3.4 - Wanted to know who was attending an A14 meeting and how that decision had been made.

Open session closed at 19.47

**2. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2015 and Planning meeting held on 19th January 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting on 26th January 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, P.B proposed, J.P 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Cllrs were in favour.

The minutes of the planning meeting on 19th January 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, G.B prop, K.D 2nd, all Cllrs on the planning committee were in favour.

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

**3.1 (3.6) Casual Vacancy -To Co-opt a new Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council received 4 applications. A secret ballot was conducted and Mr Andrew Parkinson won by an absolute majority. The Chairman thanked all for applying.

**3.2 (5.2) 300 Year Capability Brown celebrations - discuss following ideas from Nigel Ferrier**

The Clerk will contact Ray to find out how many they would like to join their committee and also find out when the TV company will be coming to visit Fenstanton and Hilton. Once this is know we can speak to other committee/clubs within the Village to see if interested and advertise on the website and in Spectrum.

**3.3 (3.1) Green Management Open Spaces – Tree Work - update.**

The tree work has been completed and there have been lots of positive comments about the work carried out and the manner in which it was done, including a thank you from a resident of Cross Farm Close. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to send along with the payment for the work.

John Carter was thanked for the work carried out on the Maze, which is looking great.

There are concerns about the wear and tear on the Green especially on the Football Pitch. The Green Management will inspect the ground on Friday and make a decision on whether Football can continue or will have to be postponed until the ground recovers. The Clerk will inform FYFC.

Cutting of the Cricket Pitch will be discussed at the next meeting.

**3.4 (3.4) A14 - update**

The A14 working group is currently examining the 700 documents. The working group hope to have a first draft response by the 19th March. The registration period ends on the 12th March. Jacobs held an exhibition in the Village Hall on Sat 28th Feb 2015.

The A14 meeting held by The Highways agency regarding DCO update will be attended by Cllr K.Dunk and Mark Stanton.

**4 Committee, Working Groups and Members items**

**4.1 (4.1) Easements -update and possible decisions**

All easements are still being worked on.

**4.2 Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 - Feedback from Cllr Barradell following seminar**

G.B received a draft document for the PC to look through and make comment if any errors are found. Responses to HDC should be received by 20th March 2015 and can only be made by the Clerk or Chair.

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

**5.1 Weee (Wiser) recycling - collection feedback and date of next collection**

Collection was successful and made £47.56. The next collection date suggested is Tuesday 17th November 2015. The Clerk will confirm with Wiser.

**5.2 HACT -Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport - to discuss letter received requesting a grant and decision**

Whilst this is a worthy cause we cannot support as others would follow. It was discussed that this may be something the Town Trust would be interested in supporting. The Clerk to contact the Town Trust before responding.

**5.3 Easter Cross - permission requested to erect on the Village Green - Good Friday to Easter Tuesday**

The PC have received an email requesting to erect the Easter Cross on the Village Green in the usual spot by the maze from Good Friday until Easter Tuesday. J.P prop, K.D 2nd, all Cllrs in favour.

**5.4 Pavilion - request from Sharon Walker to look to refurbish with the help of Volunteers and PC support.**

It was decided that a working group should be set up and Sharon Walker would be invited to join. The working group would produce a remit and look at the potential use and scope for the village. Cllr K.D, W.W and G.B would be happy to be part of the WG. G.B prop, W.W 2nd, all Cllrs in favour.

**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 February Salary	£ 435.00
		Stationery and toner	£ 63.48
		Total	£ 498.48chq
6b	John Carter (JSC )	S/O February 2015	£ 575.00s/o

6c	E-on	Electricity (estimate) February 2015	£ 6.53DD
6d	Atlas Tree Surgery	Tree work carried out January 2015	£2448.00chq
6e	B. Ashby	Handyman Services - Jan/Feb 14hrs	£ 88.20chq

**6.2 (6.3) Look at Electricity Supply provider - Clerk to inform of decision made**

The Clerk advised that she has switched Electricity Supplier to - Ecotricity. New charges will be 12.09p kwh and 14p standing charge. P.B prop, J.P 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

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

Due to our next meeting falling on Easter Monday it will be held on Tuesday 7th April instead. Allan Salem has informed us of application of Road Closures. The Emergency and Flood plan will be on the next agenda.

**8. Closure of meeting**

Meeting closed 8.47pm

**Signed.....Date.....**