

**MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2017
7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HILTON**

Present: Cllr P Balicki (Chair), Cllr G. Barradell, Cllr R Collard, Cllr K. Dunk, Cllr A. Goodridge, Cllr S. Partridge

In Attendance: The Clerk (Jo Perez), 3 Parishioners and Mick George

1. To note Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr W.W due to personal commitments, Cllr S.W due to illness and Cllr J.P as he has resigned from the Parish Council. Apologies also received from Cllr I Bates.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

Parishioners Open Session

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

A.Parkinson:- item 5.5 offered the use of a good mole smoke if required.

A Bush:- Correction to draft minutes 23.1.17 regarding his opening comments.

A Bush:- Met with Robert Holgate (CCTV Manager at HDC), also met with Hemingford Grey Councillors and they will be trialing 6 new mobile CCTV camera that can be moved around.

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 23rd January 2017

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd January 2017 were approved as a true record with correction to be made to opening comments from Mr Bush. P.B prop, K.D 2nd, S.P abstained as not present, all other Cllrs were in favour.

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

3.1 (3.1) A14 construction vehicles using the Village for access – update following reporting to Highways England and other updates.

Mr Mick George was in attendance and the PC confirmed the thank you previously sent for introducing a voluntary 20mph speed restriction through the village. The PC would encourage all villagers to adopt this reduced limit when driving through the village.

Highways England encourages Parishioners to take photographs or get license plate details of construction vehicles (including transit vans and pick-ups) using the Village for access. Report these to the Clerk and she will inform Highways who are speaking to culprits.

Roadwatch are working to try to get all hauliers to adhere to a 20mph speed limit through villages. Highways England encourages Parishioners to take photographs or get license plate details of construction vehicles (including transit vans and pick-ups) using the Village for access. Report these to the Clerk and she will inform Highways who are speaking to culprits.

4. Committees, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 (4.1) Green Open Spaces Management- updates

Tree Work being carried out by G. Conway will be carried out between 15th–20th March and A. Fenwick will commence 2nd May. Thanks to those that helped remove the trees on Wraggs Row – Duncan McMichael, Ian Stott and John Carter, re-planting will happen in the Autumn. The Mole issue has been dealt with, the Mole was discovered and removed when the work was being quoted, this meant it was less costly than if they had to come back to deal with. The Green has now been temporarily roped off. Debris from storm Doris has been cleared, thanks to Peter Sampson and Duncan McMichael for clearing ditches.

4.2 Discuss and decision on Lattenbury Services cutting hedge in the Wilderness at a cost of £500, also to agree a statement which outlines the agreement between the PC and Lattenbury Services over access to the Wilderness.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will ask Lattenbury Services to carry out the cutting back of the south west boundary of the Wilderness at a cost to the PC of £500.00 and the following statement be entered into the minutes:-

Hilton Parish Council agree to provide and maintain a 5.5m wide and 5.2m clear passage for agricultural vehicles along Wragg's Row and the track to the south western boundary of the Wilderness. This done, Lattenbury Services have undertaken to use this route to gain access to the fields beyond and not cross the grassed areas of The Green or The Wilderness. This will be an ongoing arrangement.

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

4.3 (4.2) Parish Plan – working group update following flyer drop.

Flyers have been delivered asking for more views. Two more meetings will be held dependent on availability of the VH, 21st March and 6th April, this will enable more Parishioners to attend and share their views. For anyone who does not have access to a Computer, please pass this information on to them. The object of the extra meetings is to get a broader view from a larger spectrum of people and bring findings to next meeting.

4.4 Village Hall- report from Cllr G. Barradell inc request for Dog Show Sun 4th June 2017 and Open Air theatre 2018 on the Green

The Village Hall committee would like to hold a Dog Show on the Green on the 4th June as a fund raiser for the VH. The Parish Council is happy for this to go ahead on the understanding that it is a VH fundraiser and that a risk assessment is done. P.B prop, G.B 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour. The VH would also like to hold an open air event next year 2018 and permission will be sort nearer the time.

4.5 Street Light – faulty light in the Parish Council car park – cost of repair?

The Parish Council own this light but the VH supply electricity to it. The cost to repair the current light would be £65.00 + VAT, however if we changed this to a LED lamp there would be no charge. K + M have also offered for us to trial a LED lamp for a month. It was decided that the PC will ask that we trial a LED in this lamp. The clerk will enquire if a warm LED or a Wildlife friendly LED is available. This will be discussed further at the next meeting after the trial period.

4.6 The Village Hall would like to plant a 'Commemorative Tree' near the VH and would like this to be a blossom type tree – discuss type/location

The tree would be to commemorate all those that have made donations to the Village Hall. It was suggested that this could be planted as an end marker for the Car Park and one of 3 cherry blossoms currently growing near the Lychgate could be moved. There would be some cost involved to move the tree but there would then be no need to purchase one. Cllr G.B will report this back to the VH committee.

4.7 (4.4) Fireworks – discuss and decide on spend for Fireworks and Candles.

It was proposed that the Parish Council authorise a spend of £159.99 – 20% for 108 candles and the same budget as last year of £1450.00 be spent on Fireworks. P.B prop, R.C 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

4.8 (4.5) Pecks Coppice – access across The Green – discuss and action following informal discussions

Cllrs P.B, K.D and R.C met with the property owner, discussions are being taken forward and this will be reported back when they have further information.

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

5.1 (5.2) Village Security – information from Hemingford Grey PC following meeting held with Police

P.B read aloud an email response from Cllr Robin Waters of Hemingford Grey Parish Council following the Clerk contacting him regarding the use of CCTV in Hemingford Grey. There are more meetings to be held between Cllr D.Dew, Cllr R. Waters and the local Police, once these have been concluded the Clerk will ask that Cllr D.Dew advises us of the outcome. In the meantime the PC has advised via Spectrum that smart water is available and to contact Ken Harris from NHW. Parishioners reminded to be vigilant.

5.2 (5.5) Correction of map and boundary lines have now been delivered to Dr Way and neighbours

The PC has now received a letter from Dr Way to thank them for making corrections to the map and delivering to him and his neighbours.

5.3 Request to erect the Easter Cross from Good Friday until Easter Tuesday and a further request to allow this to happen for future years without having to seek permission each year.

The PC is happy to approve that the Easter Cross is erected for the time requested but would prefer that a request is made each year in line with other organisations. P.B prop, S.P 2nd, R.C abstained and all other Cllrs were in favour.

5.4 Discuss email received regarding the issue of access to Home Farm Close (Private Road)

As this is a private road there is little the PC can do but the Clerk will write a polite letter to the shop and pub owners.

5.5 Discuss the issue of Moles on the Green and how to deal with the problem

See 4.1 this issue has been dealt with.

5.6 Discuss dates for Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council has provisionally agreed that the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May and the Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 9th May if the VH is available. The Clerk will confirm at the next meeting.

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 January 2017	£ 660.00
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6b Ecotricity	Electricity charges (estimate) 25.12.16 – 24.01.17	£ 23.66DD
6c Cambridge County Council	Street Lighting Energy 01.10.15 – 30.09.16	£ 963.01chq
6d GB Pest Control	Mole Control – The Green	£ 75.00chq
6e DHM Garden Maintenance	Chainsaw fuel – tree removal	£ 25.01chq

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

6.2 Authorise Clerks salary and expenses

Jo Perez	Clerks Salary - February	2017	£456.30 s/o
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P.B prop, K.D 2nd, all other Cllrs were in favour

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

P.B advised of the 7 week consultation period for the proposed development to the A428, dates and venues of meetings will be displayed on the notice boards.

P.B advised that Cllr J.P has resigned from the PC due to work commitments, notice of the vacancy will be displayed tomorrow (Tues 7th March).

Next meeting will be held Monday 3rd April.

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.22pm

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