

MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2014 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In Attendance: Jo Perez (Parish Clerk), PCSO Phil Davis, PCSO Rachel Anderson and 7 parishioners.

1. To note Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G. Barradell due to family commitments and Cllr S. Perry due to work commitments.

Apologies were also received from Cllr I. Bates and Cllr D. Dew

Declarations of Interest

Cllr J.P has a pecuniary interest in item 6.1 Clerks payment and a non-pecuniary interest in item 3.5 Speedwatch.

Parishioners Open Session

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

A Parishioner – item 3.2 A14 – Expressed his disappointment that the Parish Council website has not been updated more frequently with information regarding the A14. The Chairman advised that this would be rectified and updated.

A Parishioner – wanted to discuss an item that was not on the agenda. He emailed the Clerk on the 31.10.14 and therefore the item was too late to be considered for this meeting.

A Relative of a Parishioner – wanted to discuss an item that was not on the agenda. He was advised to write or email the Clerk so it can be considered for the next agenda.

PCSO Phil Davis and Rachel Anderson updated the Parish Council. They advised that there had been 4 residential burglaries in the Village, 2 at the beginning and 2 at the end of October. 3 had been forced entry, Jewellery has been taken. This is happening in a lot of Villages. The PCSO's recommended that parishioners follow basic security measures. Leaving lights on and using timers for radios or T.V. They also mentioned that there are security lights available to buy that take photos. They also advised that there is a Company going round claiming to be a home improvement company, do not be afraid to ask them to leave your property. Be vigilant, do not hesitate to call the Police if you have any concerns.

The Chairman read out a report from Cllr I. Bates:- C C C - The CCC Budget is now in the Public domain. The possible introduction of a £1.00 parking charge at the Park n Ride site in St Ives. Dimming of street lighting to 40% and, in residential areas, street lights will be switched off between the hours of 12.00 to 6.a.m.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th October 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 6th October 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, S.W proposed, W.W 2nd, J.P 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 (3.2) Fireworks – update following display

The takings on the gate this year were £ 1,613.55. The Chairman thanked the Firework team, and other helpers. The Clerk will send a thank you to the committee. The question of any extra money raised in the future being donated to charity was asked. The PC was unsure if this could be done without Parishioners consent. The Clerk will investigate. Fireworks will be on the agenda for our next meeting. The Fireworks working group will meet ahead of this meeting.

3.2 (3.3) A14 – update following meeting with HA.

Some of the A14 WG met with The Highways Agency. A list of questions has been answered, although clarification is needed on a couple of points. Once dates are confirmed that the documents are being sent to the Planning Inspectorate the PC will distribute flyers around the village to advise parishioners to write to the planning inspectorate. The website will be updated.

3.3 (3.4) Green Management Open Spaces – Tree quotes, Ditches and other updates

John Carter and Duncan McMichael were thanked for their work clearing The Ware and Reeves Ditch. 3 quotes for Tree work have been received. It was agreed to give Vendor 2 the go ahead to complete the work listed as A & B priorities. P.B Prop, D.B 2nd, all in favour. Waste material will be cut and left in a tidy pile for Parishioners to make use of. Work will be completed within the next 6-8 weeks. Clerk to send email to authorise work.

3.4 (4.2) Emergency Plan-

During this item the PC meeting was closed at 8.25 to allow discussion with Ken Harris who is the coordinator of the Emergency Plan.

There was discussion regarding the grids in the ditches, this needs to be looked into. The plan has gone to the Environment Agency currently waiting a reply. Once everything is finalised details will be put in Spectrum and on the PC website.

The PC meeting was re-opened 8.36

3.5 (4.3) Speedwatch – update after contacting the constabulary

Members of the Speedwatch group were thanked for their work in the past. There seems to have been a breakdown between the current Speedwatch coordinator and the Constabulary. The PC need to gather more information before a decision of support can be made either way. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

3.6 (5.1) Play Park – update

Some trees around the Park will be removed which will help with getting light into the area. Further work may be required. It was suggested asking volunteers to help with the clearing and looking after of the park. The Clerk will put up a caution notice.

3.7 (3.5) Broken Bench – update

The bench has been repaired and spruced up and it is hoped to be reinstated on the 8th November. This has been at no cost to the PC.

4 Committee, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 Report from the Finance and General Purposes committee – precept and budget

A decision needs to be made on the precept, a working group has been set up and will bring their recommendations to the next PC meeting to be decided on.

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

5.1 (4.5) Balfour Beatty – updated invoice if received

Corrected invoice has not been received.

5.2 (5.3) Balfour Beatty – update on street lighting contract

On investigation the Clerk discovered we are currently on a 3yr contract until 2015. Balfour Beatty asked the Clerk to send them a copy of our current contract for their records.

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

6.1 Authorise payment of any bills

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| 6a | Jo Perez | Clerk's October Salary | £ 435.06 |
| 6b | Jo Perez | Clerk's allowance for working from home (Annual allowance) | £ 100.00 |
| | | Postage | £ 3.72 |
| | | Total | £ 538.78chq |
| 6c | SLCC | Postage for books | £ 6.00chq |
| 6d | John Carter (JSC) | S/O September | £ 575.00s/o |
| 6e | John Carter (JSC) | Reeves ditch- clearing bank sides | £ 40.00 |
| | | The Ware- clearing bank sides and debris | £ 140.00 |
| | | Total | £ 180.00chq |
| 6f | Rodney Makeham | Grass cutting – Village Green 3.10.14 & 23.10.14 | £ 80.00chq |
| 6g | E-on | Electricity (estimate) October in credit | £ 23.76 |
| 6h | B. Ashby | Handyman Services – Sept/Oct | £ 81.90chq |
| 6i | Hertfordshire CC | Flyers/Map A14 Exhibition | £ 101.00chq |
| 6j | Cambridge CC | Street Lighting Energy charges 1.10.13-30.9.14 | £ 906.92chq |

6.2 Receipt of monies

£5.00 UK Power Networks for easement across the Green, £1,613.55 Fireworks gate takings

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

A.G would like to discuss the village having a defibrillator.

S.W read out a Statement ahead of him resigning from the PC.

Next meeting Monday 1st December 7.30 in the Village Hall

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 8.58pm

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

