

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

Present: Cllrs P. Balicki (Chair), G. Barradell (Vice Chair), A. Goodridge, S. Partridge, J.Perez and Willie Wilson

In Attendance: The Clerk- Mrs J Perez, 5 parishioners and Cllr I Bates.

1. To note Apologies for Absence

S.Perry due to a work commitment. K. Dunk and A.Parkinson due to personal commitments.

Declarations of Interest

P.B Item 5.4, J.P Item 5.2.

Parishioners Open Session

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

Andy Bush:- Item 3.3 – Beacon – Current asset value £1545, PC paid £1081 in total. How did the PC come to value the beacon at £1545? 10 Parishioners (including Parish Councillors at the time) contributed towards the Beacon and he believes that they should be consulted before anything further is decided.

Margaret Shardlow:- Item 3.3 – Beacon – Supports all of Andy's comments and believes that she owns a portion of the Beacon post. Item 5.1 – Councillor Items – these have existed for some time and they show openness. Item 3.2 – A14 – suggested Jonathan Djanogly should come to the Village at breakfast time to observe the Traffic.

Cllr Ian Bates:- District Council – Item 5.3 Cllr Bates personal view is 'all out' elections every 4 years and a reduction in the number of Councillors.

CCC budget - So far they have saved 73 million over the years but another 41 million is needed. They are looking at a 2% Council Tax rise. There will be an impact on all communities.

Closed 19.47

2. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 5.10.15 were approved as a true record, P.B prop, J.P 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

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

3.1 (3.1) Defibrillator – further information required and comments from possible locations

In order to complete the application to apply for funding from the British Heart Foundation the PC need to have further details. The PC need to establish who would be prepared to act as guardian for the device. The Clerk has had positive responses from the 3 locations she contacted regarding housing the device. A decision on the AED we wish to apply for needs to be made. The Town Trust has offered up to £1000 and 2 other donations have been offered for £50 and £250. Maintenance costs would need to be covered by the PC. It was decided in order to move forward, an open meeting for the Village would be useful. The PC can then establish who would be willing to be a guardian and attend training to use the device. Cllr A.Goodridge and S.Partridge will organise and the date will be advertised on the website and in Spectrum and ask for someone from either Magpas, Ambulance Service or BHF to attend.

3.2 (3.3) A14 – further updates

There are 2 more deadlines approaching 6th and 11th November 2015. Examination period to finish on 13 November 2015 following which the Planning Inspectorate have 3 months in which to prepare their findings before submission to the Secretary of State. There were issue specific meetings held on the 21st & 22nd October. Cllr P.B read out a letter that the PC submitted to the planning inspectorate on Friday 30th October. This included comment that the Working Group had met our MP, Jonathan Djanogly who agreed to write to the planning inspectorate support our calls for mitigation. The planning inspectorate had requested the Highways Agency expert to prepare a like for like sound report (using the methodology

employed by the Sound Expert used by the village) and this should have been submitted by noon on Friday 30th October but the PC has not seen it as yet. Cllr P.B and Richard Norton were at the meeting on the 22nd and they felt that the planning inspectorate had heard Hilton's concerns regarding the sound report and low noise road surface. The Chairman thanked the working group for their continued hardwork.

3.3 (3.5) Beacon – to decide to make the alterations to the existing beacon to make it available for use on a temporary basis

To address earlier questions/comments, it was assumed that the asset cost was what the PC had paid as the asset list was from 2012, the PC will amend the asset cost to what the PC paid. The PC is proposing to make an amendment to the Beacon in order to make it more accessible for the village to use. At the extraordinary meeting held on 12th May 2012 the PC voted to go ahead with the purchase of the Beacon at a cost of £300 for the post and the Brazier £781.20. The PC understand that the following day that a decision was made to purchase a more expensive post and that 4 members of that Parish Council were amongst those who had contributed towards the cost of the more expensive Beacon, there is no record in any minutes of those Parish Councilors declaring an interest. The Chair believes that had the PC been aware of the full cost of the post that the vote may have gone a different way. If a contribution/donation was made this does not mean you are a stakeholder. The PC has had an offer from Cllr K. Dunk of £300, this would mean that there is no further cost to the PC to have a tripod Beacon. It was pointed out that the asset will still be available so any donations are still being used. Confirmation of cost/figures will be brought to the next meeting. It was further suggested that a plaque noting that the beacon marks the Queens Diamond Jubilee be place on the amended asset.

4. Committee, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 (4.2) Fireworks – feedback and takings from the event

The feedback received was that it was a fantastic display. The numbers were down and takings were low at £885.05. There may have been contributing factors as to why numbers were low but numbers were significantly down on previous years. The PC will have to think about how we take this forward. Cllr I Bates would be happy to consult. The PC will also need to consult with the Firework committee and Feast Week. The Clerk will write to the Firework committee and Feast Week to thank them for their hard work. The Chair also thanked the PC members and their families for their help on the day.

4.2 (4.3) Village Hall - report from Cllr Barradell – WiFi, Drains, Doorway and AED

Cllr G.Barradell reported that Wifi will be more expensive than first thought and there is no funding. The drains are fine. The doorway is being looked at for next year. There is no money to contribute towards the AED, however the committee do support a village AED.

4.3 Weee/ Wiser recycling next collection date – 17th November 2015

Next collection date is 17th November.

4.4 Volunteer Flyer - Discuss

Cllr J.P made some suggestions to change and add some information to the current flyer. There were also suggestions of things that could be added to the flyer pin pointing areas that need volunteer help. Time banking could also be looked at as an initiative. Cllr J.P will redraft and arrange to print and distribute flyer. Cllr W.Wilson offered to print the flyer.

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

5.1 Councillor Items – discuss whether we continue with this agenda item. Originally agreed on a 3 month trial

Possibly look at Clerk's items, rather than Councillor items. This eradicate any issues surrounding whether it is an appropriate item and if so it can be added to the next meeting agenda. The Clerk will make further enquiries with SLCC and see if they support Clerk's items.

5.2 How the PC works – Cllr Goodridge would like to discuss ideas she has

Cllr A.G feels we could do more to make decisions faster, her suggestions are 1. To have a small group to look at being more robust and speedier with decision making. 2.

Transparency- she finds it hard to understand why Cllrs are banned from discussing items inbetween meetings. G.B advised that standing orders are reviewed regularly and we have to work within certain guidelines. The PC must operate in an open and democratic manner. All Parish Council business is to be discussed at Parish Council meetings. Propose that the Policy working group will meet early next year to look at how the PC works and report back to the PC.

5.3 Huntingdon District Council Elections review – for discussion

HDC have emailed the PC welcoming views from Councils and Parishioners regarding how they run their Elections. The PC will put the link on our website, prop P.B, 2nd W.W, all Cllrs in favour.

5.4 Cambridgeshire County Council budget proposal – for discussion

CCC is looking to make 41 million savings this year. There are a number of meetings in CCC during November 2015 to discuss how this can be done and they are looking locally. If you have any comments or concerns on how cuts will impact you please email the Parish Council Chairman Peter Balicki who will forward these concerns. The PC will put the documentation on the cuts on our website. P.B prop, A.G 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.5 Community Gritting Scheme – Update current volunteers and any new volunteers

The PC have received an email from CCC regarding community annual gritting scheme. The PC will put details on the website and any new volunteers can contact CCC directly.

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 October 2015	£ 575.00 s/o
6b	Rodney Makeham	Cricket Pitch mowing 16.10.15	£ 40.00 chq
6c	B. Ashby	Handyman Duties Sept/Oct 2015	£ 91.35 chq

All payments were authorised. P.B prop, G.B 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

6.2 Authorise Clerks salary and expenses

Jo Perez	Clerks Salary – October 2015	£456.30 s/o
	Working from home allowance	£100.00 chq
	Postage	£ 1.71 chq
	Total	£ 101.71 chq

Payment authorised. P.B prop, S.P 2nd, J.P abstained, all other Cllrs were in favour.

6.3 Monies received

UK Power Networks £5.00 & Fireworks Takings £885.05

6.4 Budget and Precept – further discussion and decision to be made

Proposal to delay until the next PC meeting in order for the PC to see what the outcome of the CCC budget meetings are. J.P prop, W.W 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

6.5 Donation – closed session to discuss potential donation, to be discussed fully at the December 2015

Due to the sensitive nature of this item the PC held discussions during a closed session but details will be made available at the next PC meeting on 7th December 2015.

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

S.P would like to know who was responsible for applying weed killer to Church Close.

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.53pm

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