

**MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr G.Barradell - **Chaired**, Cllrs D. Bates, K. Dunk, A. Goodridge, J. Perez, S. Whyte, W. Wilson

**In Attendance:** Jo Perez (Parish Clerk), Cllr Ian Bates and 8 Parishioners,

**The Chair read out a statement regarding the new legislation to allow the filming and recording of all Public meetings and what this means for Parishioners and Councillors.**

**1. To note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P.Balicki (Chairman) and S.Perry both were away on Holiday.

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr J. Perez has a pecuniary interest in 6.1 6a

**Parishioners Open Session**

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

Margaret Shardlow commented on agenda item 5.1 – Royal British Legion – Margaret gave a brief example of what funds raised go towards.

Jane Shardlow (on behalf of Julian Thomas of the Village Hall Committee) commented on an item that was not on the agenda, but the Chairman allowed her to speak.

She would like the PC to explain the criteria used for their decision not to allow the dog show. The Chair advised a response had been sent to Julian Thomas but suggested a meeting to discuss further if further clarification was required.

Lesley Fordham also supported the above.

Open session closed 7.33pm

Cllr Ian Bates: - Advised that Wraggs Row had been resurfaced by CCC at a cost of over £22,000.

CCC and HDC are currently consulting on their budget, Cllr Bates encouraged everyone to access the website and have their say.

**2. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, J.P proposed, S.W 2<sup>nd</sup>, all other Cllrs were in favour.

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

**3.1 (3.2) Easements – update from meeting**

The Easement working group met recently, whilst progress is being made, no conclusion yet. The working group will report fully when they reach a conclusion.

**3.2 (3.5) Fireworks –Budget agreed and plan going forward**

It was agreed to keep the budget the same as last year £1,700. J.P proposed, S.W 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Cllrs were in favour. It was also agreed to keep the entrance fee the same as last year, £3 for Adults and £1 for Children. K.D proposed, W.W 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favour.

Plan going forward- the Firework working group suggest that it would be a good idea to make the firework event more modest. Suggestions were to make it a family orientated event, free if possible with a donation bucket. Look at budgeting through the precept and

possibly help from the town trust. The Chairman suggested coming back to look at the plan once the event had happened this year, so we have results.

**3.3 (3.6) A14 – Working group update**

The Chairman advised that the working group would like approval from the PC to release a press release. The draft had been sent to all Cllrs, who felt that the press release need some work to shape it, make it weightier and focused. It was proposed that once work on the press release had been completed that the PC would be happy for the release. K.D proposed, W.W 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 against, the rest were in favour.

The Chairman went on to ask the PC if once the release had gone out if they would be happy to allow the Chairman to respond to any comments. A.G proposed, J.P 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 against, the rest were in favour.

The press release will be sent to all Cllrs for their information.

The Chair advised that an exhibition has been organised for 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, this will conclude with a public meeting. This will give the PC an opportunity to share the information they have learned including the information they now have from Jacobs. The PC hope to rally parishioners as volume of reaction is what is needed

**3.4 (4.1) Cambridge Future Transport – update**

A.G reminded the PC about the questionnaires that had been completed and advised that it looks highly likely that the No 3 bus on a Saturday will disappear as it is currently subsidised. A.G has set up a meeting for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September with Peter Lee of Whippet Coaches to discuss opportunities for the village. Following this meeting A.G advised that Peter Lee would be willing to attend the October PC meeting.

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

**4.1 Following on from the F & G.P meeting discuss quotes for tree and ditch work**

S.W chaired the above meeting and gave the PC a brief update. He advised that a quote had been received for Tree worked needed in the village. The quote in full is for £3,360. Cllr K.D and Ian Stott have broken the quote down into 3, ABC. A is the work that needs doing as soon as possible to make trees safe. K.D will organise 2 further quotes to bring back to the next meeting. A quote has also been received for clearing ditches and work on the thicket on Sparrow's Way. £280 for the Ware, £1120 Reeves ditch and £840 for the thicket. After a discussion it was decided that the priorities while water levels are low are to get work on ditches done. It was agreed to give the go ahead for the Ware and a cap of £160 to clear the outflow in Reeves ditch, K.D to organise. D.B proposed, S.W 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favour. The Green Open spaces W.G will meet before the next PC meeting and the PC will look at the Tree quotes then.

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

**5.1 Discuss request from Margaret Shardlow for a donation to the Royal British Legion – poppy appeal**

The PC has donated £60 for the last two years and it was proposed that the PC do the same again this year. S.W proposed, D.B 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 abstained, the rest were in favour.

**5.2 Discuss broken bench outside the Methodist Church**

The Chair proposed that we carry this forward to the next meeting, this would give the PC an opportunity to speak with the Methodist Church on the way forward. The carving on the back of the bench was believed to have been done by Mr Garnett a former Hilton resident and therefore should be preserved. The Chairman had inspected the bench and feels it is safe for the moment but does have a caution notice on it.

**5.3 Discuss the Weee recycling collection and plan next collection date**

The collection seemed to have gone well, the amount raised for the PC is £65.52 which the PC will invoice for. If anyone has a collection from an obscure address then they can

call the company to advise them and the collection will be made. Clerk to advise Weee of the date chosen from the options given was 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

**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 August Salary	£ 435.06
		Telephone Costs – BT April 14 –July 14	£ 6.94
		Postage	£ 6.23
		Total	£448.23chq
6b	John Carter	S/O July	£ 575.00s/o
		S/O August	£ 575.00s/o
6c	Rodney Makeham	Grass cutting – Village Green 6.8.14 & 24.8.14	£ 80.00chq
6d	E-on	Electricity (read meter) July	<b>in credit</b> £ 10.73
		Electricity (estimated) August	<b>in credit</b> £ 45.12
6e	B. Ashby	Handyman services Jun/Jul/Aug	£119.70chq
6f	Fleming Construction	Village Car Park repairs	£892.80chq
6g	Titanium Fireworks	Hilton Firework display (payment required with order)	£2040.00chq

**6.2 Receipt of monies**

£250 received with thanks from Hilton Town Trust (payment towards Car Park repairs)

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

D.B – currently working with Ken Harris and others regarding the village emergency plan. Will bring to PC meeting once completed.

J.P – advised that Speedwatch is not currently happening as there are some issues surrounding this, which have been forwarded to HAT.

A.G - Parish plan review for the next agenda please. CCC are inviting Cllrs, Parish, District to comment on their business plan, if we have any thoughts then we should put them forward.

Next meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 in the Village Hall

**8. Closure of meeting**

Meeting closed 8.42pm

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

