

MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HILTON

Present: Cllr P Balicki (Chair), Cllr G. Barradell, Cllr K.Dunk, Cllr A. Goodridge, Cllr S. Partridge, Cllr S. Walker and Cllr W.Wilson

In Attendance: Jo Perez (Clerk), 5 Parishoners, Cllr Ian Bates- for part of the meeting.

1. To note Apologies for Absence

Cllr J.Perez – illness, Cllr R.C personal commitment

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

Parishioners Open Session

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

Andy Bush – item 4.6 AED – update- Details of the AED are now on the Village Website. Item 4.9 Community Highways Volunteers (CCC) - He has been advised that there will be no support provided other than insurance.

Margaret Shardlow – item 4.4 Parish Plan – Would encourage the PC to speak to previous contributors and asked if the PC has the questionnaire from the original Parish Plan. Item 4.8 –A14 Community Fund – Please would the PC make it a Community project.

Closed 19.35

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th July 2016 and to approve minutes of Planning Committee Meetings held on 8th June 2016, 6th July 2016 and 26th July 2016.

The Minutes of the full PC meeting held on the 4th July were approved as a true record. P.B prop, G.B 2nd, K.D and S.P abstained as not present and all other Cllrs were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 8th June were approved as a true record. G.B Prop, K.D 2nd, all were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 26th July were approved as a true record. G.B prop, P.B 2nd and A.G was in favour.

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 6th July were not available.

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

3.1 (3.1) Information on the placing of Mick George 20mph Voluntary Speed signs, more information on speed signs/duck signs

The Clerk confirmed that she has been advised by CCC that there cannot be a speed repeater sign installed if there has never previously been one in place.

The cost of new duck signs and installation is very expensive, so the Parish Council will not be purchasing these for the time being. The Clerk will ask CCC for the current sign on Gravely Way to be moved to the middle of the current signpost if this can be done free of charge as previously advised. The Clerk has requested that Mick George go ahead and install their 20mph voluntary signs on Potton Road and is awaiting confirmation. Discussion was held regarding the possible introduction of a mandatory 20mph speed restriction throughout the village. The PC have been advised by County Councillor Ian Bates that there are discussions currently ongoing at County Council level regarding this type of scheme and he will update us in the near future.

The Clerk will contact HDC regarding the bus contractors in order to establish which bus is using Church End.

3.2 (4.5) Housing Needs Survey – number of responses, data to follow.

103 responses, currently being reviewed and we hope to have more details at the next PC meeting.

4. Committee, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 (4.1) Green Open Spaces Management- Update on Tree Work, The Ford and other items arising

A quote has been received from Conway Tree Specialists, this will be split into areas of priority and brought back to next meeting. The leaning Ash tree at Reeves Ditch will be removed shortly. Working group met on 22.8.16 and letters confirming boundaries and rights of access have gone out. Ian Stott has suggested some changes to the mowing regime and has spoken with the Cricket Club. There is a leak near the Ford which is why the Ford has been so wet, this has been reported to Cambridge Water and is being investigated. FW have been asked to remove the gravel dust along the pathway by the Maze. The Hay pile in the Wilderness will be burnt now that the Children are back to School.

4.2 Decision to move ahead and seek permission to remove three trees from the side of Wragg's Row in order to ensure agricultural vehicles can pass.

Cllrs K.D and W.W met with Mr Burton and it was agreed if the Parish Council can manage the trees along Wraggs Row and the Wilderness then he will ensure his agricultural vehicles use the road and not the green. Cllr K.D would like to seek permission from HDC to remove 3 trees to allow the access without constant maintenance. New trees will be planted to replace them. It was proposed that Cllr K.D will contact HDC and the nearby residents and speak to Mr Burton about work on the Hedgerow in the Wilderness to be done before Firework night. The PC will discuss further the planting of new trees.

4.3 Maintenance contract directed works; brief statement from Cllr K.D

Cllr K.D and Ian Stott have walked around the Village in order to highlight areas that need attention, this has resulted in some extra work being carried out, eg- nettles have been cut, work around the Maze and high grass near roads being mown.

Some areas of meadow grass have not grown and therefore will revert back to being mown. If Councillors see any areas they think need attention please report to Cllr Dunk.

4.4 Parish Plan – discuss ideas and comments

After much discussion, it was proposed that a Working Group be set up with a mandate to review the current Parish Plan and establish what has and has not been accomplished so far. The action plan from the Parish Plan will be placed on the Parish Council website inviting Parishioners to look at these areas and comment on what they would like to see addressed going forward. Councillors were asked to consider if they wish to be part of the working group, along with any Parishioners that may be interested. This will be discussed further at our next meeting. P.B prop, G.B 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour

4.5 Discuss Feedback from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution Meeting attended by Cllr Balicki and Cllr Goodridge

The proposed Devolution Deal will involve the appointment of a mayor, money will come from government to cover housing and infrastructure, nothing additional at this time for local services. Local authorities are now considering whether to adopt the proposal. When asked directly if this devolution will have an effect on Parish Councils and their responsibilities the leader of Huntingdon District Council advised not at this time.

4.6 AED – update

The AED has now been placed on the wall of the Prince of Wales pub. Further information can be found on the Parish Council Website and Hilton Community Website as well as posters that will be on the notice boards, we understand that leaflets will be distributed to households regarding this item.

4.7 Fireworks – confirm date and any actions required

Have been ordered and £1,000 will be covered from the donation by the Hutton Estate. Any excess money made will be held back and used for future Firework events. The entry costs will be the same as last year, £2.50 per adult and £1 per child. Cllr G.B will be calling for volunteers to help set up the event. The event to be held on the 5th November will be advertised in Spectrum. Public donations of firewood and combustible items will be taken under review.

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

K.D, S.P and W.W mentioned that it was a shame to see the camera back filming. The Clerk advised that the wooden bridge by the park was due to be repaired.

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.24pm

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