

Hilton Parish Council
Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held
on Tuesday 1 October 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors (Committee members): P Balicki (Chairman), G Barradell, J Perez, S Whyte, and W Wilson.

In attendance: One member of the public, Cllrs Perry and D Bates, County and District Cllr Ian Bates and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. To receive any apologies for absence, and any declarations of interest

None.

2. To receive any declarations of interest

None.

Comments and observations from members of the public and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors

Mrs Margaret Shardlow drew the Committee's attention to a major study previously carried out by a noise expert, which was possibly relevant to the forthcoming A14 meeting.

3. To receive the report from the Crossings Working Group

RESOLVED to receive the report from Cllr Barradell on the recent meeting and on the consultation that had taken place with neighbouring residents on both sides of Potton Road.

RESOLVED to note the email correspondence from Ross Hamilton of the County Council on the options available if the anticipated cost of the project exceeded the maximum budget, including the option to spread the cost over three years.

RESOLVED to note the Working Group's recommendation that spreading the cost over two years might be preferable and that the extent of any excess will depend on the costs of safety auditing and the upgrading of lighting. This information is expected from CCC in time for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting on 7 October.

RESOLVED to note the Working Group's recommendation that the PC should proceed with the project although this would be reviewed if the overall cost was projected to be higher than that set out.

One member of the public left the meeting.

4. To review and assess the current financial position of the Council, to establish what is contracted and to forecast the outcome for the end of the financial year FY2014, to enable the Council to consider expenditure such as the proposed crossing

RESOLVED to receive information on the Council's receipts and payments against budget to date.

RESOLVED to note the likely additional expenditure due before the end of the current financial year and as a worst case scenario, a potential overspend of up to £7500 is anticipated at year end, based on current expenditure and the assumption that a new clerk will need to be employed. Further information on this is awaited from CAPALC.

RESOLVED to seek clarification on the reimbursement of the overpayment to JSC Services, and details of monies due.

RESOLVED to form a working group to study the budget and accounts and make a recommendation to the Parish Council for its next meeting on 7 October. Membership will consist of Cllrs Balicki, Barradell and Whyte. The Working Group will prepare a

simplified one-page summary schedule for the Parish Council’s meeting. (Prop JP, 2nd WW)

One member of the public left the meeting during this item.

5. To consider plans to set the precept

RESOLVED to form a Precept Working Group to begin preparing the budget in late October in time for the Parish Council’s November meeting. Membership will consist of Cllrs Balicki (convenor), Perez and Wilson. (Prop SW, 2nd JP)

6. To agree a schedule of Finance Committee meetings and the date of the next meeting

RESOLVED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee meet on Tuesday 29 October. The Precept Working Group be convened in the week commencing 14 October.

RESOLVED that a decision on the frequency and schedule of meetings for the Finance and General Purposes Committee was deferred until its next meeting on 29 October.

7. Closure of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
