

MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2017 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HILTON

Present: Cllr P. Balicki, Cllr G. Barradell, Cllr R. Collard, Cllr K. Dunk, Cllr I. Stott and Cllr S. Walker

In Attendance: The Clerk (Jo Perez), 4 Parishioners and County Councillor I. Bates.

1. To note Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr. A. Goodridge, Cllr S. Partridge and Cllr W. Wilson

Declarations of Interest

None

Parishioners Open Session

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

Andy Bush - Item 3.1- A14 –feels that there has been an increase of Lorries through the village and it is difficult to know for sure whether they are A14/Highways. He has been advised that GPS monitoring will be fitted to A14 vehicles.

He would like the PC to support nitrogen dioxide monitoring when requested by the HCV group.

Margaret Shardlow - Item 5.8 Armistice Centenary 2018 – Suggestions so far include, an indoor party at the village hall, twinning with another Hilton in the UK and planting Poppies.

Ian Bates – passed to the Chair a booklet showing how another Parish communicates.

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd July 2017

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd July 2017 were approved as a true record. P.B prop, K.D 2nd, all Cllrs present at that meeting were in favour.

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

3.1 (3.1) A14 update – any current issues – construction vehicles - telematics

The Clerk has been advised that telematics will be fitted to all construction vehicles shortly, the Clerk will chase for an update.

3.2 Parish Council - car park policy – discuss and clarification

For clarification below is the relevant section from the Green Spaces Management Policy Feb 2016:-

4.12 There is temporary parking available adjacent to the Village Hall, where the surface is either gravel or lattice paving. Primarily this space is intended for all visitors to Hilton, not exclusively for Village Hall visitors. Under no circumstance should this space be used for long term parking, this is not a designated carpark; it is still part of The Green.

4. Committees, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 (4.1) Green Open Spaces – updates – Tree work

The working group met on 19th July- A review of the mowing regime has been carried out and will now mow the area besides the Church, this is due to the ground being wet and undulating. A tree survey has been carried out and a report will be presented at the next PC meeting. Cutting back in the wilderness will need to be carried out once cutting season begins again. Planting will be carried out before the end of October, one area suggested was on the Green near the Wilderness gate. The volunteer group will be called upon for Ivy cutting, thicket clearing and planting. English heritage will be contacted to see if they can assist with Maze maintenance.

4.2 Report from Cllr I. Stott about the Tree Safety course attended by himself and Cllr K.Dunk

Following the attendance at the tree safety course it is recommended that parish councils record the maintenance of their trees. Cllr Stott has compiled a draft document and will confer with Cllr Dunk. Once the document is complete it will go to the policy group and then come back to the PC to approve as a new policy for Tree work carried out.

4.3 (4.2) Appendix A – Parish Plan and Volunteer Group to amalgamate

Deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Goodridge not present.

4.4 (4.5) Website - update

The website is very close to completion.

4.5 Fireworks – order placed, date and timings to be decided on

The order for the annual firework display has been placed. The display will be held on Saturday 4th November. The PC will discuss with Feast Week following their AGM. Cllr G.Barradell will organise help for the evening. Discuss further at next PC meeting.

4.6 Play Park - discuss maintenance

There are ongoing issues with the maintenance of the Play Park and there are a few trees that could be removed to assist some of the problems. Cllr Barradell made a request to have some composting bins for grass cuttings and dead leaves etc to be installed. It was agreed that Cllr Barradell and the Green Open Spaces group meet to discuss options and bring back to a future meeting.

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

5.1(5.1) Decision on goal posts and new netting following inspection and discussion by Green Open spaces

The Green open spaces working group suggest –that between the hay cut and the end of October there will be two goals erected, not necessarily forming a pitch but allowing two groups of Children to play. From October onwards one post will be removed and half the pitch will be mown giving an area to be played on. The posts will be alternated. K.D prop, P.B 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.2 (5.3) Request from BT Openreach to lay cables for telephone & internet to properties at end of Church Lane

The Parish Council has not received any response from HDC regarding how they are dealing with this issue. Therefore the PC has decided separately on the cost it will charge for BT to lay cable across their land. A cost of £100.00 was decided. The Clerk will advise BT of the decision and advise BT that they will still need to liaise with HDC and gain permission from them regarding their land. BT will also be required to make good the land. P.B prop, G.B 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.3 Request for donation to Royal British Legion

P.B proposed a donation of £60.00 be made, G.B 2nd, all Cllr were in favour. Thanks received from Margaret Shadlow for the donation.

5.4 Email from Gravelly Way residents concerned about the safety of the junction joining Potton Road – discuss

After some discussion, it was decided to initially make contact with Cambridge County Council (highways) to find out what options may be viable before entering into further discussion with residents. Cllr P.B and K.D would be happy to meet with CCC. A request to also look at the Junction at Church End/Potton Road was also made. Cllr I. Stott reminded the Council that some measures have been taken previously- including traffic calming on Potton Road and speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph. The Clerk will advise the residents of plans.

5.5 Report the changes to bus timetables/routes due to Whippet Buses no longer operating many services

County Councillor Ian Bates reported - Whippet Buses was bought by an Australian company approximately 18 months ago and is a commercially run business. In the last month many services provided by Whippet have been withdrawn throughout the County. This has affected Hilton dramatically and effectively means there is now no Whippet service from or to Hilton. As a result a report was taken to Economy and Environment Committee and a decision was made to financially support some services for one year. New operators had to be found to operate some services and a temporary arrangement has now been secured. A long term solution will need to be found and the Parish Council has been made aware of the current position

Questions addressed to Cllr Bates were raised during this PC meeting – Q- Why are the government not responsible for funding transport for children to the age of 18, now that they are required to stay in Education until 18? A – The legislation is only for home to school up until a certain age. Q- There are obligations for Companies such as the Royal Mail and BT to provide services to remote areas, do you not feel CCC has some obligation to subsidise Transport? A – Trial in East Cambs – Total Transport – allowing public to access School Transport, this is currently working. Q- Will CCC pass down subsidies? A- yes. As this is a complex area it was suggested a Working Group should be set up to look at this in more detail. Cllr P.B suggested Cllr's think this over and at the next PC meeting a working group should be formed.

5.6 SLCC – membership renewal for the Clerk

Cost for renewal £93.00, P.B prop, S.W 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.7 Information on whole Council Elections May 2018

Election maps show changes- District Council elections: Hilton will now be grouped with Fenstanton (no longer with Hemingfords) and there will be one district councillor for this new ward.

All elections will be held in May 2018.

5.8 Armistice Centenary 2018 – request from Margaret Shardlow to discuss ways in which to acknowledge

Cllr P.B read aloud a formal request to have permission to be able to light the Beacon to acknowledge this anniversary. Cllr P.B mentioned various events that would be going on at this time around the UK. The Parish Council would be supportive of the Beacon being lit at an event organised in the Village and would be happy to discuss further once a request is made. Other organisations in the Village have also been approached.

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

6.1 Authorise payment of any bills inc clerks salary

6a John Carter (JSC)	S/O August	£660.00s/o
6b R Makeham	Cricket Pitch mowing 16 th & 24 th August 2017	£ 90.00 chq
6c Hilton Methodist Church	Methodist Church usage 01.07.16 – 31.06.17	£ 72.00 chq
6d Ecotricity	Electricity Usage 25.05.17 – 24.06.17 (estimated)	£ 25.96 DD
6e Ecotricity	Electricity Usage 25.06.17 – 24.07.17 (estimated)	£ 25.19 DD
6f Ecotricity	Electricity usage 25.07.17 – 24.08.17 (estimated)	£ 25.86DD
6g Dynamic Fireworks	Firework payment to Craig Fleming (inc Wax torches)	£1893.20ch
6h SLCC	Clerk's Membership	£93.00 chq
6i B. Ahsby	Handyman duties June/July/Aug - 16.5hrs @£6.30ph	£103.95 chq
6j Clerks Salary	Salary August 17	£539.07s/o
6k Clerks Expenses	Postage	£ 3.90chq

P.B prop, S.W 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

6.2 Monies received

V.A.T reimbursement £876.64

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

The Clerk has received an email advising that BBQ rubbish has been found on a couple of occasions recently in the wilderness. She will pass the email to the Green Open Spaces working group. Cllr S.W advised that there are some Travellers currently set up in surrounding Villages

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Signed **Date.....**