

**MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HILTON**

**Present:** Cllr G.Barradell, Cllr L. Chorlton, Cllr R. Collard, Cllr K.Dunk, Cllr A. Goodridge and Cllr S. Partridge

**In Attendance:** The Clerk (Jo Perez)

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

Apologies received from Cllr P. Balicki, Cllr.I Stott and Cllr S.Walker.

**Parishioners Open Session**

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

Item 4.3 – A Parishioner asked when the Benches will be replaced on the Green

Item 4.2 – A Parishioner would like an update on the Easement

**2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2.7.18 were approved as a true record, Prop Cllr G.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr K.D, all Cllrs present were in favour.

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

**3.1 (5.1) Report from Wicksteed following the survey of the Play Park**

All Councillors received a copy of the report. The risk rating assessment showed medium and low risk areas. The flooring needs attention. The Parish Council will get quotes for repairs and replacement to the flooring. Cllr K.D will look into the cost of a sign for the Playground with the address details. The Clerk will retrieve previous quotes given to Cllr J Perez to give an idea of the cost of new equipment and circulate to Cllrs. The PC will gather a group of volunteers to clean the park.

**3.2 (3.4) Update following meeting with Constabulary, C. Cllr I Bates, 2 residents and PC Chair Peter Balicki regarding HGVs and Speeding Vehicles in the Village**

Cllr G.B read out the report from Cllr Balicki following the above meeting. Sgt Priestley made two suggestions - 1) He requested that the PC carry out a 2 week Speedwatch (equipment will be provided). This will be a visible survey. Once data is collected he can use the information collected to approach his superiors 2) HGVs - Creating a project for a trainee Police Officers, proposing that they monitor the situation in an unmarked vehicle and record and feedback. The Clerk will ask for the information to be shared with the PC. Some Cllrs had concerns that if the monitoring is carried out in a visible way that drivers will adjust their normal driving habits and therefore it will not be a true reflection of the problem. The Clerk will inform CCC that the speed indication sign needs to be re-calibrated and ask if the Village can have 20mph voluntary speed signs.

**3.3 Report from Cllr G. Barradell after speaking on behalf of the PC at the Huntingdonshire Local Plan**

Cllr G.B reported that there were no land agents asking to increase the land supply in Hilton. Hilton is still classed as a small settlement. There are approx 70 small settlements in the area that between are expected to produce approx 80 houses per year. Old information had been used by HDC when the report was produced.

**3.4 Fireworks – Update on purchase of Fireworks**

The Clerk has tried to contact the Firework committee but so far has not had a response, but will continue to try. The Clerk will bring back to the next meeting.

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

**4.1 Update following meeting with A14/CCC & W.G regarding Cycle Path and application for funding**

Cllr A.Goodridge updated the PC following the meeting. The PC was successful with its expression of interest application and invited to make a full application for funding to allow a feasibility study for a cycle path. The PC agreed that an amount of £500 could be contributed

if its bid were successful. G.B prop, K.D 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Cllrs were in favour. The application will be completed and submitted by the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**4.2 (4.2) Update on Easement at Pecks Coppice**

The applicant agreed to pay the £800 + VAT for the valuation. The valuation took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, the PC has not yet had any further information. The Clerk will chase.

**4.3 (4.3) Green Open Spaces- Including update on Paths start dates/cutting Cricket Pitch/emergency Tree work**

The Tree survey has been carried out and one quote received so far. The W.G will meet to discuss once other quotes have been received and bring back to another meeting. Due to the sad news that Mr Makeham has passed away, the PC have asked JSC services to cut the Cricket pitch area. The cuttings on the wilderness will be burnt soon. Work to the Paths is due to start on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, the PC will put a note in Spectrum, Website & noticeboards to give notice to Parishioners. The Planning application for the Pavilion has now been submitted. Benches will be return to their respective homes once a way of securing them has been discussed and decided.

**4.4 Community Bus Services – further information following meeting attended by Cllr A. Goodridge**

Cllr Goodridge attended a meeting in St Ives with other surrounding Villages to discuss a new bus survey being carried out. This survey will be asking about the need for a bus service if people didn't have access to a car. A leaflet will be distributed to explain why a second bus survey is being conducted. The survey will be online. However, hard copies will be available for those that do not have access to the internet. Cllr A.G will draft a leaflet,

**4.5 Information only – the PC added comments to Planning Application made by Dennis (Haddenham) Ltd for reservoir storage – concern over a potential increase to the volume of heavy commercial traffic through the village.**

Cllr G.B read out the response submitted by the Parish Council.

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

**5.1 Request from a Parishioner to set up a Hilton Angling club and look at the welfare of the Village Ponds.**

There are concerns over the very low water levels in the village ponds, particularly Reeves Ditch. The water level is still dropping and there is concern over the welfare of the fish. The Clerk and a Parishioner have been in contact with the Environment Agency who has offered advice. The PC is unsure whether the extraction of water by the A14 is influencing the water level. The Clerk will contact to ask if they are still pumping. The Clerk will also enquire whether the A14 can assist and spray some water back into the Pond to help alleviate the problem. It was decided that the welfare of the Pond was the primary issue and the possibility of setting up an Angling Club will be discussed more thoroughly at the next PC meeting.

**5.2 Request from Parishioner regarding Wheelie Bins- can the PC remind Parishioners that these should not be put out too far in advance of collection**

The Parish Council will put a notice in Spectrum, Website and noticeboards to remind residents not to put bins out too early.

**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 2018	£660.00
	Cutting Cricket Pitch Area July 18	£40.00chq
6b Wendy Oldfield	Recharge 4 x Nitrogen Oxide diffusion tubes (no fittings)	£43.20chq
6c Mr B Ashby	Handyman Duties – June/July/August	£94.50chq
6d Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Playground Survey	£54.00chq
6e K&M Lighting Services	Street Light Maintenance 01.07.18-30.09.18	£153.82chq
6f Conway Tree Specialist	Tree work	£620.00chq
6g Ecotricity	Energy Supply 25.05.18 – 24.06.18	£ 8.87 DD

6h Clerks Salary Salary August 2018

£ 584.13s/o

Cllr G.B prop, Cllr S.P 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Cllrs were in favour.

**6.2 Ecotricity – explanation of invoices following account being in credit**

At the end of the financial year end March 18, the PC was in credit with Ecotricity, so instead of physically taking further payments by DD, they took the payments from our credit. The initial credit was £ 154.30, - £14.32 for charges 07.03.18 -23.05.18  
Leaving £139.98 in Credit, which was refunded back last month.

**6.3 Monies Received**

VAT rebate -£1,029.00  
Cricket Club Utilites - £21.05  
FW Utilities - £129.10

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

Cllr A.G asked for the PC to look at a 3-4 year plan and policy statements for Planning. Cllr G.B advised that the Clerk is having issues with the PC laptop and looking at cost of replacing.

**8. Closure of Meeting.**

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