

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2001 AT THE VILLAGE HALL PECROFT LANE

PRESENT: Cllr Mr P Hickinbotham (Chairman)
Cllr Mr J Cumpstone
Cllr Mrs L Hall
Cllr Mrs R Walton
Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn
10 Members of the public
Mr C Moreton (SDDC)
Dr R Williams (The Etwall Practice)

Cllr Mr D Allen
Cllr Mr T Allen
Mr D Woolliscroft (Lengthsman)
Gemma Needham (Burton Mail)
Mr J Hansed (SDDC)
Gillian Coates (SDDC)
Mr T Day (The Etwall Practice)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs C Byrd Cllr Mrs A Mottram

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It was resolved the minutes be signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATION BY DR WILLIAMS OF THE ETWALL PRACTICE ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES IN HILTON

The chairman welcomed Dr Williams who then addressed the meeting with the proposals for the new surgery: -

The surgery is to initially be a five-doctor surgery and will not be a branch surgery from the Etwall surgery. It is intended to move the Etwall practice to Hilton when the new surgery is built. The building is to be of modular design and will be easily expandable if required. The practice will provide facilities for a Practice Nurse, a District Nurse, and Health Visitors it will also accommodate the Citizens Advice Bureau. Outline planning permission has been granted. There is the potential to accommodate other health functions on the site, such as physiotherapy and chiropody.

There is to be ample car parking spaces.

Dr Williams then answered questions from the public.

The Chairman thanked Dr Williams and Mr Day.

PRESENTATION BY SDDC ON THE BROWN BIN COMPOSTING SCHEME

Mr J Hansed, the Technical Services Manager of SDDC, gave a presentation with slides on waste management.

SDDC is committed to reduce the amount of waste going into land- fill sites and is required to recycle or compost 14% of the waste collected by 2003 and 21% by 2005.

The meeting was advised that 20% of the waste collected is organic and suitable for composting. He also advised that composting is a simple way of recycling 40% of the waste stream.

SDDC are to implement a brown bin scheme in Hilton. The brown and black bins will be collected on alternative weeks; one side bag will be collected on black bin days in addition to the contents of the black bin.

Public reaction to the scheme is so far favorable.
The blue bag paper-recycling scheme is to be extended and extra recycling facilities provided. A timetable for exhibitions and the implementation of the scheme was available.
The SDDC team answered questions from the public.
The Chairman thanked the team for their presentation.

CHARIMAN'S REPORT

Mr P Hickinbotham presented the following report: -

The year 2000/2001 has been another busy year for the PARISH COUNCIL with both high and low moments during which members of the council have attended meetings to discuss and try to resolve the many local problems.

Some of the highlights were: -

First the construction and opening of the NORTHEN LINK ROAD a very important piece of infrastructure to aid the development of the M.O.D site and ease the traffic on EGGINGTON ROAD

Second was the completion of a new pavement along EGGINGTON ROAD essential to help parents and children walking to the expanding PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Third was the HILTON MILLENNIUM CLOCK being installed, although it was a disappointment not to have it up and running in the year 2000 the village now has a practical and attractive feature to mark the millennium year.

Fourth is the implementation of the WEIGHT RESTRICTION on MAIN STREET. Finally the announcement that the Etwall Practice were to relocate to a site on the former M.O.D site and build a much larger health Centre to meet the growing needs of the area and provide a better service to both communities.

The downside for the year has to be the floods due to the extreme weather conditions. This was the worst flooding in HILTON area since 1972. Residents to the west of the village had water in their homes, farmers struggled with livestock and SALTERSFORD BRIDGE finally gave in after its foundations were damaged beyond repair. It has hit Don Amotts business and the new tenants of the WHITE SWAN. The village had only one bus service to BURTON/DERBY every hour until the new bridge was constructed and the V2 service reinstated.

The Parish Council has joined with Hatton Parish Council in seeking answers regarding the impact the A50 has had on the drainage in the area.

If this was not enough the outbreak of foot and mouth disease cast a shadow over the farming community, with the disastrous outbreak at Marston on Dove. Stunning the entire village. Our thoughts were with those affected, but a feeling of despair filled the air as the slaughters were carried out.

I will now go through some of the items that your council has dealt with during the past year.

PLANNING.

Many applications were submitted for consideration. Large new areas on the M.O.D site are now in the process of having houses built on including a small low cost development by a housing association. All meet the criteria set out in SOUTH DERBYSHIRES LOCAL PLAN and although we made critical comments to some of the plans, they were noted but had little effect.

The same applied to the developments on MILL LANE and BACK LANE. Site visits from SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE to view our concerns failed to stop the plans being approved.

FINANCE.

The finance committee proposed a precept for the year 2001/2002 to raise £10,000. This would keep the amount paid by electors the same as last year. It will allow the Parish Council to have a small reserve, continue to give grants to village organizations, and part fund essential repairs to the tennis courts. However a grant will have to be sought to finance the full cost.

Income from the sports facilities remains good and helps towards some of the running costs. However after raising the hire charges in last years budget the committee proposed not to impose another rise this year.

The budget was discussed and accepted by the council members.

Grants made by the Parish Council last year to local groups totaled £1200.

The unsung volunteers who give their time and expertise in running the groups deserve a big thank you. The community would be poorer without them.

RECREATION.

The use of the playing fields is good. Regular use by our two local senior teams, the KINGS HEAD and HILTON HOUSE also the many junior teams under the HILTON HARRIER GROUP.

Coaching sessions were also held by professional coaches for football during the summer school holidays and were well attended.

The tennis courts are used all the year as they have floodlighting available. 3 Net Ball teams, 2 Senior 5 A- SIDE and 3 JUNIOR 5 A- SIDE football teams along with JUNIOR tennis coaching and ADULT tennis are taking its toll on the surface.

This will have to be addressed as mentioned under finance.

South Derbyshire District Council drew up a programme to inspect play equipment in playgrounds during the year. This was to ensure safety standards are met and replace or remove equipment that does not meet the criteria.

MAIN STREET play area featured in this and £6000 is required to bring it up to standard.

The Parish Council is to provide £3000 towards the cost of the work, South Derbyshire District Council are to fund the remainder. It is hoped the work will be carried out and completed during the summer.

New play areas are required within the new housing but land and money is only released at certain "trigger points" this is very frustrating for new residents with young children.

THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

The crime rate in the Hilton area we are informed is not high compared with neighboring areas. The PARISH COUNCIL however would still like to see more police presence. A new Chief Constable is aware of our concern in the policing of rural areas. Changes are to be introduced, a new Commander for the South Derbyshire area has been appointed and Hilton policing will come under Swadlincote. This does not mean response will come from there but will be from the nearest available unit. New BEAT MANAGERS are to be introduced to improve liaison with communities, also mobile police stations will visit areas to make the police more accessible.

Adoption of the roads on the completed developments on the M.O.D site has been a problem. The Parish Council held a site meeting with the departments concerned and this helped to improve matters but efforts will still be required to keep up the process.

The building of the low cost housing on land set aside for this is to commence shortly. This will we hope bring about the completion of the GREENWAY public footpath to link the M.O.D site with PEACROFT LANE and the school.

It was announced in March of this year that the ETWALL SURGERY propose to relocate to the community area of the new development and build a modern new health facility...this is good news for the community and future needs of the area.

PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

The office at the VILLAGE HALL continues to be a success with our Clerk in attendance each Wednesday.

The PARISH NEWSLETTER compiled by COUNCILOR ALISON MOTTERAM continues to be popular and informative. The cost is offset in part by the advertising and the hand delivery by Council members. I thank our editor for her time given to getting all on to disc ready for the publisher and members for doing the distribution.

Another year has passed and it is once again time to thank our hard working staff.

DEREK WOOLSCROFT & BOB BUTLER who work so well together as our lengths man & grounds man helping with each others duties especially during DEREKS forced absence to have a hip replacement.

SUE SMITH our caretaker & booking clerk who makes great efforts to keep the sports pavilion to a high standard and has such a good approach to those who book and use the facilities.

JOHN WALTON the Clerk to the council whose guidance is invaluable and who deals with all the aspects of council business in a friendly and professional manner.

Thank you to fellow members of the council for their wisdom and constructive debate on council matters and giving of their valuable free time to serve as Councillors, also JOHN CUMPSTON my very experienced vice chairman for supporting myself as chairman.

I would like also to place on record the valued work carried out by MRS ROMA WALTON in her capacity as District Councillor in her representations on our behalf at district level and still finding the time to bring her enthusiasm to serve on the Parish Council.

I would also like to thank CLLR MRS MARGARET LITTLEJOHN for her attendance at our meetings and her efforts to deal with matters at county level.

Finally I would like to say that it has been both an honor and privilege to serve as CHAIR of the council for a second term, thank you very much

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk gave a brief report of the accounts. An unaudited income and expenditure account was circulated. This is reproduced at annex A.

EDUCATIONAL CHARITY REPORT

Cllr Mr J Cumpstone gave a background report of the Charity and the sale of the Uttoxeter Road School. Details of grants awarded and income are at annex B.

MARSTON ON DOVE & DISTRICT RELIEF CHARITY REPORT

The Clerk to the Charity Mr J Walton gave a brief report. There were no grants awarded, financial details are: -

Investments	£4735
Bank	£ 281

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no further public participation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business, the meeting closed at 2102.