

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2003 AT THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE, PERCY WOOD CLOSE.

PRESENT: Cllr & District Cllr Mrs R Walton (RW) Cllr Mr P Hickinbotham (PH)
Cllr Mrs A Mottram (AM) Clerk Mr J Walton (JW)
Cllr Mrs L Kolkman (LK) Cllr Mr G Banton (GB)
Cllr Mr D Allen (DA) Cllr Mrs L Hall (LH)
Cllr Mr D Smith (DS) Mr D Woolliscroft (Lengthsman) (DW)
Tom Sloan (Burton Mail) 11 Members of the public

030/03 APOLOGIES
Cllr Mr E McCreddie (Chairman) and PC C Fetherston

031/03 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING
Cllr P Hickinbotham was appointed to chair the meeting.

032/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2003
Four minor corrections were made to the master copy, and the minutes then signed as a true record.

033/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
Clerk:
018/03: The clock glass has been replaced, the bill is in accounts for payment. The insurance claim has been settled less vat and £75.00 excess.
018/03: The road direction sign on the northern Link Road has been over painted and will be reinstated as required.
018/03: SDDC have sent a letter stating their responsibilities regarding maintenance of the play equipment. It should now be possible to include public liability in our insurance.
018/03: The tennis court flood lamps have been replaced. Two fittings are unserviceable and the rest are in poor condition but should remain usable for the short term. Mr A Morris will quote for replacement of the fittings.
024/03: The groundsman has agreed to do extra hours on lengthsman duties. It was resolved to get a new barrow and the Skipper was considered most suitable – clerk to order.
025/03: An e-mail has been received from Garry Winfield of SDDC requesting a site meeting to position the bench to be supplied as part of the section 106 agreement on land to the south of Orchard Close. PH agreed to attend – clerk to action.
022/03: Notes from the local plan meeting held on 7 March have been received.
027/03: No site can be found for extra recycling facilities on the MOD site and will be provided at the Village Hall on SDDCs land.
026/03: LK has been unable to obtain a quote to remove the conifers from the perimeter of the tennis courts. A letter has been received from the booking clerk stating she has had representation from users that the courts will be particularly exposed to winds in the winter if the conifers are removed. The subject was discussed and it was agreed to remove only the conifers on the northern border. Clerk to action.
LH:
018/03: Enquired about progress on the clearing of the untidy land on Egginton Road. The clerk advised that DCC are monitoring the situation weekly. The subject was discussed and it was

agreed the clerk writes to request the eviction notice be progressed.

AM:

018/03: Requested the state of the pub site is again reported to the enforcement officer. The clerk advised that it is being monitored and enforcement action will be taken when it is considered bad enough to warrant this. It was agreed the clerk contacts the enforcement officer again regarding this.

004/03: AM & PH met with Mr Blackwood of the Carlton Day Nursery to discuss the possibility of providing a pedestrian footway to the front of his premises. Mr Blackwood is willing to move the fence fronting his car park to provide space for a footway but not in front of his premises which is the preferred parking space. Funding will need to be resolved. AM advised that the school is investigating a walk to school scheme.

GB:

018/03: Requested the remedial works to the football pitch is progressed to allow time for the works to be completed by the start of the next seasons.

RW:

024/03: Advised the clean team will blitz the village with a litter pick and tidy up. Litter problems were discussed and it was noted that one of the glass panels of the Derby Road bus shelter has been broken.

It was agreed to write to Paul Evans at SDDC thanking him for his assistance.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders suspended.

A pedestrian crossing was requested at the southern end of the Northern Link Road. The matter was discussed and the position so far reiterated. RW answered some of the questions and it was agreed the clerk write again to DCC requesting a crossing before an accident occurred.

The meeting was advised that whilst visibility on emerging from Dale End Road has improved following the relocation of Hilton Garage the visibility is still obstructed by a laurel bush. It was agreed the clerk write to the owner asking for the bush to be trimmed or removed.

A heated debate followed on the provision of youth facilities. The clerk had made an error in the correspondence list on the agenda for this meeting. An anonymous letter has been circulated regarding this.

RW took to task the author of the anonymous letter and the inaccuracies contained in it, they were wrote as District Councillor with copies to the parish council as a courtesy only. The letters quoted in the correspondence list for this meeting were short-term ideas only. As the discussion was prolonged and as it was a District Council matter, RW suggested that she would discuss the matter outside the meeting. AM insisted on further debate. The chairman called the meeting to order and advised the public of standing orders.

Other items covered were the condition of the pavements at Percy Wood Close and the reinstatement of verges following utility installations.

035/03

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9 2003 0220 FH The erection of a detached garage at 33 West Avenue – no objections.

9 2003 0282 FH The erection of a single storey extension at 18 Field Close – no objections.

9 2003 0283 FH The erection of an extension and the repositioning of a wall at 91 Washford Road – no objections.

9 2003 0349 O The erection of 2 bungalows at land forming part of OS Field 4141 off Back Lane. This plan was objected to on the grounds that the access road, Mill Lane, is narrow and is a pedestrian access to the playing field.

9 2003 0369 FH The erection of a conservatory at 41 Washford Road – no objections.

036/03 PLANNING DECISIONS

9 2002 1329 F The erection of an extension at 6 Calder Close – Granted

9 2003 0007 FH The erection of an extension at 57 Washford Road - granted
Standing orders resumed.

037/03 CORRESPONDENCE

SDDC Civic Amenity Saturday Collections – do we wish to participate? It was agreed to schedule two visits near to the dates used last year

SDDC Progress report on issues raised at Etwall area meeting

District Cllr Mrs R Walton Copy of a letter sent to inspector Hargreaves regarding vandalism motorcycles and the provision of community facilities.

DCC B_Line magazine

Clerk' & Councils Direct Magazine March 2003

District Cllr Mrs R Walton Copy of an e-mail requesting press coverage on the vandalism of the tennis courts. Note this was done and a report was published.

SDDC Request for agenda items for the flood liaison meeting to be held on 8 April – replied asking when are sandbags to be provided by DCC?

Ray Bailey Copy of letter regarding booking of the tennis courts

SDDC Copy of SDDCs publication scheme

SDDC Notice of the airfield consultative committees next meeting – passed to Cllr Mr D Allen

SDDC Liaison with parish councils on section 106 agreements – there is a lot of useful information in this document

District Cllr Mrs R Walton Copy letter to the Chief Executive of SDDC requesting facilities for young persons

Copy letter to the Chief Executive of SDDC referring to the above

Copy letter to Peter Robbins of St Modwen Developments requesting the temporary use of the ground adjacent to Witham Close for benches.

Letter to Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries regarding the above.

SDDC E mail address for the Clean team – Clean-Team@South-Derbys.gov.uk

SDDC Notice of a standards committee meeting to be held March 20

SLCC Review of Clerk's terms and conditions plus questionnaire and membership application - The questionnaire has been completed and returned

Publication List it is recommended the council purchases the latest edition of Local Council Administration, price £35.00 plus p&p. The cost including post & packing is £38.50, it was resolved the clerk orders this essential book.

DEFRA Quality PC initiative
 SDDC Notices of election for district and parish council elections - These have been displayed.
 SDDC Nomination papers for serving Parish Councillors for the forthcoming election – distributed for completion
 Martin Bowes E-mail request to see the new plans for the Western link Road – replied stating none as yet received.
 DCC Rural bus initiative – reply required- pending
 John Etechells Land on Uttoxeter Road.
 PH advised the meeting that the concerns regarding the letters that was raised in public participation have been noted.

038/03 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was agreed the following accounts be paid.

				Cheque No
M D Woolliscroft	Lengthsman		£237.50	627
Mr G Hall	Groundsman	£104.50		
	Strimmer repair	£86.16		
	Petrol	£4.05	£194.71	622
Mrs S Smith	Caretaker	£19.00		
	Booking Clerk	£60.00	£79.00	628
Mr J Walton	Clerk	£401.66		
	Expenses	£12.39		
	Domain registration & Web	£44.48	£458.53	629
Shire Clocks	Repair to clock glass		£320.19	630
Michael Smith Fencing	Boards to repair tennis court fence		£23.50	631
Audit Commission	Audit		£293.75	632
Flint Bishop & Barnett	Balance for land transfer		£7.52	633
Buildbase	Fence preservative		£6.44	634
The following accounts have been paid by Direct Debit				
BT	Phone		£56.16	
PowerGen	Recreation Ground Supply		£8.50	
PowerGen	Pavilion Supply		£8.00	

039/03 THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

JW advised this must be between 1 March and 1 June. It was resolved that the first week in May is preferred and to consider a Friday if the village hall is not available for Wednesdays.

040/03 CLERK'S, MEMBER'S AND LENGTHMSAN'S REPORTS

Clerk:

Advised the board fencing at the tennis courts have been vandalised. Replacement timber obtained and the bill is enclosed in the accounts for payment above. The lengthsman & groundsman have replaced the boards.

In a second incident one of the netball posts has been stolen along with a tennis net support post.

The tennis post was located by the lengthsman. The cost of replacement for a pair of netball posts is £160.00 plus vat & delivery. A letter has been received from the booking clerk advising that she has bookings for April. It was resolved to purchase a set of netball posts. Both the above incidents have been reported to the police and crime numbers obtained. Advised the office would be closed on April 8.

LH:

Asked about estimates for the remedial work t the football pitch.

AM:

Advised that she had attended a meeting at the school to discuss a travel plan. The plan is aimed at getting children to walk to school and considered various access options including via the village hall grounds. It also covered parking, reinstating double yellow lines and a dedicated crossing point and various other matters. She suggested the parish council support the plan.

Had been contacted by the Derby Evening Telegraph regarding youth provision. An article was published.

GB:

Has received complaints regarding policing in the village and requests that foot patrols be provided to improve police visibility.

LK:

Suggested that as people seem to be reluctant to contact the police could the parish council office be a telephone-forwarding agency. She would monitor and report calls as required. It was resolved that this was a good idea and would be done.

RW:

Advised about the issues concerning the background to the need for youth provision in the village.

Standing orders were suspended to allow further public participation and discussion followed.

It was announced that there is to be a public meeting in the village hall on Friday next.

Standing orders resumed.

041/03

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

042/03

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 23 April 2003 at the Community Lounge Percy Wood Close commencing at 1915. Plans will be available for inspection at 1900.

The date for the AGM was not agreed, it MUST be between 5 and 19 May.

The meeting closed at 2140

Pages 202 to 206 signed as a true record