

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2003 AT THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE, PERCY WOOD CLOSE.

PRESENT: Cllr & District Cllr Mrs R Walton (RW) Cllr Mr P Hickinbotham (PH)
Cllr Mr E McCreadie (Chairman) 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)
Mr D Woolliscroft (Lengthsman) (DW) 4 Members of the public

Before commencing the meeting the chairman advised the public of the conduct of parish council meetings. A précis of standing orders is printed on the back of the minutes available for the public.

043/03 APOLOGIES
Cllr Mrs A Mottram (AM), Cllr Mr D Smith (DS) and PC C Fetherston

044/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2003
The clerk advised that there is an error at the top of page 204 Mill Lane should read Meadow Lane. The master copy was corrected and the minutes accepted as a true record.

045/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
Clerk:
033/03 & 018/03: Advised that negotiation regarding public liability for the playground has not been finalised.
A letter has been received from our insurers stating no reply has been received regarding additional protection of the clock face – a copy of the strong letter has been sent.
033/03: The new lengthsman's truck has been obtained, also high visibility vests have been obtained for the groundsman and lengthsman – the invoices are in the accounts for payment.
033/03: The conifers from the north side of the tennis courts have been removed – invoice in accounts for payment
033/03: SDDCs enforcement officer has written to Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries regarding the pub site. As District Cllr RW advised she had been in contact with the brewery and the site will be tidied.
033/03: Still trying to get quotes for remedial action to the football pitch.
033/03: The cleaning blitz on the village will be done in the near future.
033/03: DCC have advised that a pedestrian refuge will be provided on the Northern Link Road. A pavement will be constructed on the western side of the link road and will join with the pavement on Egginton Road.
033/03: The laurel bush on the former Hilton Garage site has been trimmed. A local resident who after visiting the office to look at the plans for the garage site consulted the developer and then trimmed the bush. He has been thanked for his public spirit.
004/03: DCC have supplied 300 empty sandbags. It was agreed the flood committee is consulted to find a suitable place to store the sand. LK agreed to action this.
040/03: A pair of netball posts has been obtained, the invoice is included in the accounts for payment.

041/03: Two messages have been left for forwarding to the police. A well done for the idea was resolved for LK

037/03: The amenity skip has been arranged for Saturday 17 May & Saturday 4 October 0730 to 0930 at the Main Street Car Park and 0930 to 1130 at E3 The Mease.

033/03: The condition of the verge on Egginton Road, this we are assured is being monitored.

004/03 & 008/03: The parish transport grant and bus shelter is both progressing, the paperwork for the parish transport scheme has been received, completed and returned.

LH:

Asked about progress of the refurbishment of the football pitch, this is as discussed above.

RW:

034/03: As District Cllr advised the meeting she had taken legal advice over the anonymous letter that had been circulated. She has been advised that the letter is libellous and anyone repeating it is causing a slander.

The libel was repeated at this meeting. RW will decide if she is to take the matter further. PH noted that he refused to read the copy of the letter that was obtained at that meeting.

PH:

025/03: Advised that Mr Winfield of SDDC had not contacted him regarding the siting of the bench to the south of Orchard Close – clerk to contact Mr Winfield to progress this matter.

GB:

027/03: On the provision of extra recycling facilities stated the village hall grounds are not suitable due to access. The matter was discussed and RW as District Cllr agreed to take the matter up with SDDC.

046/03

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders suspended.

The Chairman advised that due to the time constraint of the meeting public participation would be kept to 15 minutes only.

Mr Carpenter asked if the clean team would blitz only adopted roads? As District Cllr RW advised that the entire village is to be done.

Mr Carpenter advised that the police have a new mobile camera for crime prevention. He also raised the neighbourhood watch. PH advised the meeting that this was not a parish council matter and so far the residents of the new development had not taken up the scheme.

The meeting was advised that the road surface adjacent to the manhole covers near Grange Farm were in serious need of attention. It was agreed the clerk report this to DCC Highways Dept.

Mrs C Warren advised the meeting the police had issued her with a parking ticket whilst she was at the Post Office. The subject was discussed and it was agreed that police time would be better spent on preventing vandalism and solving crime rather than issuing invalid parking tickets. It was agreed the clerk writes to DCC Highways asking that a more permanent job of removing the double yellow lines be done and to advise the traffic police and County Cllr Mrs Littlejohn of the problem.

The chairman advised that during a phone call he had been advised that if police action to prevent vandalism is not forthcoming there is the possibility of a vigilante group being formed. The parish council was unanimous in condemning this.

047/0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 9 2003 0382 F The change of use of the existing garage into living accommodation and the erection of a detached double garage at 66 Washford Road – no objections
9 2003 0231 F The erection of six 6 metre high floodlights/streetlights at the Garage Sutton Lane – no objections
9 2003 0452 D The approval of reserved matters of planning permission 9 2001 1190 for the erection of four dwellings at Hilton Garage Derby Road – no objections
9 2003 0453 D The approval of reserved matters of planning permission 9 2001 1189 for the erection of twelve dwellings at Hilton Garage Main Street – no objections

048/03 PLANNING DECISIONS

- 9 2003 0088 A The display of an advertising sign at plot E1 The Mease – Granted
9 2003 0120 F The siting of a replacement mobile catering unit at unit 19 Hilton Depot – Granted
9 2003 0151 F The erection of a two storey extension at 21 Rodney Close – Granted
9 2003 02220 F The erection of a detached garage at 33 West Avenue - Granted
Standing orders resumed.

049/03 CORRESPONDENCE

- DCC Be safe be seen campaign 2003 – third poster – displayed at the village hall
Jonathan Brown Request that procedure be explained before PC meetings and a request regarding the supply of sandbags from DCC
John Etchells Letter regarding the verges at Uttoxeter Road – This letter is brought forward from last months meeting. It was agreed the lengthsman and groundsman would strim the verge opposite Mr Etchells property as ownership could no be established and this would improve the visual amenity of the village.
Cllr Alison Mottram Letter advising she will not be standing for election to the PC in May and has advised the Educational Foundation she will not be able to represent the council. The letter was read to the meeting as requested in the letter. The content was discussed.
Mr Carpenter Letter regarding services and speaking at PC meetings Mr Carpenter was invited to read his letter, most of the points have been covered above.
DALC Survey – to remain affiliated to NALC? **Reply Required.** It was resolved that DALC should not remain affiliated with NALC – clerk to reply.
DALC Circular 09/2003 General **Includes grants for football fields and free funding fair 29 April at Somercotes Parish Hall.**
DALC Circular 10/2003 Parish Council Representation **Does Hilton need extra representation?** It was agreed that due to the growth of the village we should have extra representation. The clerk will follow this up.
EMAN Invitation to an update meeting on the Vital Villages Programme Note received too late as the meeting was on 3 April. RW was able to go to this meeting; she advised a report would follow on receipt of the minutes of the meeting.
Hilton Scouts and Guides Request for a letter of support for a partnership grant and various other questions regarding the scout hut – **Reply required.** It was agreed that the council fully supports the scouts in their plans. The clerk advised the meeting of previous agreements made. A supporting letter will be forwarded.

SDDC	Best value performance plan – summary version 2003
Mr Carpenter	Letter regarding procedure at parish council meetings – the content of this letter has been addressed.
SDDC	Sportsmobile 2003 – Do we wish to participate? It was agreed to have two visits, one early and one late August – clerk to arrange.
SDDC	Consultation regarding street names and numbers MOD development Comment Required. The names were considered satisfactory – clerk to respond.
SDDC	Parish council elections 1 May statement of persons nominated and return plus notices
Countryside Agency	Parish Plans –guidance for town and parish councils – the vital villages grant scheme it was agreed this report be circulated to all.
SDDC	Notice of a public inquiry South Derbyshire Local Plan Review – 1000 3 June at SDDC offices
SDDC	Recommendations and reports of committees for submission to its meeting on 17 April
DRCC	Invitation to a member’s event at Callow community Centre 24 June 0930 – 1300 Reply required. It was agreed that anyone wishing to attend contacts the clerk.
SDDC	Funding for sport seminar May 12 at Sharpe’s Heritage Centre May 12 1900 to 2100 – Booking forms for anyone interested in attending. RW agreed to attend –clerk to reply
Audit Commission	Audit papers for the financial year 2002/2003
SDDC	Notice of Poll for the District Council – notices displayed

050/03 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

M D Woolliscroft	Lengthsman		£225.00	635
Mr G Hall	Groundsman	£205.00		
	Petrol/trimmer line	£15.07	£220.07	636
Mrs S Smith	Caretaker	£20.00		
	Booking Clerk	£64.00	£84.00	637
Mr J Walton	Clerk	£401.66		
	Expenses	£26.11	£427.77	638
SDDC	Garage rates		£114.72	639
DALC	Subscription 2003/2004		£365.37	640
SLCC	Local Council Administration		£38.50	641
Buildbase	Nails & screws for tennis courts	£5.60		
	Hi Vis Vests	£28.67	£34.27	642
Sportsequip	Netball posts		£219.71	643
Glasdon	Skipper groundsman’s truck		£292.71	644
Mr H Q Evans	Removal of trees from tennis courts		£720.00	645
The following accounts have been paid by Direct Debit				
PowerGen	Recreation Ground Supply		£8.50	
PowerGen	Pavilion Supply		£8.00	

CLERK'S, MEMBER'S AND LENGTHSMAN'S REPORTS

Clerk:

Has addressed the provision of advice to the public on the conduct of meetings. As stated above a précis of standing orders has been printed on the back of the public copies of the minutes of the last meeting.

Advised the clock has had to be corrected twice, once, as it did not auto correct to BST the second probably due to power cuts.

Has been contacted by the Environment Agency to establish access to the charity field to remove a fallen tree from Hilton Brook. It was noticed that there is dredging being carried out on the brook to the north of the A516.

Advised that the lengthsman had contacted him concerning the amount of litter in the ditch at the bottom of New Road – the clean team has been contacted and has cleared the ditch.

Reported that the booking clerk suggests storing the netball posts in the garage at the end of the season – this was accepted.

Reported that before the last meeting he had been advised by Mr J Cumpstone that 1. With the postal collection service being reduced to only one a day the mailboxes were being overfilled.

2. The new estate agent is placing advertising boards of properties for sale at the entrance to the road not just by the property for sale. It was agreed the clerk writes to Royal Mail and the estate agent regarding the two items.

DS:

Has reported to the clerk by fax with his apologies for this meeting concern over the large number of large signs and builders direction notices. RW has consulted SDDC over this and been advised that planning permission is not required for signs and development direction signs are allowed with a 2 mile radius of the development but it is the developers responsibility to remove them on completion of the development.

LH:

Asked if the summer planting of the hanging baskets is arranged. It was agreed the clerk contacts Talbot Nurseries to undertake at the correct time.

Advised that there is a large amount of dog fouling on the jitty between New Road and Derby Road – clerk to contact the dog warden.

DA:

Advised that the Greenway in the vicinity of the low cost housing has not been re-instated now that work has been completed on the estate. RW agreed to take this matter to SDDC.

RW:

Advised the meeting she has not stood for election to the Parish Council because of conflict between District and Parish matters. A vote of encouragement for her to stand again was proposed by GB, EM echoed this. A discussion followed.

GB:

Advised that the disabled toilet at the sports pavilion is in need of attention. There is a large amount of equipment etc that requires clearing. The clerk advised that as a part of the disability act the standard of the toilet needs to be assessed. It was agreed the clerk contacts Hilton Harriers and the booking clerk to organise a clear out.

EM:

Stated that as there has been no progress with the safety rail outside the Talbot could we write again?

It was agreed the clerk actions this.

DW:

Advised that one of the swings has a broken bolt – clerk to report

That again there was broken glass on the tennis courts this has been cleared.

That the plastic recycling bins were again overflowing.

052/03

YOUTH PROVISION

LK advised the meeting of progress so far.

Dudley & Wolverhampton breweries have given permission to use their land as a temporary measure to site benches, this is subject to the Parish Council taking ownership of the benches and some safeguards.

It was agreed the Parish Council will take ownership of the benches and a suitable letter be sent to the brewery.

She advised that a teenager action group (TAG) has been formed and that if we join with the Crime and Disorder Section we should be able to get funding. The Parish Council resolved to assist in the provision of facilities for young people.

A vote of thanks was proposed for the work LK had done.

053/03

CORRESPONDENCE (ideas to improve the awareness of correspondence received)

The clerk advised the meeting of the problems with correspondence. The matter was discussed and it was suggested that parish Councillors read the correspondence at the office prior to the meeting. It was decided that circulation of correspondence would not be suitable.

054/03

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to invite East Midlands Electricity to address the Parish Meeting on 9 May – clerk to organise.

055/03

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 14 May 2003 at the Community Lounge Percy Wood Close commencing at 1915. Plans will be available for inspection at 1900.

The meeting closed at 2151

Pages 207 to 212 signed as a true record