

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 1930 ON 9 MAY 2003

PRESENT

Cllr P Hickinbotham (Chairman)	Cllr Mr D Allen
Cllr D Smith	District Cllr R Walton
District Cllr G Martin	D Woolliscroft (Lengthsman)
J Walton (Clerk)	8 Members of the public
Lorraine Reddington (Customer Liaison Manager East Midlands Electricity)	
Laura Hibberd (Customer Liaison East Midlands Electricity)	
Colin Randal (System Performance Manager East Midlands Electricity)	
Steve Bevington (Field Operations Manager East Midlands Electricity)	

APOLOGIES

Were received from Councillors G Banton and L Kolkman, County Councillor M Littlejohn and PC C Fetherston

CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MEETING

Cllr P Hickinbotham welcomed all to the meeting and agreed to chair the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2002

The members of public present was amended to read 30 vice 3, the minutes were then signed as a true record

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

A PRESENTATION BY EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY ON SUPPLIES TO HILTON

Colin Randal opened the proceedings, he advised the meeting that maps and plans of the supply system are displayed for all to see, these included the 132Kv, 33Kv and 11Kv systems.

The meeting was advised that videos can be supplied on request.

Details of the power interruptions were given, the main cause of the interruptions is third party cable damage and the majority of these are attributable to contractors on the ex MOD site.

The importance of phoning EME on power failures was stressed.

It was agreed that there had been a higher than average number of faults in the Hilton area but the supply into the village is sufficient to meet demands. There are two main supplies to the village via sub stations at Trent Alloys in Willington and one at Hatton. The dual supply puts Hilton in a good position regarding switching on a fault and this will be improved at the end of the month when the new transformers are on line at Hatton. A new network management system is also being fitted.

EME will be sending a letter to all households in Hilton explaining why there are so many failures and to advise that there is sufficient supply to the village. The meeting was also advised that guarantee standards are available on the website and details for anyone wishing to claim compensation for loss of supply are also available on the web or on request.

A short question and answer period followed.

The Chairman thanked the team for the presentation.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The following report was read to the meeting.

During the last year May 2002/2003 the PARISH COUNCIL was referred to the standards committee for ENGLAND and WALES. together with the Chairman Mr John Cumpstone regarding an issue it debated. The findings have not been made known to the council at this time. However the chairman

resigned at the end of OCT 2002 because he thought that his integrity had been brought into question. Vice Chairman Mr Eddie McCreadie took over the Chair until the last meeting in April 2003. After the April meeting and prior to the nominations for the next Parish Council Mr McCreadie, Mrs Lesley Hall and Mrs Allison Mottram declared that they would not be seeking re election. The Parish Council would like thank them for their work and efforts whilst they have been in office. At this moment in time there are only three members appointed Mr Jeff Banton, Mr David Smith, and myself Peter Hickinbotham.

Due to technical problems with application forms sent by a further two, Mr Doug Allen and Mrs Liz Kolkman, who were serving members and wish to continue, were not accepted. The process of cooption will be put to the council at the A.G.M.

Mrs Roma Walton is also considering her position with regard to continuing on the Parish Council. The new rules and standards being applied to Parish Councillors is having its effect nationwide on the number of applicants.

FINANCE

The capital project for last year was the refurbishment of the tennis courts and surrounding fencing at a cost of £9000.

For the forthcoming year the project is to be the refurbishment of the lower football pitch and financial support for a sports council lottery bid to have another pitch and changing rooms on the M.O.D. site by the HILTON HARRIERS group of teams.

Repairs to vandalised boundary fencing and floodlight damage belonging to the Parish Council, made inroads into the budget. during the last year.

Grants to local groups continued and are subject to application again in the forthcoming year.

COMMUNITY

Policing is still not satisfactory and the council keeps lobbying with others to get it improved.

Efforts to get the County Council to install a PELICAN crossing at the LINK ROAD junction with EGGINTON ROAD have not been successful but an alternative crossing suggestion is being proposed by the County Council.

Adoption of roads on the new developments is frustrating for residents, and the Parish Council continues to ask that the parties resolve the situation as soon as possible. Lessons have got to be learnt for future granting of planning by those who have the power to do so.

SUMMARY

The PARISH COUNCIL would like to thank its staff who have worked hard throughout the year, Mrs Smith our caretaker and booking clerk, Mr Hall our grounds man and Mr Woolliscroft the Lengthsman. Last but not least Mr John Walton the Parish Council Clerk for his guidance and dedication during a difficult year.

The Parish Council would also like to place on record our thanks to Mrs Roma Walton who has District Councillor has worked so hard to pursue the many problems now effecting our area with the elected district council.

We look forward to this continued support together with Mr George Martin our newly elected District Councillor in the future and congratulate them on their election.

Thanks also to Mrs Littlejohn the elected County Councillor for her efforts on our behalf on matters related at County level

This concludes this summary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Un - Audited Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2003

INCOME

Concurrent Functions & Agency	8571.00
Precepts	11000.00
Playing Fields	2694.00
Bank Interest	70.99
Advertising Income	370.00
Misc - VAT to claim	384.00
	Total23089.99

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	5833.64
General Admin	2832.39
Section 137 Payments	710.00
Open Spaces	672.87
Playing Fields	1405.63
Groundsman	1973.93
Footpaths	137.75
Lengthsman	2902.40
Jubilee Clock & Fireworks	1210.09
Total	17678.70

Income/Expenditure 5411.29

Note £5000.00 has been budgeted for football pitch remedial work

EDUCATIONAL CHARITY REPORT

District Cllr R Walton gave a report on the Charity in the absence of J Cumpstone.

She advised the charity is in good heart following the sale of the Uttoxeter Road School and advised the meeting of grants awarded.

MARSTON ON DOVE & DISTRICT RELIEF CHARITY REPORT

The Clerk to the Charity Mr J Walton gave a brief report.

Only one grant of £100.00 was awarded during this financial year.

Donations of £700.00 have been received, this is the proceeds of a fashion show organised by Jan Buxton and Jan Cartwright and a donation by the Rotary Ladies.

Financial details are: -

Investments £3644 at 31/12/02

Bank £ 464 at 19/04/03

£4108

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no further public participation

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr R Walton thanked Cllr P Hickinbotham for chairing the meeting.

Cllr P Hickinbotham thanked the public for attending.

As there was no other business the meeting closed.