

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2005 AT THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE, PERCY WOOD CLOSE

PRESENT: P Edwards (PE) (Vice Chairman) P Hickinbotham (PH)
D Smalley (DS) G Rice (GR)
A Plenderleith (AP) J Keery (JK)
G Banton (GB) D Smalley (DS)
County Councillor F Hood District Councillor R Walton (RW)
District Cllr M Littlejohn D Woolliscroft (Lengthsman) (DW)
J Walton (Clerk) Tom Sloan (Burton Mail)
3 Parishioners

088/05 APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllr L Kolkman
In the absence of the Chairman PE chaired the meeting.

089/05 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2005

Were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed.

090/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Clerk:

78/05 Advised the height restriction barrier has been ordered, it will be two to three weeks before installation.

83/05 Way leave – Has had a site meeting with Tim Dening the planning officer of SDDC, and at a second site meeting with Taylor Woodrow and Tim Dening it was established the way leave plan was inaccurate, the cable does run under what will be the back gardens of H18 and their back fences will be the border to the playing field. The cable needs to be moved onto playing field for safety. The consultant for Central Networks Peter Gumm called on the Clerk at home and the way leave further discussed. More accurate plans for H18 have been received courtesy of Taylor Woodrow and a suggestion is “as The Parish Council post & wire fence will be redundant it is removed”. This could be arranged as a joint project between the building contractor and Parish Council. **Resolved:** To contact Taylor Woodrow regarding removal of the fence and to grant the way leave for the electric cable to be moved.

84/05 Had a meeting with James Miller regarding proposed new changing rooms at the Mease. The lease for the Hilton Harriers use of the facilities and the vat position regarding the building costs were discussed. Following discussion it was suggested recreation committee become involved: this was **Resolved.**

Has attended the Mease playing field, several times, as has Councillor L Kolkman, to get the blocks moved and replaced for mowing and harrowing.

86/05 Reported the Groundsman is doing well following his knee operation and is now nearly fully mobile. The Lengthsman is doing some of the more important ground maintenance work. JK Asked if the letter to the Chief Constable had been sent; if any further action regarding the graffiti boards has been made and what action had been taken over the letter from the Booking Clerk/Cleaner. The Clerk advised, letter still to be sent to the Chief Constable, the graffiti boards will be included in the work package for the supports for the new notice boards when final approval has been received and that it was thought best a face to face meeting be held with the Booking Clerk/Cleaner.

PE Advised that the newsletter has been published and circulated. He has had positive comments regarding the newsletter. He stated it was hard work for one person to compile and congratulated the ones that had done it solo newsletters in the past. He requested input for the next edition; it was agreed this be an agenda item for the September meeting.

091/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders suspended.

A request regarding the Hilton Harriers use of pitches will be dealt with in agenda item correspondence.

092/05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

County Councillor F Hood:

Advised a petition has been sent to highways regarding traffic calming proposals for the village. He had a site meeting with Peter Lee of DCC and Brian Lucas the responsible Cabinet member for DCC. The subject should be discussed at the cabinet meeting to be held in early August. He thinks the proposed calming measure will go ahead but he will put forward his ideas and try to get the best deal out of it. He advised part of the proposal will be that the pedestrian crossing will be moved and the zebra crossing will be replaced by a pelican crossing.

He advised of liaison with the police regarding the Avon Way/Welland Road roundabout, this is still ongoing. He gave his apologies for the September Meeting.

District Councillor M Littlejohn:

Advised the Witham Close name sign has been replaced.

Reported a burnt out caravan in the Silver Wheel lay by. Following discussion she agreed to take this to DCC for action.

Advised she had reported the school lights and will do so again.

District Councillor R Walton:

Stated, that with regard to a recent press report, she was one of three District Councillors to have claimed over £1k in travel expenses. She advised that the expenses were incurred in attending SDDC meetings. The costs are due to initially of the absence of Councillor Martin and being the only Councillor on three policy committees as well as being one of the furthest away for the meetings at Swadlincote. She stated "I believe I give very good value"

Has been in contact with C Payne of SDDC regarding the bund and ditch at New Road, this is the responsibility of Redrow who have so far not responded. She has advised the complainants of progress.

Has Contacted Mr P Robbins at St Modwin's regarding temporary re-cycling facilities at the turning head outside the surgery, agreement to use this site has been given. The site however was found to be not suitable for the servicing vehicle and Dr Williams was contacted and approved the use of an alternative site in the immediate area. The bins have been ordered and will be in place in the net few weeks after adjacent residents have been notified.

Mr Robbins also agreed to assist with funding for the temporary changing rooms at the Mease, a letter of thanks has been sent. It was noted that Mr Robbins only wished to deal with Councillor Walton on this matter.

Advised she has met with the planning department of SDDC and has now sent her statement to the planning inspectorate regarding the proposed gypsy site on Uttoxeter Road.

Reported, that at a planning training meeting, she had discovered that it could be prejudicial if she advised the Parish Council on planning matters.

Advised, that at a leisure group meeting, things are now looking positive for the Village Hall site. The Parish Council will be responsible for the future management and funding of the site.

Reported she had spoken to some youngsters pulling ragwort. They told her that they wanted to do something to show that all village youngsters are bad. She thanked them and has written a letter of thanks; the youngsters involved did not want their names and addresses disclosed. It was agreed the Parish Council also send a thank you letter.

Advised she was working with the police and the South Derbyshire Safety Partnership regarding the landscaping of the Avon Way/Welland Road roundabout and sponsorship funding may be available.

In conversation with members of the gardening club, she was advised they were not aware of the landscaping project at Egginton Road. It was agreed to push ahead with this project; GB agreed to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

County Councillor F Hood left to attend another meeting.

PE Thanked all Councillors for attending the meeting.

093/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9 2005 0767 F Conversion of the garage into living accommodation at 1 Peacroft Court no

9 2005 0781 F Erection of extensions at 43 Willowfields no

9 2005 0739 D Application for the approval of reserved matters of 9 2004 1009 O for the erection of three detached bungalows and two detached houses at Clare de Lune Lucas Lane – Note this application is incomplete; updated information requested. The response to the request is “If the detailed application now shows a garage, then that proposal is for consideration now as part of the application process. If residents or the Parish Council are concerned about this then they should make their views known to this Council”. It was agreed a further response be made stating a value decision can’t without a revised site plan.

9 2005 0839 D The approval of reserved matters for the erection of 6762 sqm building including a two storey offices component to be used for office, industrial and storage purposes at land at Hilton Business park the Mease – No objections

9 2005 0834 N Erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building at Woodcock Farm Willowpit Lane – No objections

Note planning application 9 2005 0566 F for the erection of an extension at Mill Farm has been withdrawn.

094/05 PLANNING DECISIONS

9 2005 0486 F Conversion of the garage into living accommodation at 25 Ryton Way – Granted

9 2005 0499 U Change of use from A2 to residential at 44 Main Street – Granted

9 2005 0263 F Erection of a new build scout and guide headquarters at Bloomfield Close – Granted

9 2005 0360 M Erection of an industrial unit on land at Hilton Industrial Estate Sutton Lane – Granted

9 2005 0539 F Conversion of garage into living accommodation together with the erection of a detached garage and boundary wall at 37 Welland Road – Granted

9 2005 0262 A Erection of flags at Hilton Garage The Mease – Granted

9 2005 0442 F Erection of and extension at Plumtree Cottage Burnt Heath – Granted

095/05 THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Following a meeting of the Village Hall Committee, a letter has been received asking the Parish Council to take over the Village Hall; it was agreed in principle the Parish Council takes over the Village Hall. The Chairman, L Kolkman suggested via the Clerk a sub committee be formed to liaise with the Village Hall committee to progress the take over. It was agreed the sub committee members are: LK, JK and AP. JK declared an interest as a current member of the Village Hall management committee. The sub committee is to report back to the September meeting.

096/05 CORRESPONDENCE

SDDC	Derby Airfield Consultative Committee – the future of meetings due to lack of business Response required – brought forward from the June meeting – It was agreed there is no requirement for regular meetings – Clerk to advise.
DCC	Advertisement for cut price compost bins
Clerks & Councils	Magazine July 2005
Direct	
SDDC	Posters for the Local Strategic Partnership Public Forum Event to be held 28 July
District Councillor	Copy letter to P Robbins of St Modwen Developments regarding temporary recycling facilities
R Walton	Best Value Performance Plan 2004
SDDC	b_line – Student Magazine
DCC	Recruitment information for School Governors - displayed on notice boards
DCC	Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Aggregates – consultation request
SDDC	Summer Activity Guide Leaflets – distributed at Village Hall
SDDC	Joint meeting with Parish Councils Agenda for the meeting to be held on 3 August and minutes of the meeting held on 11 May plus updated minutes and annexes
SDDC	Notification of Premise Licences received
Getclued.com	Website advising of rip-off tradesmen
DCC	Dog fouling posters
SDDC	Notice of the winners of the recycle give away scheme – one at Hilton
SDDC	Copy of Zurich Insurance’s inspection report on the Main Street Playing Field Play Equipment Note: there are several observations regarding minor defects but none affecting the continuing safe usage of the equipment. It was agreed the Clerk confirms with SDDC that they will take action over the defects.
SDDC	Notice of a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on 28 July at 1730 at the Civic offices Swadlincote
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service	Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2006-2007 and notification of closing date for consultation
Mrs Price	Further letter regarding the dog bin on the footpath between Derby and New Roads – It was agreed to file this with no action.
D J Price	A strong letter to the council regarding Mrs Price, demanding a full response by return – note this letter has been acknowledged; copy of the letter and response for each Councillor will be distributed at the meeting. It was agreed the Clerk takes legal advice from DALC, agenda for, and report back at the September meeting.
Rosliston Forestry Centre	Rosliston News and an events and activities calendar for 2005
District Cllr R Walton	Copy letter sent to young persons thanking them for their ragwort and litter clearing around the village and copy e-mail regarding the possibility of a pending gypsy visit 5 August

Sue Smith
Hilton AFC
Hilton Harriers

Guidance on use of the football pitches - **response required**
Request for use of football pitch – refer to above - **response required**
E mail regarding the above. The **Harriers require 10 to 11 games only, with a maximum of 15 games. GR declared an interest. It was agreed permission be granted – Clerk to advise the booking clerk.**

Countryside Agency
SDDC
SDDC

Conclusive maps of registered common land for the parishes of Hilton and Ash
Standards Board Bulletin no 25
Reminder regarding declaration of interest forms and pro forma

097/05 TO APPROVE THE NALC RECOMMENDED PAY INCREASE FOR CLERK’S WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 2005.

The Clerk has circulated the documents and suggested the hours are increased from 14 to 15 per week to reflect the increase in the electoral roll and the spinal column point (SCP) be increased by 2 to SCP 18. The increases would mean an hourly salary of £8.15 for 2005/6 compared with £7.76 for 04/05. The increases were resolved.

098/05	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT			Cheque no
D Woolliscroft	Lengthsman	£269.50		
	Groundsman	£66.00		
	Fuel	£3.79	£339.29	885
S Smith	Booking Clerk	£72.00		
	Cleaner	£22.00	£94.00	886
J Walton	Clerk	£		
	Salary plus back pay	£847.97		
	Expenses	£61.11		
	Wine (gratuity)	£9.27	£918.35	887
Hilton Village Hall	Office Rent Jul-Dec		£200.00	888
Reflex Print	Newsletter	£1434.00		
Solutions	Art Work	£70.50	£1504.50	889
SDDC	Clean Team (Mease football)		£35.25	890
Shire Clocks	Repair to the clock		£152.75	891

The Clerk read a report from Shire Clocks regarding future maintenance; agreed to agenda for the January meeting.

It was approved that accounts for August be settled between meetings.

099/05 CLERK’S, MEMBER’S AND LENGTHSMAN’S REPORTS

Clerk:

Has received letters from 15 & 19 Orchard Close regarding access gates (73/05), it was agreed the Clerk seeks clarification of the position from DALC and respond accordingly.

Has received a quote from Darren Woodhall of approximately £220 to trim the tennis court conifers, this was agreed.

Has received a letter from DCC Highways regarding various matters from previous meetings. The Council commented about the poor service and reiterated a dropped kerb is required at the Mease.

Regarding the new notice boards, a response has still not been received from SDDC; it was suggested a letter be sent stating work will be done if no response received.

Housing survey – advised freepost envelopes are available at the Post Office plus posters advising of this have been displayed.

Advised the office will be closed on 10 Aug.

JK:

Queried if the 106 monies are for new development, this was confirmed. Suggested broadband be provided for the office; it was agreed this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

To queries on play area mowing and lighting at Egginton Road the responses are the mowing has been done and the lighting is considered satisfactory.

GR:

Advised he is trying to get a dispensation for some items from the football association to enable pitches at The Mease to be used.

DA:

Asked if the use of pushbikes on footpaths is against the law? The subject was discussed – Clerk to ask the police.

PH:

Advised he had noticed the concrete blocks were not in place at The Mease playing field; the Clerk advised they have been replaced.

GB:

Requested letters be sent to the residents of 5 Back Lane and 2 Avon Way requesting the hedge be cut and top branches of a tree are cut back respectively – Clerk to action.

To a question regarding cars for sale on The Mease opposite Hilton Garage JK advised the police were at the scene at the weekend. Clerk to check with police and if any action can be taken, it was also suggested this be taken up at the area meeting.

DW:

Advised that the grass and weeds in the vicinity of the gas box at Egginton Road/Witham Close need cutting back – Clerk to contact Transco. Reported that SDDC only mowed some of the area around the skate park, RW advised this is SDDC policy.

PE:

Advised that the survey envelopes for distribution with the newsletter were not received, this is the housing associations problem as they had had plenty of time to be delivered. He asked if envelopes can be put in other shops.

To the question do we have a first responder in the village? – No one knew the answer.

100/05 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

28 September at Percy Wood Close, plans available from 1900, meeting to commence at 1915.