

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2007 AT PERCYWOOD COMMUNITY LOUNGE COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor: L Kolkman (in the Chair)

Councillors: P Hickinbottom, P Walton-Knight, J Keery, D Smalley, A Plenderleith and G Banton

Paul Watts the new Hilton Project Manager was in attendance.

Chris Mason from SDDC was in attendance.

1 County Councillor, 1 District Councillor, 1 member from the Police, 1 member from the Burton Mail and 16 members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A) Discussion on the Village Hall Project with Paul Watts and Chris Mason from SDDC

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

The Chair handed the meeting over to Paul Watts and Chris Mason to discuss the Village Hall Project and all concerns over the work to date.

Chris Mason thanked the Chair for inviting both him and Paul Watts to the Parish Council Meeting.

Chris started by explaining that both he and Paul had attended a meeting on Thursday of the previous week with the Chair and the Vice Chair to the Parish Council. The meeting was called as a result of concerns from Paul Watts and the Contractors on site. Following the meeting Chris sent a letter to the Clerk of the Parish Council highlighting their concerns, Chris apologised that the letter was extremely long. He explained that the letter highlighted 3 main areas.

- The process that they had gone through with regards to the consultation and the Master Plan.
- Concerns over the Parish Council stopping work on Parish Council Land.
- Concerns of the Parish Councils actions in this matter and the implications that this will have for the future of the project.

Chris explained that in the beginning a village wide consultation was carried out to find out what the village needs were.

He explained that during phase 1 of the project it had been decided that some of phase 2 works would be brought forward, this included the path work on Parish Council Land. Chris said that as far as he was concerned all consultation had been done through the Leisure Committee Group, he stated that a full consultation had been completed.

Chris said that they have tried to address all issues and concerns that have arisen over the past few months but they are now at a point whereby they need to get on with the work.

Chris explained that to stop all work on the footpaths now, remove them and reinstate would cost around £26,200.00. The Clerk replied that they do not want all of the paths removing just the 2 in question around the football pitch. Chris replied that if the Parish Council were to go ahead with this course of action then all paths would be taken out the land reinstated and the 3 year project would be over. The Clerk replied that this was ridiculous everybody in attendance agreed with her.

Chris replied that the paths are in now to link individual facilities, if they were taken out this access would be lost. They have also been installed to breakdown the barriers between Parish Council land and SDDC land. Chris said that the vision was always that this would be the hub of the village.

Chris said that in summary he would like the Parish Council to make the decision to carry on with the footpaths. Chris said that he had been for a walk around the site that day and it was all looking terrific. He explained that in 12 months time the footpaths could be reviewed and if the Parish Council still had a problem then they could be repaired or removed then. A Parish Councillor asked Chris Mason where this money would come from. Chris replied that SDDC would commit to this course of action in the future. Chris said that Paul would produce a fax sheet for queries on the footpaths, this would be so that everybody was singing off the same hymn sheet and residents that ask questions are told exactly the same thing.

Chris again said that he hoped that the Parish Council would decide to continue with the job in hand. Chris asked if anybody had any questions.

A member of the Leisure Committee asked Chris why a footpath had been installed down the middle of where the Bowling Green should be going, planned in Phase 2. Chris replied that this was always in the plan, residents and Parish Councillors disagreed to this comment. Paul replied that it would not be a big cost to remove this path in the future once the bowling green gets given the go ahead. The Leisure Committee Member replied that originally the path went around the side of the bowling green not through the middle. Chris replied that having a path does not sterilise the area as it does at the moment. Chris said that he would like to move on as he had tried to answer the questions asked. Another resident explained to Chris that the very same piece of land had been used for football training, this could not now be used due to the path. Chris responded by saying it had always been part of the original plan. The resident replied that it was never on the original plan that the Parish Council had hanging on the wall and this footpath in question is not even on that plan.

A member of the public explained that in their opinion the paths were too close to the football pitch. The boarding around the footpath had already been damaged by the contractor's heavy vehicles. Paul explained that the paths had been installed by the contractors according to the plans drawn up by Groundwork's.

Paul explained that the contractors still had to put the timber along side the paths at the highest point to the grass, ramp up the sides and then re-grass. The grass will then grow over the boarding so that they do not remain proud. A member of the public replied that the quality of the work by the contractors was rubbish in her opinion. The member of the public did not feel that the work was being checked as it should be. The contractors housekeeping was also very poor. Paul replied that they were checking the contractors work on an almost daily basis.

A member of the public said that she thought that the path around the football pitch should be 5 meters away from the pitch. Chris replied that she should not quote what she did not understand and shut up. Chris said that this was part of the problem too much was being said. Chris said that the path only needed to be 2.75 meters away from the pitch this was the guidelines from the Football Foundation and Sports England. Chris explained that Groundwork's had given 3 meters on the plans.

A member of the public commented that he had never seen paths so close to a football pitch before. Chris replied that he should take a look at the pitch at Newhall Park and Morris Leigh Park.

The Chair explained that when the paths were first scored into the land the Parish Council asked for the work to stop and the paths to be moved out further as the feeling was that they were too close. The Parish Council were ignored in this matter and the work continued regardless.

The feeling of the Parish Council is that the paths are too close to the football pitch, the boards are too proud causing a Health and Safety risk. The Parish Council has asked that the boards be lowered but again this request had been ignored.

It was explained that SDDC could remedy the problem of the paths being too close by moving the football pitch 1 meter down and 3 meters across. The Chair explained that in the past the football pitch had been moved and by taking this course of action it would reduce the possibility of moving the pitch in the future. The proposed new site of the football pitch had its own problems. The left hand corner of the pitch gets swamped when it's wet now, it would only be worse if the pitch was to be moved. The Chair explained that Paul had already done a deal with the football teams to move the pitch. Chris Mason replied that this was not the case, they had taken professional advice from Groundwork's and neither, the paths or the pitch would now be moved.

The Parish Council explained to Chris that they understand that small changes had been made that cost extra money. The Parish Council held up their hands to this but the small changes that had been made to date for example the moving of the planting on the patio area had also suited Groundwork's and SDDC.

The Chair told Chris that the Parish Council was not aware that the end date for Phase 1 was 21st April 2007 as the original contract finish date was January 2007. Chris

replied that the date had changed due to the accommodation of the extra path work plus the bad weather. The Chair explained that Chris had asked both her and the Vice Chair to go away and think about what the final date should be at the meeting that they had had the previous week. What was the point of that meeting?.

Chris said that he wanted to clarify that the contract with the contractors was with SDDC and not the Parish Council

Chris explained that the play equipment had been ordered but would not be installed until May 2007.

Chris was asked to produce and send a breakdown of the £26,200 for the removal of the paths to the Clerk. He agreed to do this.

A member of the public asked how much extra drainage on the football pitch would cost if it was moved. Paul asked if this item could be discussed separately as he felt that this was a different issue. The Chair replied that this was not a separate issue as a deal had already been struck by him with the football teams. Paul replied that they intended subject to approval at SDDC to put in drainage on the football pitch but Paul said that this was a totally different issue to the paths. The Chair asked Paul and Chris if they were going to take the advice of Groundwork's and not move the pitch. Chris replied yes they are the professionals and SDDC will stand by their advice.

A member of the public asked Chris what happened if a mother/father with a pushchair got hit by the football on match day using the footpaths. Chris replied that there was a very little risk that this may happen. A member of the public replied that this little risk as Chris had put it had not been their before the paths were put into place as residents walked at the side of the football pitch at their own risk if a game was being played, now we are telling them that they must use the paths and stay off the grass.

It was reported that the Football Foundation Guidelines stated that the paths should be 2.75 meters away, in the interest of players but for safety reasons this should be increased where appropriate. Chris was asked why the paths were put in so close when there is so much more land that could have been used. Chris replied that it was within the guidelines.

A member of the public stated that we had now reduced the area of the playing field with all the additional paths. Chris replied again that a big consultation had been done including the Master Plan. He said that the Leisure Group had seen all of the plans. Everybody disagreed with this comment and explained that the plans shown at the Leisure Group Meetings were never to scale and had no measurements.

A member of the public expressed his discussed on spending money to put in a path by the Pavilion that will need more money spending on it to remove it once the Bowling Green goes ahead. Chris replied that the Master Plan was indicative and did show the path.

Paul explained that it would cost £18k to take out the 2 paths in question including the path by the Pavilion. The question was asked as to why it would cost more to take out

than it did to install as it only cost around £15k to put the paths in. Chris said that the cost was so high due to the machinery and materials already on site and the fact that it would be a further change to the contract.

A member of the public commented that the path through the bowling green was never on the original plan, surely this should be down to the contractors to pay to have it removed. It should not be down to the Parish Council to pay. Chris replied lets be clear its 106 monies that is paying for the work that is held by SDDC not the Parish Council. The member of the public asked Chris who instructed the contractors to put in this path. Chris replied that it was Groundwork's Derby and Derbyshire. Chris explained that they always thought that the bowling green would never go through anyway. The Chair replied that there had been a thing in the past whereby the Bowlers did not think that they would be able to get the funding required. The Chair explained that she had walked the site with Zoe from Groundwork's on a previous occasion and she had said that it would not be a big cost to take out the path if the Bowling Green came on line at a later date.

A Cllr explained that the paths on the Village Hall side, Avon Way will not be tarmaced. It is thought that the width of these paths is also too narrow for passing pushchairs. It was always a factor that the new school entrance would come on line in the future but in the short term because this is the main thorough fair through the grounds they should be made wider and tarmaced. Chris replied that the paths will be looked at in 12 months time as he had previously said. Chris again was asked who would provide the funds for future works if required. Chris said we need to be clear that the money would come from the 106 agreements but be aware that not all 106 money is for Hilton.

The Vice Chair commented that why we were on the subject of Finances, why did SDDC pay £1,185.00 to have the Youth Shelter Installed when Fensecure who Hilton Parish Council purchased it off were only going to charge us £600.00 for the installation?. In a Leisure Group Meeting Justine asked the Parish Council to claim back the £600.00 as the contractors would install it whilst they were on site as far as the Parish Council were concerned it was going to be done as a favour. Chris said that he was not aware of this and he would investigate this matter. The Chair explained that if the Clerk had not asked to see all of the paperwork pertaining to the project then this matter would not have been spotted.

A member of the public asked why the trees would have to be removed at the bottom end of the football pitch if the Path was to be installed at the back of the trees instead of in front. Chris replied that this is the professional opinion of Groundwork's. Paul explained that the ground would need to be built up as it would be unstable in its present state. The only other option would be to dig down and this would kill the tree roots. A Parish Councillor replied that this problem would be the same if they put the path in front of the trees. Paul replied that this was the case but the risk would be lower. Paul explained that the proposal for the path was to steer around the tree roots at the pinch point which would make the path narrower in some places. Advice had been taken from Groundwork's on this matter. Chris replied that Groundwork's are the experts. A member of the public said that he was very confused by the physics of the decision to put the path in front of the trees. He explained that by cutting the roots at the front could make them unstable in the future and they may topple backwards

down the hill. Chris said that Groundwork's had no benefit from putting the path in front of the trees. A member of the public asked who Groundwork's were. Chris replied that they are Environmental Landscape Architects.

The Chair asked for a decision to be made by the Parish Council.

Options:

- To have the 2 paths in question removed at a cost of £18k
- Leave both paths in question in, continue with the path at the bottom of the pitch in front of the trees and leave the pitch where it is.

The Parish Council can not accept a thorough fare above the trees at the bottom of the football pitch as proposed by Groundwork's, just because this would be easier for them. The football pitch belongs to the Parish Council and is nothing to do with Groundwork's. The tree roots issue the Parish Council feels is a misleader, we also feel that we are being railroaded by both Groundwork's as the Contractors and South Derbyshire District Council.

The Paths already installed north and west around the football pitch will cost £18k to remove as per the quotes that have been obtained from Groundwork's. As the Parish Council we are duty bound to gain 3 separate quotes to have this work done ourselves, to resolve the problem that these paths have caused to the Parish Council and residents within the village.

Chris said that the Parish Council could not do the above as SDDC had a Service Level Agreement with Groundwork's. The Clerk replied that SDDC had a Service Level Agreement with Groundwork's on SDDC land but the Parish Council did not have any such agreement. Chris said he would await the letter from the Parish Council confirming the resolution and he would respond accordingly.

POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Kerry Waite was present at the meeting but she had nothing to report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hood was present at the meeting.

Cllr Hood reported that the Fire Service had responded quickly to the fire on the Industrial Estate, Cllr Hood wanted it on record that they had done a very good job

Cllr Hood reported on the gypsy's that had arrived on Sutton Lane. They were on Derbyshire Wildlife Land so County could not start proceedings to move them on and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust could not afford the cost of the proceedings. Once the Gypsy's moved on to County Land orders were served and proceedings were commenced immediately. They have now been moved on.

Cllr Hood reported that Nene Way and Welland Road had now been adopted.

Cllr Hood explained that he had received a letter from a resident on Shady Grove with regards to the sewerage problems. He understood that this matter was now in the process of being resolved.

Cllr Hood reported that the rules for Gold Card holders had now changed. Residents with a Gold Card catching a bus before 9.30am would have to pay full fare but after 9.30am the travel would be free. The County Council are trying to resolve this matter.

Cllr Hood reported that the road would be closed for the fun run to take place on 6th May 2007.

Cllr Hood reported that he would be speaking with the Post Master for Hilton with regards to the threat of closure on rural post offices.

Cllr Hood was asked if he knew what the cause of the fire was on the Industrial estate. Cllr Hood replied that this report had not yet been published but he did know that the factory did not have any water sprinklers. The building regulations stated that they did not require them.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Littlejohn was present at the meeting.

Cllr Littlejohn reported that she had received a request from a resident who had asked if the V2 bus service could be extended through out the village. Cllr Hood replied that this was being looked into.

1. MINUTE NUMBER 300/07 - APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor D Allen.

2. MINUTE NUMBER 301/07 – DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Banton and Cllr Smalley declared a personal interest in agenda item number 5 part E – Village Hall Committee Report.

Cllr Kolkman declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 – Planning Matters for Decision part F – Reg no 9 2007 0282 FH, The erection of an extension at 6 Farm Close, Hilton.

Cllr Plenderleith declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 – Planning Matters for Decision part A – Reg no 9 2007 0223 FH, The raising of an existing roof and eaves to form new bedrooms with en-suite at 8 Kyle Road, Hilton

3. MINUTE NUMBER 302/07 - TO CONFIRM THE NON EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2007.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28th February 2007 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record. This was after corrections were made to the original copy for spelling errors.

5. MINUTE NUMBER 303/07 – TO DETERMIN WHICH ITEM IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED.

No item from part 1 of the agenda was taken with the public excluded.

6. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) MINUTE NUMBER 304/07 - CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

A) Lottery Grant Refused for the Scouts

The Chair reported on an email that had been received from Andy from the Scouts. The lottery grant that they had applied for had been refused. Andy would like to know if the Parish Council could help in anyway. He would like the Parish Council to write a letter of support if possible.

Resolved: The Clerk to write a letter to the Scouts in support of the new proposals for a smaller Scouts Hut.

It was reported that SDDC were originally going to give the Scouts £70k towards their project but in light of the lottery grant being refused and new plans being drawn up down scaling the project, SDDC have now reduced the amount that they were offering them.

The Clerk explained that there were other options open to the Scouts for grant funding for example the Peoples Millions. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not help the scouts financially but we could offer help and support.

B) Paths issue.

Resolved: The Parish Council can not accept a thorough fare above the trees at the bottom of the football pitch as proposed by Groundwork's, just because this is easier for them. The football pitch belongs to the Parish Council and is nothing to do with Groundwork's. The tree roots issue the Parish Council feels is a misleader, we also feel that we are being railroaded by both Groundwork's as the Contractors and South Derbyshire District Council.

The Paths already installed north and west around the football pitch will cost £18k to remove as per the quotes that have been obtained by SDDC from Groundwork's. As the Parish Council we are duty bound to gain 3 separate quotes to have this work done ourselves, to resolve the problem that these paths have caused to the Parish Council and residents within the village.

Resolved: The Clerk to send a copy of the resolution to Chris Mason as requested.

B) MINUTE NUMBER 305/07 - FOOTPATHS REPORT

It was reported that the footpath on Old Sutton Lane had been blocked off by a resident and the signs had been taken down.

Resolved: Cllr Smalley to look into the matter as to if this is a footpath or private property.

C) MINUTE NUMBER 306/07 - FINANCE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

D) MINUTE NUMBER 307/07 - RECREATION REPORT

There was nothing to report.

E) MINUTE NUMBER 308/07 - VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Plenderleith explained that the new Village Hall Committee had met for their first meeting. It had been resolved that a fund should be set up for the building and maintenance costs as the Village Hall was a non profit organisation. If the boiler was to breakdown the Village Hall had no contingency plan in place at present. The boiler had been repaired recently at a cost of £500.00 but the completed repairs will cost a further £600.00.

It was reported that the Village Hall was also in need of painting. B&Q are doing a community grant funding scheme at the moment of up to £500.00. If we could apply for this Paul the caretaker had offered to provide the labour, hopefully during the summer holidays.

Resolved: Cllr Kolkman to draft a letter to B&Q the Clerk to type up and send out.

It was reported that the hire cost of the small hall seemed to be quite expensive against the hire cost of the large hall which seemed quite cheap.

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee would also like to charge a set up and clear away charge. It was agreed that a meeting would be booked with the users of the hall to discuss all of the implications and any changes to the contracts. It was proposed that the set up and clear away time should be charged at half an hour both sides of the hire. At the moment for example if somebody had a class up to 6pm they should be left the hall by 6pm not 6.15pm after they have cleared away.

It was also reported that the Village Hall Committee would like to charge a yearly storage charge to help prevent all of the bickering over who had what storage.

It was proposed that the caretaker locks all rooms that are not out on hire as some users tend to use the Village Hall as a whole but only pay for the use of one room. Doors have been locked but these groups seem to gain access to them some how.

It was reported that currently Charity Groups that use the Village Hall can apply to the Parish Council once per year for a small Parish Council Grant, this includes the Village Hall itself.

It was reported that Ben the Booking Clerk keeps all records of bookings on the Village Hall Computer. This is to enable the Clerk to access any information that she requires.

Resolved: The Clerk to print off the bookings each month so that the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee can see when the Village Hall is not being used. This will enable us to get other groups involved and fill the Village Hall when not in use.

It was reported that Broadband that had been installed in the Village Hall was being paid for by TAG.

A) Proposal to charge a winter fuel supplement charge.

Cllr Kerry explained that the fuel bill for the last quarter was extremely high and had cost an extra £1,500.00. This was good as it meant that the Village Hall was being used. Unfortunately the cost of hiring the hall does not cover the increase in fuel charges. It was proposed that we charge a Fuel Supplement cost of £1.75 extra per hour during the winter months.

Resolved: This was a resolution to propose these rates to the Village Hall Committee at the next meeting.

B) Proposal to increase the hire charges

Charges

Charity and Residential Charges:

Name	Day/Night	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Small Hall	Day Rate	£6.50	£7.00
Small Hall	Night Rate	£6.50	£8.00
Large Hall	Day Rate	£7.00	£7.50
Large Hall	Night Rate	£8.20	£9.00
Meeting Room	Day/Night	£5.00	£5.00
Changing Rooms	Day/Night	£1.50	£1.50
Whole Building	Daily Rate	£180.00	£180.00

Commercial Use Charges

Name	Day/Night	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Small Hall	Day Rate	£8.50	£10.00
Small Hall	Night Rate	£9.00	£11.50
Large Hall	Day Rate	£9.00	£12.00
Large Hall	Night Rate	£10.00	£13.50

Meeting Room	Day/Night	£5.00	£5.00
Changing Rooms	Day/Night	£1.50	£1.50
Whole Building	Daily Rate	£180.00	£180.00

Resolved: The proposed rates to be taken to the next Village Hall Committee to be agreed and increased once the new contracts have been confirmed.

C) Proposal to charge a yearly storage fee

It was reported that a few users have storage of equipment within the Village Hall. It has been brought to the attention of the new Committee that users are arguing over who has what storage. To resolve this matter in the future it was proposed that the users should be charged a yearly storage charge. Users that do not wish to pay a storage charge will have to remove their property out of the Village Hall.

Resolved: It was proposed to take to the Village Hall Committee to charge all hirers with storage at the Village Hall a yearly storage fee.

Hats have said that they would like to start and rent out their costumes to others. The new Village Hall Committee had said that this is not possible as they can not run a business out of the Village Hall. Hats would need to find an alternative property to run their business.

F) MINUTE NUMBER 309/07 - ETWALL AREA MEETING

There was nothing to report.

G) MINUTE NUMBER 310/07 - EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

There was nothing to report.

H) MINUTE NUMBER 311/07 - AIRFIELD REPORT

There was nothing to report.

I) MINUTE NUMBER 312/07 - TOYOTA REPORT

There was nothing to report.

J) MINUTE NUMBER 313/07 - POLICE LIAISON REPORT

There was nothing to report.

K) MINUTE NUMBER 314/07 - SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT

It was reported that Mr Hilton the Head Teacher at Hilton Primary School was still off sick, this was being reviewed on a weekly basis. The Deputy Head is running the school at the moment and is doing a very good job.

It was reported that the pool was looking very good but the school will still need to continue fundraising as they are a little short of money for the extra gas pipe that is required.

Resolved: Cllr Plenderleith to speak with Cllr Hood ref the Community Fund that will be available from 1st April 2007.

L) MINUTE NUMBER 315/07 - TREE WARDENS REPORT

There was nothing to report.

M) MINUTE NUMBER 316/07 - MARSTON ON DOVE AND DISTRICT RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

There was nothing to report.

N) MINUTE NUMBER 317/07 - LENGTHSMEN REPORT

It was reported that there had been a water leak on the corner of West Avenue. It had been reported on numerous occasions but still nothing had been done to rectify the problem.

It was reported that a resident had complained about a litter bin on Avon Way overflowing and filled with dog mess. The Lengthsman replied that he emptied this bin every Monday and put in a clean bag. He explained that this bin has never been overflowing.

Resolved: the Lengthsman to remove the dog bin sticker put on by SDDC.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the resident explaining that we will remove the Dog Bin sticker and to remind her that she is not able to grow her hedge up higher than the 2 meter limit as it may cause an obstruction to others.

O) MINUTE NUMBER 318/07 - FOOTBALL REPORT

There was nothing to report.

6. MINUTE NUMBER 319/07 - REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR'S THAT HAVE ATTENDED ANY OTHER MEETINGS

Cllr Keery and Cllr Banton attended a meeting with Lorraine Neave and Gillian Coated from SDDC at the refuse depot on Darklands Road, Swadlincote. This was with regards to earmarking sites for extra recycling within the Hilton village. SDDC are taking the problem within Hilton seriously. They are only in the proposal stages at the moment but they are planning to keep the Main Street Recycling Centre but reducing it considerably. SDDC want to start curb side collections for plastics next April 2008. SDDC are also looking into what can be collected through the house holders. SDDC will be publishing information on this matter in the near future. It was established that there were 3 further possible sites within Hilton for Recycling Centres and SDDC would be having talks with the people concerned.

A Parish Councillor asked if there was any interest from SDDC on an energy saving recycling centre. Cllr Banton replied that this issue had been spoken about and an energy recycling centre was planned on the Biffa site.

Cllr Banton explained that they had also asked SDDC to look at all planning applications in the future and make sure that recycling provisions are put into place. SDDC had agreed to do this. It was explained that Paul Watts the Project Manager would also be getting involved with this matter in the future.

Cllr Keery explained that the TAG Hilton was now running steadily at the Village Hall on alternative Friday evenings 7pm till 9pm. It provides workshops for children aged 11 years and above. The next workshop would be on 13th April 2007 and would include a Self Defence workshop. All activities are free to the children, the only thing that they have to pay for is the tuck shop. On 20th April 2007 there will be a Cookery Workshop. All of the workshops are drop in workshops, the children can come and go as they please. It was reported that the kids involved/attending have been fantastic.

Cllr Keery asked the Parish Council if they would be able to use the Tennis Courts in the summer when they are not booked to do outdoor workshops with the kids.

Resolved: The Tag Group can use the Tennis Courts when ever they like providing they are not already booked. Cllr Keery to liaise with the Bookings Clerk.

A Cllr asked if we could use the Burton Mail to Advertise the Tennis Courts for rent. Another Cllr also asked if the Burton Mail could advertise the TAG Hilton Group. Keith Bull from the Burton Mail replied that he would gladly help with a little advertising.

7) MINUTE NUMBER 320/07 - CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had advertised the vacancy for a Groundsman/Lengthsman on the advertising board, on the Parish Council Web Site and in the Hilton Directory but she had received no interest.

Resolved: The Clerk to advertise the vacancy through Job Centre Plus.

A Cllr proposed that we should reorganise the 15 Sub Committee Groups that we have now into five more efficient Sub Committee Groups. The Cllr then handed out a list of this proposals.

Resolved: The Parish Councillors to have a think about how this should work. The Clerk to Agenda this item after the May Elections.

The Clerk reported that she had received the quote from Derwent Fencing for the repairs to the fencing on Egginton Road. The cost for installation of the new fencing would be £230.00 + VAT and the tidying of the trees would cost £30.00 + VAT.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Derwent Fencing to continue with job as per their quotation.

8. MINUTE NUMBER 321/07 – DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S

There was nothing to report.

9. MINUTE NUMBER 322/07 – FINANCE

Cheque No:	Payee:	Description:	Amount:
001107	D J Atkinson	Pavilion Work	£31,309.18
001108	DALC	Membership	£552.22
001109	Viking Direct	Stationery	£51.49
001110	John Denning	TAG	£125.00
001111	Sharon Morris	TAG	£90.00
001112	B Dowell	Wages	£72.00
001113	C Orme	Wages	£713.23
001114	D Woolliscroft	Wages	£386.90
001115	P Stretton	Wages	£36.00
001116	Inland Revenue	NIC's	£226.20

Direct Debit for BT for the sum of £91.18 to pay.

Received Remittance Advice from SDDC for the £75,000.00 Loan towards the work on the Pavilion project at the Mease.

11. MINUTE NUMBER 323/07 – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Resolved: To note the following information.

- A) SDDC – Loan Agreement Terms and Conditions for the Village Hall Project
- B) Mark Todd MP – Information on Unadopted Sewer Systems
- C) SDDC – Council Meeting 1st March 2007, setting of the Council Budget
- D) Regal Paints – Price increase notification
- E) SDDC Council Meeting (Special) to be held on Tuesday 20th March 2007 at the Council Offices commencing at 6pm
- F) Environment Agency – New Flood Warning Area
- G) Inland Revenue – Tax Code Notifications for the year 2007/2008
- H) EMRAF – The East Midlands Rural Action Plan
- I) SDDC – Reminder to get in the claim for Concurrent Expenses/ Lengthsman Expenses and Minor Maintenance
- J) SDDC – Flood Plain Mapping Methodology, Tuesday 24th April 2007 commencing at 9am at the Council Chambers
- K) SDDC – Special Council Meeting 20th March 2007, urgent agenda item notification

12. MINUTE NUMBER 324/07 – ITEMS FOR DECISION

- A) Itec Lighting – Hire of a cherry picker for the tennis court lighting, will cost £500.00 + VAT
Resolved: The Clerk to contact Aubrey for him to give the Parish Council a quote
Resolved: Cllr Keery to give the Clerk Aubrey's number
- B) Derbyshire Environmental Trust – Aggregates Levey Sustainability Fund – Derbyshire Aggregates Levey Grant Scheme (DALGS)
Resolved: The Clerk to pass this application form onto Paul Watts
- C) Mr and Mrs Price – Request to move the dog bin
Resolved: Thank them for the comments and explain that this bin has already been re-sited at an earlier request and will not be moved again.
- D) SDDC – Letter from Chris Mason with regards to the paths around the football pitch
Resolved: No reply at this moment.
- E) SDDC – Election Packs and notices
Resolved: The Clerk to support the Parish Councillors in filling in the forms and returning them to SDDC on time.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13. MINUTE NUMBER 325/07 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

- A) Reg No 9 2007 0223 FH – The raising of an existing roof and eaves to form new bedrooms with en-suite at 81 Kyle Road, Hilton

Resolved: No objections

- B) Reg No 9 2007 0214 F – The erection of an extension to the existing egg laying unit at FREU 1 Woodcock Farm, Willow Pit Lane, Hilton

Resolved: No objections, but suggest that the footpath to the right adjacent to the building must be upheld.

- C) Reg No 9 2007 0215 F - The erection of an extension to the existing egg laying unit at FREU 2 Woodcock Farm, Willow Pit Lane, Hilton

Resolved: No objections, but suggest that the footpath to the right adjacent to the building must be upheld.

- D) Reg No 29 2007 0261 O – The erection of a permanent agricultural dwelling at Woodcock Farm, Willow Pit Lane, Hilton

Resolved: Application inappropriate as no drawings of the house or how it will be constructed were provided. The footpath runs very close to the house but again we do not have enough information to give an opinion. Hilton Parish Council reserve their judgement until such time that all plans are provided.

- E) Reg No 9 2007 0278 FH – The erection of an attached garage block with store room over at Hargate Lodge, Lucas Lane, Hilton

Resolved: No objections

- F) Reg No 9 2007 0282 FH – The erection of an extension at 6 Farm Close, Hilton

Resolved: Hilton Parish Council has concerns over this application and feel that this is a very odd request. We would object to this application on the grounds that the huge dummy window is not necessary. If this application is to be passed then Hilton Parish Council would request that a covenance be placed on the building so that the residents now and in the future keep this as a dummy window and are not allowed to open it or change it in any way.

14. MINUTE NUMBER 326/07 – PLANNING MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Resolved: To note the following applications.

- A) Reg No 9 2006 1283 F – The erection of a dwelling (amended scheme 9 2006 0288 F) at land adjacent to 66 Egginton Road, Hilton – HAS BEEN GRANTED

- B) Reg No 9 2006 1289 U – The change of use of an agricultural building to form office accommodation at Badger Farm, Willow Pit Lane, Hilton – HAS BEEN GRANTED

- C) Reg No 9 2006 1472 FH – The erection of an extension at 16 Enfield Close, Hilton – HAS BEEN GRANTED

- D) Reg No 9 2006 1476 FH – The conversion of the garage into living accommodation at 31 Peacroft Lane, Hilton – HAS BEEN GRANTED

15. MINUTE NUMBER 327/07 - DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 25th April 2007 at Peacroft Community Lounge commencing at 7pm

16. MINUTE NUMBER 328/07 - EXEMPT ITEMS

A) Proposed salary increase for the Caretaker of the Village Hall

It was proposed that the Caretaker for the Village Hall should have a salary increase on the grounds that he is very good and we would not want to lose him. He works very unsociable hours and we feel that he needs recognition for this. His current pay is £6.00 per hour during the week and £6.50 per hour during the weekends. He currently works 30 hours per week Monday to Friday and 10 hours over the weekends.

It was proposed that his weekly rate be changed to £7.50 per hour from £6.00 and at weekends £8.50 per hour from £6.60.

Resolved: To amend his salary to the new rates as of 1st April 2007.

CONFIRMATION: _____ **DATE:** _____