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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th  
MAY 2009 AT HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

**Present:**

Cllr Keery (in the Chair)  
Cllr Hickinbotham, Cllr Smalley, Cllr Kolkman, Cllr Bates

2 District Councillor's and 4 Members of the Public were also in attendance.

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 - NON EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**1. Minute Number 800/09 - Public Speaking.**

There was nothing to report.

**2. Minute Number 801/09 - To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Walton-Knight, Cllr Banton and Cllr Harvey

**3. Minute Number 802/09 - Variation of the Order of Business.**

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

**4. Minute Number 803/09 - Declaration of Members Interests.**

There was nothing to report.

**5. Minute Number 804/09 - Chairpersons Report**

The Chairperson read out her report as follows:

Firstly I would like to say on behalf of the Parish Council a big thank you to our Clerk, Clare for all her hard work, help and advice over the past 12 months.

This year had been relatively quiet in comparison to the past few years; however we have once again seen the village grow.

The Mease Pavilion and Pitch lease has now been signed by the Parish Council and Hilton Harriers have completed their first full year of playing in their new home.

The Parish Council were approached by Derbyshire Police with regards to a permanent base for our local policemen and women, and the Parish Council agreed that the best location for this would be at the Mease Pavilion, and a new building has been built for this purpose. Although currently not in use, we hope this will be occupied in the very near future.

The village has also seen the new building for the Scouts and Guides be completed and occupied, and I am sure that everyone will agree this is another great benefit to the village.

The Parish Council have refurbished the tennis courts, with funding from 106 money and this has made a huge difference to the area. The courts are used at least 4 nights a week now on a regular basis by local group and residents. This was a much needed asset within the village and I would like to thank Lis Kolkman for all her hard work on this project, along with the Parish Council's recreation and leisure committee.

The Primary school has once again taken the brunt of the increase of occupants within Hilton and as such, is yet again too small. The school will see its largest intake of new pupils in September 2009. With this in mind, Derbyshire County Council has granted additional funding to the school for more class rooms which will help with the problem in the interim.

The Parish Council is still working hard in respect of Anti-social Behaviour, Graffiti, Dog Fouling and recycling. Several areas of Parish land have dog control orders on them and we have a newly formed group "The Hilton Dog Walkers Association" which is chaired by one of our councillors and supported by the Parish Council, to encourage the people of Hilton to become more responsible for their animals. We have recently named the open area to the south of the village on the Mease "The Mease Meadow" which is open for walkers etc., and the Parish Council propose to make the land to the south of Back Lane playing field another landscaped open area for walkers.

Anti-social behaviour is still a large problem within the village; however I know the PCSO's are working hard with the youth of the village to keep the level of nuisance to a minimum. Several people have been cautioned and fined in respect of the graffiti which began appearing throughout the village. Hopefully this will heed a strong warning to future offenders.

Recycling still remains an issue with the village. The Parish Council have on every large planning application received from South Derbyshire District Council, requested recycling facilities, but unfortunately they do not seem to have addressed the request. The recycling on Main Street is now emptied twice a week, and still remains very well used by the villagers. The Parish Council will continue to campaign for more recycling within the village.

The expansion of the Village Hall is an exciting prospect for the village; however it is in the very early stages of design and will be an ongoing project throughout the next twelve months or more. I would like to thank Ian Hey for all the help he has provided to the Parish Council with regards to the project and all the continuing help he will provide in the future and John Powderly for his help with the consultation and Feasibility Study which was done in connection with the expansion.

The Parish Council still continue to be involved in the proposed Waste Management Site and any information gathered is reported on during Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council this year have kept the precept to a minimum, which is I am sure you will all agree is an amazing achievement with all the additional facilities we now have within our village.

Finally I would like to thank the Parish Council staff, Derek Woolliscroft our lengths man, Sam Bevin our Grounds man and Paul Stretton the caretaker for both the Parish Council Pavilion and the Village Hall, for maintaining the village to such a high standard. The three hard working PCSO's and PC Jim Bateman for their continuing presence within the village. Our District Councillors Julie Patten and Amy Plenderleith and our County Councillor Frank Hood for all their help and support. Last but by no means least my fellow Parish Councillors and vice chair Lis Kolkman for all their hard work and commitment over the past 12 months.

**6. Minute Number 805/09 - Clerks Report**

There was nothing to report.

**7. Minute Number 806/09 - Date of the next Parish Meeting of Hilton Parish Council**

***Resolved: The date of the next Parish Meeting of Hilton Parish Council to be confirmed closer to May 2010.***

**CONFIRMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_