

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE MEETING OF HILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 AT  
HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

**Present:**

Cllr Bates (in the Chair)  
Cllr Walton-Knight, and Cllr Carter

1 District Council Representative, 1 Burton Mail Representative and 5 Members of the Public were also in attendance.

**PART 1 - NON EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**1) Minute Number 1003/10 - Public Speaking.**

**Minute Number 1003/10/A - Public Speaking**

There was nothing to report.

**Minute Number 1003/10/B - Police Report**

No Police Representative was in attendance and there was nothing to report.

**Minute Number 1003/10/C - District Councillors Report**

Cllr Plenderleith was in attendance and there was nothing to report.

**Minute Number 1003/10/D - County Councillors Report**

Cllr Patten sent her apologies and there was nothing to report.

**2) Minute Number 1004/10 - To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hickinbotham, Cllr Kolkman, Cllr Smalley and Cllr Keery.

**3) Minute Number 1005/10 - Variation of the Order of Business.**

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

**4) Minute Number 1006/10 - Declaration of Members Interests.**

There were no Declarations of Members Interests.

**5) Minute Number 1007/10 - Chairpersons Report**

The Chair read out his report as follows:

It has been another relatively quiet year for Hilton, as always with Hilton it has had its fair share of contentious planning applications including Aldi, additional houses on the Don Ammot land (which we were pleased to see refused) and ones which are still to be determined such as applications on Sutton Lane and wind turbines on Willowpit Lane.

I was pleased to see that the public has really engaged with the Parish Council on these issues and given us some valuable feedback on applications such as Aldi, unfortunately the influence the Parish Council has on such issues still remains minimal.

On a positive note it is good to see that the infrastructure in the village will get a much needed boost. In the future we will see what comes out of the recent LDF and whether Hilton faces further development in the near future. We hope this time that it will come with some common sense additions to the facilities for the residents of the village. We have seen the finalisation of the fantastic plans for the development of the Village Hall which will be an asset not just for Hilton but a great example to others in South Derbyshire on what can be achieved. I must highlight the great work of the Village Hall Committee, particularly Ian Hey for his work in securing funding for the project. I look forward to seeing the finished result.

Negotiations are still ongoing in respect of the land behind the Village Hall, this should be completed shortly and the lease from SDDC will ensure this land is protected by the Parish Council for the next 125 years.

We are also keen to move on the extension and renovation of the Back Lane Pavilion which we have managed to secure the ownership of from SDDC.

Work is still in progress on the Welland Road and Humber Street Park, the plans for which will hopefully take shape over the next few months.

The Parish Council has again shown its commitment to the village by responding to residents' concerns over anti social behaviour and graffiti by working with the local PCSO's through the safer neighbourhoods partnership to keep Hilton in the priorities again this year and through direct intervention by our Vice Chair to ensure the removal of graffiti on the shops around Tesco.

I must thank all of the parish Councillors for their commitment, dedication and of course very valuable input both in and out of meetings. Everybody gives up their time for the good of the village and they should be proud of their contribution to this village.

This was certainly very relevant to the late Councillor Geoff Banton who gave a huge amount of time and energy to Hilton, something that we are very grateful for and know his family are very proud of; he continues to be sadly missed. I hope that others follow his example and offer their services for the good of the village.

In addition to the Councillors there are number of other people to thank. Can I thank our hardworking team that keep the Village Hall, the Back Lane Pavilion and the village itself cleaned to such a high standard, thanks to Derek, Sam and Paul. Can I also give a special mention to Sam for his commitment to improving his skills for which he has shown a lot of dedication.

Can I thank our police and PCSO's for their work within the village; hopefully in the future they may be able to put their building to better use.

I would like to thank Amy Plenderleith and Julie Patten for continuing to support and work for Hilton at both County and District.

Thanks to my vice chair Lis Kolkman who continues to work hard for both the Parish Council and the Village Hall. Her knowledge of the village is always invaluable.

Finally our Clerk Clare Orme who is extremely committed to her work and the village. She has worked very hard this year to ensure that we remain ahead of the game, I am always very proud when we are used by DALC as an example of how a council should be run, her help and advice have been a huge help to me.

Personally I have attended over 40 meetings or courses on behalf of the Parish Council and continue to be proud of the work of the Parish Council, even if increasingly we have to strike a balance for the benefit of the whole community. I am sure that the Parish Council will continue to work on any challenges that face the village in the near future and hope that we can continue to work with groups within the village to improve facilities for all of our residents. We should also work to improve communication with the village and hopefully encourage more people to come to our meetings and get involved in their own village.

**6) Minute Number 1008/10 - Clerks Report**

There was nothing to report.

**7) Minute Number 1009/10 - Date of the next Village Meeting for Hilton Parish Council**

***Resolved: The date of the next Village Meeting of Hilton Parish Council will be held in May 2011 date to be confirmed nearer the time.***

**Signature.....Date.....**