

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hilton Parish Council
held at the Old Brewery Hall on May 10th 2011 at 7 pm

PRESENT Mrs C Langham (Chair)
Mr P Clive (Vice Chairman)
Mr W Earp
Mr R Northover
Mrs M Walbridge
Mr J Waterworth

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs P Gubbins (Parish Clerk) Hilary Cox, (County Councillor), Mrs Jane Somper and Mrs Emma Parker (District Councillors), Graham Burton, (Village Hall) and six members of the general public. Apologies from newly elected Councillor Steve Sanders, away on previously arranged holiday.

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting held on April 5th 2011 had been circulated and it was proposed Rodney Northover, seconded Jim Waterworth and agreed that the minutes be signed as a true record.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Chair - Catherine Langham (proposed Jim Waterworth, seconded R Northover),
Vice Chairman - Philip Clive (proposed Jim Waterworth,; Marion Walbridge)
Transport Liaison Officer - Marian Walbridge
Village Hall Representative – Willie Earp
Rights of Way Officer and Trees Officer – Rodney Northover
Ancient Monuments Officer – Alan Morgan
Emergency Planning and Flood Warden; Steve Sanders

These appointments were made and proposed en bloc by Catherine Langham and seconded Jim Waterworth

It was agreed that Philip Clive would act as Flood Warden for Hilton village.

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11/0459 Hillview, The Knapp, Hilton – Demolish existing and rebuild garden store
The Council had no objections to this application, but Philip Clive will contact the neighbours to ascertain their opinion before a return is made to NDDC.

4 FINANCE

Current A/c balance £2372.02 Benefit account £5655.20

Quotations from Community First, (182.75) and Came and Co (£265.00) were discussed, and it was decided that the additional cover provided by Came & Co was not necessary; and agreed to continue to insure with Community First – an opinion that had been endorsed by the Auditor.

The following cheques were authorised:

- Clerk's Salary	£189.00
- Community First Insurance	£182.75

5 AUDIT YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2011

Councillors unanimously approved to adopt the Statement of Account provided in the Annual Return, and after reviewing the Annual Governance statement, it was approved, proposed by Philip Clive and seconded Marion Walbridge unanimously.

6 RIGHTS OF WAY

Dee Stephens reported that footpaths and bridleways had been adopted by members of the Environment Group with a view to ensuring their upkeep. Willie Earp said he would be responsible for the southeast sector of the Parish Catherine Langham will adopt the Rawlsbury area.

7 HIGHWAYS

Problems with the blocked manhole in Hilton continue, and when Willie Earp pointed out that the jet cleaner is coming to clear a similar problem in Aller Lane, it was agreed to approach Highways urgently, so that both could be dealt with at the same visit. The reflectors on Hilton Hill which protect the steep drop had not all been replaced after they were vandalised some time ago. Hilary Cox will draw this to Highways. attention.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The majority of this month's correspondence dealt with the Elections. Jane Somper was aware of the long delay in informing parishes of the Election results – the count held on Friday evening concluded at 9 pm, but the Clerk received no notification of the results until 6 pm the following Monday. Apparently lightning had damaged the IT system, but officers have agreed that mistakes were made and election arrangements would be reviewed.

An invitation to attend the presentation of the results of the Broadband campaign held over the summer was taken up by Simon Fawthrop, who will attend on behalf of HPC.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dee reminded Councillors that the Energy Meeting would follow the June Parish Council meeting, and refreshments would be available.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The next meeting will be held on 7th June 2011. at 7 pm in the Old Brewery Hall.