



Minutes of the Meeting of Hilton Parish Council on Monday 4th March 2024 at 19:30 in Hilton Village Hall

Present: Cllr P. Balicki (Chairman), Cllr J. Capes, Cllr R. Dulstone, Cllr R. Norton, Cllr M. Stott, Cllr S. Suckling

In attendance: The Clerk (N. Webster), District Cllr C. Tevlin and 1 parishioner

Meeting commenced 19:30

23/24-218. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr E. McCarthy and Cllr C. Sarkies

23/24-219. To receive Councillors' declarations regarding disclosable pecuniary and/or other registrable interests along with the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item

No declarations of interest were received.

23/24-220. To note any dispensation requests made to the Clerk in accordance with the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensation Procedure, and declare the nature of dispensations granted

No dispensation requests were received.

Meeting closed at 19:31 to allow comments and observations from members of the public and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Clare Tevlin stated that there is a hackney carriage and private hire consultation, and local validation requirements consultation both on the HDC website. The full council has approved a balanced budget for 24/25, and band D council tax will be £160.86 per year. The council tax support scheme is still in place. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority put up their precept, but their bus strategy does include Fenstanton as a link between Cambridge and Huntingdon. Cllr Tevlin will put Hilton forward to be included in these routes for additional buses.

Cllr Balicki asked about why food waste could not be put in the green bin. DEFRA has advised that food waste should be put in the black bin, it will be illegal for the food waste to be put in the green bin once the changes are made.

Cllr Capes asked what will happen to the Green bins not being subscribed; they will be collected in July.



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19:37 Meeting opened.

[23/24-221. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th February](#)

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th February are approved as a true record.

[23/24-222. Matters arising from the last meeting including Clerk's report – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made – Local Government Act 1972 s12 10\(2\) \(b\) states that business must be specified.](#)

Cookery

A well-attended cookery course was held on 10th February, and another is being planned for April.

Cricket

The Clerk is planning the cricket courses for the summer.

County Broadband

The Clerk is following up on the easement payment from County Broadband.

Ashlea

HDC requested clarification regarding HPC's objection to the amendment to the plans for Ashlea. Despite the explanation the Planning Officer intends to recommend this amendment for approval as they do not consider the amendment to increase the density of the development.

Weeds

CCC has decided to reverse their decision and will recommence routine spraying of weeds in the highway.

Maze

Contact has been made with Historic England regarding the deteriorating maze wall and the Clerk awaits their response.

Biodiversity Grant

The application for this grant was not successful.

[23/24-223. To review and ratify the decisions made under the scheme of delegation](#)

There were no delegated decisions

[23/24-224. To receive the green open spaces report](#)

- Flailing has been completed around the top end of the Green opposite Green End House.
- The culvert near the Pavilion was blocked with debris from the ditch work but was cleared immediately by the contractor upon report.
- The deck of the bridge near the Lych gate has rotted and one of the planks has broken. This was reported to CCC, and they have made a temporary repair, which has created a trip hazard. This has been publicised on Facebook. The bridge in Grove End is also deteriorating and has been reported to CCC.
- The tree work in Graveley Way has been completed and inspected by the Tree Warden.

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- There will be a working party on 9th March to coppice the remaining limes in the churchyard and another on 23rd March for ivy cutting.

[23/24-225.](#) To discuss and decide upon the maintenance contract for 2024/25

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council approves the contracts and authorises the Clerk to execute them prior to the next meeting, subject to agreement with JSC Services.

[23/24-226.](#) To discuss and decide upon actions regarding the Beacon Lighting event on Thursday 6th June to commemorate D-Day

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council appoints a working group of Cllrs Capes, Suckling and Balicki to report a plan to the April meeting of the Council.

[23/24-227.](#) To discuss and decide whether to move to a .gov.uk domain with the support of the Parish Council Domains Helper Service

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will not switch to .gov.uk website at this time as it is not compulsory and there would be an additional cost.

[23/24-228.](#) To discuss and decide whether to apply for a free, framed portrait of the King

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will apply for a portrait of the King and donate it to the Village Hall.

[23/24-229.](#) To set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting – proposed Monday 22nd April

It was **RESOLVED** that the APM will be held on Monday 22nd April.

[23/24-230.](#) To discuss and decide on the proposed litter picking event

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council approves the date of Sunday 14th April 2-4pm for the litter picking event and Cllr Claire Sarkies will organise the details.

[23/24-231.](#) To discuss and decide upon a response to the current Martyn's law consultation

It was **RESOLVED** that the response to this consultation is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllrs Capes and Dulstone.

[23/24-232.](#) Review the financial reports

It was **RESOLVED** that these reports are received.

[23/24-233.](#) Payments received: None

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23/24-234. Approve payments

Minute Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Method	Legislation
23/24-234.1	JSC Services	Maintenance Contract - Feb	£525.00	S/O	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10 - Power to maintain open spaces
23/24-234.2	TP Garden Services	Maintenance Contract - Feb	£245.83	S/O	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10 - Power to maintain open spaces
23/24-234.3	Payroll	Payroll - Mar	£1,283.65	S/O	General Power of Competence
23/24-234.4	Opus	Street Lighting Energy - Feb	£325.30	DD	Parish Councils Act 1957 – s3 – Power to light roads and public places
23/24-234.5	Microsoft	Office Package - Feb	£12.36	BACS	General Power of Competence
23/24-234.6	Love Nutrition Cambridge	Cookery course	£320.00	BACS	General Power of Competence
23/24-234.7	Charlie Vince Tree Surgery	Graveley Way tree work	£1,217.90	BACS	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10 - Power to maintain open spaces

It was **RESOLVED** that these payments are approved.

23/24-235. Councillors' items – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made – Local Government Act 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified.

Cllr M. Stott reported that the Potton Road bus stop is being used by a pleasing number of SVC students who are now not crossing the main road.

Cllr P. Balicki asked whether the Clerk could put the taxi survey on the website.

The next full Council meeting will be on Monday 8th April 2024.

There being no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 20:09.

Signed.....Date.....

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