

Minutes of the Meeting of Hillington Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th March 2015, 7.50 PM in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.

Present: Chairman: Jane Hill;

Cllrs: Jonathan Worsley; Mike Matthews; Terry Kivlin. Borough Councillor Mike Tilbury.

Also present: The Clerk and 15 Members of the Public.

1. Apologies for absence and approval of reasons for absence: Cllr. Ben Wallace has sent his apologies, he is unable to attend due to a prior commitment. NCC Cllr. John Dobson has sent his apologies, he is unable to attend due to a prior engagement, but will be happy to answer questions e-mailed to him. **Resolved to accept the apologies.**

2. Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared a personal interest in agenda item Tapping House.

3 Dr. Clive Jonathan Bond addressed the meeting On the Archaeological Event in Hillington, 18th-19th, 21st- 22nd March 2015.

Dr. Bond explained that he had been contacted by Dr. Carenza Lewis, from Access Cambridge Archaeology (ex-Time Team), regarding running a Higher Education Field Academy for local school children aged 15 – 18 in West Norfolk. These academies bring talented local children to a village where over two days they are taught about the history and archaeology of the village (it is free, linked to local schools, in this case, King Edward VII High School, Springwood High, Marshland School). Children, supported by staff, have the opportunity to excavate 1m x 1m test pits in the gardens (6 gardens in Hillington at the moment). They will work in teams of 4 students and one supervisor, and the excavation pits will be backfilled. On the 20th March they go to Cambridge University to analyse their findings. A general discussion was then held on the Walsingham Way, Icknield Way, and previous archaeological finds in the village.

4. Public Forum

a) Hedge cuttings on footpath Station Road – Pasture Close. It was reported that the debris on the footway had still not been cleared following the cutting of the hedge. The clerk explained that this had been reported to Highways who had said they would not look to do anything, although they may be unsightly, they are not causing any safety concerns on the footway. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways again pointing out that a potential trip/slip hazard does exist.

b) The footway from Hillington which runs alongside the wall of Hillington Hall to the Flitcham junction (B1153) has overhanging branches/growth, it was requested that this is cut back, but that the wall is not sprayed with insecticide so that other plant life is not destroyed.

c) The grass verge at the junction of Station Road has been churned up by BT vehicles working on the green box. The clerk confirmed that this has been reported to Highways.

d) It was reported that there is a lot of litter alongside the main road, the clerk confirmed that she would request BCKLWN to carry out a litter pick

5. Police S.N.T. Liaison Officer: Resolved that as there has been no attendance by an Officer and no reports sent over the last year to make an official complaint.

6. Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk. Cllr. M. Tilbury gave a brief update on the Council Tax demands advising the Borough Council and County Council have frozen their rates, the Police Authority have imposed an increase of 1.978%.

7. To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2015: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2015 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes – for information/update only.

a) Tapping House

Lights: Two options have been suggested, one to replace with lower wattage bulbs, and one to cap existing lights. Lindsay Carter, Chief Executive of the Hospice is due to discuss this with R.G. Carter

Tour of Hospice: All residents of Hillington have been invited for tea/coffee and a tour of the hospice on Thursday 19th March between 4.00 – 6.00pm

b) **Vodafone Rural Sure Signal:**

The owners of three properties have now been contacted and a detailed survey will be carried out on 23.03.15.

9. Accounts: Resolved to approve the following payments:

K.E. Dunford – Clerks Salary 22.12.14 – 06.03.15

£490.40 less Tax £98.20

£392.20

HMRC – Tax on Clerks Salary

£98.20

Receipts: HMRC – VAT Repayment Period 01.04.13 – 31.03.14

£1190.00

10. Correspondence:

**RE: First Time Sewerage Scheme at Hillington
Amie Lill, Anglian Water
First Time Sewerage Manager**

I will be writing to the parish council in early April along with all other parish councils which will also benefit from a first time sewerage scheme in their area.

However, ahead of this I can confirm our industry regulators Ofwat have now accepted our business plan, which includes a scheme for Hillington in the first time sewerage programme for 2015-2020.

We anticipate construction will begin half way through this period in 2017-2018, with design and enabling work scheduled to commence early in 2017. Ahead of this, all residents in the scheme area will be contacted by our delivery team introducing you to the scheme and the survey and design work they will be undertaking ahead of construction.

We have prioritised all schemes according to their environmental and amenity value and application acceptance date. Please be advised that these are current schedules and could be subject to change.

Meeting closed 8.40pm