

## Minutes of the Meeting of Hillington Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.30pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.

Present: Chairman Jane Hill; Cllrs: Mike Matthews; Terry Kivlin and Ben Wallace. Also present: John Dobson (County Councillor), The Clerk and nine members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence and approval of reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Worsley.

**2. Declarations of Interest. The Chairman declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 Tapping House.**

**3. Public Forum.** There was a request for future Public Forums to be held towards the end of meetings. The Public Forum can be held at any point in the meeting. Having it near the beginning gives the public a chance to comment on agenda items prior to their being considered.

New signs to Tapping House have gone up on Station Road and Wheatfields. They were considered a good idea but are larger and not in keeping with existing street signs. **Highways will be contacted about this.**

There is no street sign identifying 'Fakenham Road' and this causes issues when people are trying to locate it. **Highways will be contacted.**

Concern was expressed about a new inter village bus service that would drive past houses in Wheatfields in order to call into Tapping House.

**4. Crime Report.** Monitoring of Police Connect emails and phone messages between 20/01/16 and 16/03/16 showed no crimes specific to Hillington.

**5. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.** Cllr. Tilbury was not present and had sent no report in his absence.

**6. Norfolk County Council.** Cllr. Dobson reported that NCC has been informed of its grant from Central Government and NCC departments have lost 17% from their budgets and not 25% as planned for. Recycling Centres and Fire Stations will not close. Adult Social Services is overspent. County Councils have permission from Government to raise Council Tax by an additional 2% on top of their increase for 2016/17 providing all the additional 2% goes to Adult Social Care. This means NCC will raise Council Tax by a total of 4%. If Norfolk, Cambridge and Suffolk County Councils were merged under a new devolution package there would be a Mayor for the region. The merger would result in another tier of local government.

Cllr Dobson outlined the background to the proposed inter village bus link. Some villages have no bus service. There were two elements to the plan. The second element would be a bus service from Docking to King's Lynn that would come through Hillington and call at Tapping House. Public transport should mitigate parking requirements at Tapping House. There was uncertainty as to the number of buses that would be calling at Tapping House each day. The bus to provide this service has not yet been purchased. **The Clerk will write to the Village Link Action Group requesting details of what is currently being proposed. Once received, these details will be published on the Hillington website and discussed at the next council meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Cllr. Dobson then left the meeting.

### 7. Confirmation of the Minutes

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

**8. Matters arising from the Minutes** Item 3 Public Forum: **Moles.** Cllr Matthews reported that West Norfolk Pest Control could not gas the moles because they were on a verge adjacent to a highway and traps could not be used because of public access to the site. Underground traps were a possibility but the cost of setting and maintaining these would be prohibitive.

**9. Anglian Water Pasture Close Water Treatment Works outflow issue** Sarah Collier, Anglian Water King's Lynn Water Treatment Manager had contacted The Council to propose cutting back trees on the boundary of the Water Treatment Works to reduce the leaves that were causing blockages in the ditch. She also proposed connecting a pipe to the discharge pipe to transfer the flow from the works to the culvert in an enclosed pipe. **The Council resolved to accept the proposals and request a site meeting so**

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**Councillors could discuss the new pipe with S. Collier.**

## **10. Highways issues**

**10.1 Speeding on the A148** Councillors had received information from The Clerk about The Norfolk Community Speed Watch Scheme. **The Council resolved to pursue the establishment of a Hillington Community Speed Watch Scheme subject to the commitment of a minimum of 6 volunteers. The Clerk is to publicise the Scheme and request expressions of interest by emailing the Hillington Round Robin recipients and putting the information on the Hillington website.**

**10.2 Items for Highway Rangers** No items were raised but The Clerk would contact Councillors when the next notification of a Highway Rangers visit was received in case issues had come to light in the meantime.

## **11. Tapping House**

**11.1 Hillington Support Group** This item was raised earlier at the Annual Village Meeting.

**11.2 Letter from L. Carter, Chief Executive 05/02/16 and update** The Council were pleased to receive the letter but noted that the film had not yet been attached to the lights and a cap on one light on the driveway had fallen off.

**12. External Audit for Smaller Authorities** **The Council resolved to remain included in the external audit arrangements put in place by the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited.**

**13. Issues at the Petrol Station** The supply of newspapers is still a cause for concern with no newspapers on sale for several days in succession on more than one occasion. **The Clerk is to contact Robert Kirwan from MRH Retail about the issue.**

**14. Planning Application Consultations: 16/00107/F** Extensions to dwelling at Gatehouse, Valley Farm, Lynn Road, Hillington, King's Lynn **The Council responded to BCKLWN on 18/02/16 with no observations either in favour or against the proposal.**

## **15. Accounts:**

**15.1 To consider adopting the Budget Forecast Plan 2016-20** Following discussion **resolved to accept the Budget Plan as laid before The Council.**

**15.2 To confirm the Internal Auditor for the year 2015/16** **The Council resolved to confirm Bill Tawn as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2015/16.**

**15.3 The following payments were approved:**

M Duggan	£447.88	Clerk's Salary 06/01/16 – 05/04/16
M Duggan	£44.10	Clerk's expenses (postage and toner cartridge)

## **16. Correspondence: To consider the following correspondence**

a) Letter from J. Newell, Hillington Parochial Church Council 06/02/16 – The Council explained that it needed to set sustainable budgets and regrettably had had to make cuts to a number of items of expenditure including Churchyard maintenance. The Council had to be responsible when setting precept increases.

b) BCKLWN Special Expenses Line on Council Tax bills 14.03.16 **Noted**

c) Norfolk ALC Information and subscription advice 07.03.16 **Noted**

d) BCKLWN Community Infrastructure Levy - Consultation on a Draft Charging Schedule 09.03.16 **Noted**

**17. To receive items for the next meeting agenda Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.** Tapping House and inter village bus link.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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