

Minutes of the Meeting of Hillington Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2016, 7.30pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.

Present: Chairman Jane Hill; Cllrs: Terry Kivlin and Ben Wallace. Also present: John Dobson (County Councillor), Tim Tilbrook (Borough Councillor), The Clerk and 9 members of the public.

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

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

3. Crime Report. Monitoring of Police Connect emails and phone messages between 17/05/16 and 19/07/16 showed no crimes specific to Hillington.

4. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. Cllr. Tilbrook reported that 4 Councils had already voted against Devolution but BCKLWN would not make its final decision until October. Leaflets about a public consultation on devolution have been distributed. Cllr. Tilbrook thought that Devolution was not a good idea.

5. Norfolk County Council. Cllr. Dobson reported that he was against Devolution since there had been a regional assembly until 9 years ago when it was scrapped and people were being asked to vote on something that had not been fully costed. Norfolk County Council was supposed to be inquiring into the loss of £34m through the failed incinerator contract but the person leading the inquiry had made a decision not to continue because key figures could not be compelled to give evidence. Cllr. Dobson had proposed a motion to continue the inquiry. He felt that NCC's Risk Function did not work and that it needed addressing.

Cllr. Dobson and Cllr. Tilbrook then left the meeting at 7.45pm.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes

6.1 Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2016 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6.2 Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2016 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes Item 13 Public Forum: **Spraying of manure on fields. Should this nuisance arise again, Environmental Health at BCKLWN need to be informed immediately with the locations of the fields involved, the date the spraying occurred and the name of the farmer responsible. Parishioners can send reports to csnn@west-norfolk.gov.uk .**

Item 11 Petrol Station Shop The Parish Council had been in contact with the Area Manager of MRH Retail. He said that negotiations regarding the Post Office were progressing positively but taking a long time because MRH was negotiating for several sites nationally and not just Hillington. He is hoping to be announcing an opening date for the Hillington Post Office in the future. **The Council will offer to organise a petition regarding the Post Office if MRH think it would be helpful.**

8. Anglian Water First Time Sewerage Scheme As of 19.07.16 no update had been received from John Lambert despite two requests. It is believed he is on leave.

9. Anglian Water Pasture Close Water Treatment Works outflow issue Parishioners reported that Anglian Water employees had told them that the Pasture Close Treatment Works would not be retained when the First Time Sewerage Scheme was introduced. The employees had come to blow out a pipe in the field next to the Treatment works. Cllr. Wallace had met the Worrell brothers who said that the pipe was now flowing slowly. Anglian Water is trying to clear a blockage in the pipe across the field but needs more specialist equipment to do so. Concern was expressed that this blockage had occurred in the summer when previous blockages have occurred in the autumn and winter. **Cllr. Wallace will email details of the issues to the Clerk who will write to John Lambert at Anglian Water expressing concern regarding the current situation of blockages.**

10. Highways issues

10.1 Community Speed Watch 6 parishioners had completed application forms which had been returned to Janet Overton, The Community Speed Watch Administrator for Norfolk Constabulary and background checks were being carried out. Training would then be arranged. One of the parishioners was being asked to be the Hillington Speed Watch Coordinator.

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10.2 Cutting of grass verges and state of public grassed areas in the village Due to budget constraints Highways are cutting the verges less frequently than in the past with only 2 full cuts scheduled (in June and in August/September). Intermittent cuts will only involve visibility splays and bends but not straights. Cllr. Worsley had cut the bank behind and beside the bus shelter and a number of verges in the meantime. A parishioner had volunteered to cut the grass but had no equipment and the Parish Council had no equipment to lend. **Council requested volunteers to cut the area by the bus shelter.**

A request to move the salt bin from its present location near the village sign to a niche on the opposite side of the entrance to Pasture Close had been received. Following discussion and consulting parishioners at the meeting **Council decided to leave the salt bin in its current location. Advice is to be sought regarding the treatment of the wooden bench.** The footpath to Flitcham was discussed. The wall alongside it is bulging and causing concern. **A letter will be written to the owner of Hillington Hall expressing The Council's concern.**

10.3 Items for Highway Rangers The grass bank at the bus stop needs strimming; the footpath along the Old Lynn Road from the Flitcham turning back towards Hillington needs clearing. Old wood cuttings on the path between Station Road and Pasture Close need clearing but this is not a Highways responsibility.

11. Tapping House Additional parking spaces are currently being constructed. The bunds have been strimmed with the exception of the tops. The sides facing Tapping House are apparently very tidy while those facing Wheatfields are not. Some residents of Wheatfields had complained about weeds from the bunds. **A letter is to be sent to Tapping House requesting that the tops of the bunds and the sides facing Wheatfields are cut.**

12. Village Link Bus Scheme 'Go to Town' Bus Cllr. Wallace had attended the launch event. The service is one of the few community run bus schemes in England. He told parishioners they needed to use it or they would lose it. Graham Hill agreed to combine both the X8 and 'Go to Town' timetables into one so that it would be easier for parishioners to plan their journeys.

13. Village sign This needs repainting but the cost is in the region of £1175 to £3695 +VAT. The Parish Council does not have the funds to cover this. Funding opportunities are being monitored for suitable grants to apply for. Graham Rogerson is organising a Quiz Night fundraiser on December 12th at The Ffolkes Arms.

14. Public Forum A parishioner expressed concern about the long hours and lone working practices that are being introduced at the petrol station shop as it moves to 24 hour opening.

15. To consider and adopt the Site Visit Risk Assessment. Resolved to adopt the Site Visit Risk Assessment as laid before Council.

16. To Confirm date for Annual Bulb Planting. After discussion it was decided that this year the focus would be on the Medieval Crosses instead of more bulbs. The Ivy is regrowing and damaging the Crosses. **A date in October will be set for the clearance of the Ivy. Advice on poisoning Ivy is required.**

17. Recruitment of new Clerk The matter is being progressed with a suitable candidate.

18. Planning Application Consultations:

16/00874/F Construction of garage/workshop for private use at Buck House, Lynn Road, Hillington, King's Lynn. The Parish Council had objected to this application on June 13th 2016 due to three concerns but BCKLWN granted planning permission on July 7th 2016.

16/01067/F Extension of existing open porch to form an enlarged closed porch at 2 Wheatfields Close, Hillington, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 6DF. **The Council resolved to offer no objections to this application.**

19. Finance

19.1 The following payment was approved:

M Duggan - Clerk's Salary 06/07/16 – 31/07/16 (£142.78) and expenses (£19.42) £162.20

19.2 To consider the adoption of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services Salary Pay Scales 2016 - 2018. Resolved to adopt the Salary Pay Scales 2016 – 2018.

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20. Correspondence: To consider the following correspondence

- a) Email from G. Coady, BCKLWN – BACS payments 18/05/16 **HPC to receive future payments by BACS**
- b) Letter from R. Pengelly, West Norfolk Community Transport – Go To Town Bus Route 01/06/16 **Noted**
- c) Letter from R. Pengelly, West Norfolk Community Transport – Go To Town Bus Launch 01/06/16 **Cllr Wallace had attended. See item 12**
- d) Letter from NALC – Invitation to Devolution Briefing 03/06/16 **Noted**
- e) Letter from M. Duggan, Clerk – letter of resignation 15/06/16 **See item 17**
- f) Email from Highways, NCC – Highway and Community Ranger visit 16/06/16 **See item 10.3**
- g) Letter from J. Bridger, Village Link Bus Scheme – Go To Town Bus Launch 18/06/16 **Cllr Wallace had attended. See item 12**
- h) Email from H. Scott, BCKLWN – Parish Council Briefings on Devolution 23/06/16 **Cllr Kivlin had attended**
- i) Email from S. Dennis, BCKLWN – Information and Advice Services in King's Lynn and West Norfolk 01/07/16 **Noted**

21. To receive items for the next meeting agenda Tuesday September 20th at 7.30pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington. None were received.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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