

# Hilton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Hilton Parish Council** **held at Hilton Village Hall at 7:00pm,** **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **Present**

Councillors J McCreddie, C Nield, R Gaskin, G Andrew, M Coney (Chair), C Cuddington

### **Also Present**

District Cllrs S Meghani, J Davies (also Cllr G Andrew in that capacity)  
2 members of the public

### **134/23 Apologies for absence**

Councillor S Stanton

### **135/23 Declarations of Members' Interest**

Cllr Gaskin – Planning application by Aldi, directly opposite her home.

### **136/23 Public Speaking**

#### **a) Members of the Public**

A resident advised that road markings around the site of a new crossing on Derby Rd appear to have been removed and enquired about timescales for the works to be completed. The Chair responded that the last update from the County Councillor was “early in the new year”.

#### **b) Police Matters**

No report

## **c) District / County Council Member Reports**

### **District Councillor Sundip Meghani**

Casework – reported a variety of cases, including assisting residents with complaints about poor broadband and in clearing a path that was overgrown.

Flood boards – following up an action from the previous meeting, Cllr Meghani related information provided by SDDC for Grants and Flood Relief (Cllr Andrew confirmed he has already circulated on Social Media).

The Mease Tree Work – Cllr Meghani arranged and hosted a meeting with St. Modwen, involving Cllrs Andrew and Cuddington. A further meeting will take place Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov to discuss the detail of the work with St. Modwen's proposed contractor with Cllrs Andrew and Davies representing SDDC and Cllr Cuddington representing the Parish Council.

Trenport proposal – along with other Cllrs he had attended the recent exhibition and had discussions with the developer. This issue was later discussed in the Planning section of the agenda.

Etwell Leisure Centre – he had been in contact with SDDC and established that a new contract would start in April 2024, however as the existing schools contracts ran until September 2024 it may be some time before changes to availability of the pool in particular may be noticed.

### **District Councillors Jayne Davies & Grahame Andrew**

Mandarin demolition - Pleased to announce the Mandarin demolition application was refused at Planning Committee. A battle won, but perhaps with a war still to fight...

Flooding follow up work – Both have been involved in ensuring homes damaged have been assisted by the District Council

Cost of Living – Able to assist one local resident, who had been made redundant recently and was in great distress. Most impressed with response from SDDC Officers who sorted issues the next day and led the resident to call Cllr Davies in floods of tears of joy and relief.

Assisting a resident with transport difficulties for a child with special needs, liaising with the County Council to resolve issues.

Wellbrook Patient Participation Group – announced amendments to the new booking system, following significant problems with introducing the new weekly Friday 1:30pm unlocking of appointments for the next week. The Practice is now fully staffed, with 7 GP's (3 are new), 2 Pharmacists, 3 Practice Nurses and 6 Reception Staff. The practice urges people for non-urgent appointments to use the call back system and not queue up in person, as phones now have greater capacity than the front desk and your place will be held by the system. Cllr Meghani questioned the sense of the system and suggested that it should be further reviewed.

Dog Fouling Fines – Cllr Andrew reported that 3x fixed penalty notices had been issued to Hilton residents for “failing to pick up” after their dogs. He welcomed the announcement by the District Council.

### **County Councillor Julie Patten (update provided by Cllr Meghani)**

Work on central reservation on A516 under the A50 – work should commence soon to remove overgrowth (the previous request having got lost in the system).

The Real Time Information boards would be installed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024. Cllr Patten expressed some annoyance that Cllr Andrew had been in direct contact with DCC Officers regarding this issue. Cllr Andrew explained that this was in response to a formal request by SDDC Officers to pass comment on Bus Service Improvement plans and made the meeting aware that the previously announced plans for 4 such devices now appeared to be just 3 and was awaiting a response.

School place applications opened 6<sup>th</sup> November and close 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Warm space funding – Cllr Patten announced funding was still available for people arranging for places that offered a warm location and a hot drink for people in the community over winter.

Cllr Patten urged people to look up the DCC Budget questionnaire available online prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> December meeting.

### **137/23 To confirm the minutes of Hilton Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Cllr Meghani wished to include an amendment to include his role in bringing the operation of Trent Barton Bus Services before the South Derbyshire District Councils Scrutiny and Overview Committee. It was agreed that this note in these minutes would clarify that point.

Cllr Meghani – then left the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were RESOLVED to be a true and accurate record of the meeting having previously been circulated to all Cllrs.

Proposed by Cllr Gaskin                      Seconded by Cllr Nield

### **138/23 Planning Matters**

Reference	Location	Postcode	Proposal	Valid
DMPA/2023/1298	Hilton Business Park, Lowman Way, Hilton, DE65 5UR		The retention of existing converted and extended mobile home for use as a barbers at	08-Nov-23
DMPA/2023/0890	47 Egginton Road, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5FG		Erection of a single storey extension comprising of a bedroom and double garage and new boundary treatments and landscaping including change of use of land to residential curtilage at	30-Oct-23

Mobile home barbers – should be required to pass a sequential test and be assessed under policy BNE1 (in keeping with its surrounding and the character of the village)

47 Egginton Rd – observation on the incorrect statement on the application regarding no hedges being affected to be made.

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** – to write to SDDC Planning concerning both applications.

Reference	Location	Postcode	Proposal	Valid
DMPA/2023/0351	77 Egginton Road, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5FG		Change of Use of part of the amenity land at Egginton Road to allow for an access driveway and dropped kerb to houses 77, 79 and 81 Egginton Road to facilitate vehicle parking at	16-Mar-23

It was noted that this was not an application but an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** – to write to the Planning Inspectorate restating the objections of the Parish Council. The fact that it is protected Green Space in the Adopted Neighbourhood Plan, the lack of contact regarding the introduction of possible residents parking arrangements and overall loss of community amenity proposed by the application.

a) Lucas Lane update

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** – to continue the dialogue with Morris Homes and press them to resolve the remaining issues.

**ACTION: Cllr Coney** – to advise DCC Highways Hub of issues reported on the Bridleway reported by Cllr Nield.

b) Lowman Way – 60 Affordable Houses Planning Application

No date has yet been fixed for when this will be discussed at Planning Committee.

c) Aldi Planning Application

No date has yet been fixed for when this will be discussed at Planning Committee. Cllrs Cuddington and Andrew had comments published on the SDDC Planning portal and then these were deleted. Still awaiting further explanation from SDDC Officers why this was the case.

d) Trenport – 2<sup>nd</sup> Supermarket and drive through Coffee shop + business units north of Derby Rd

The Parish Council as a group wish to see this application heard alongside the Aldi application (although the Trenport application has not yet been submitted). Representatives of the Parish Council in meeting with Trenport have strongly urged them to consider the following adjustments to their scheme

- Allow access to the Aldi site from the roundabout they are redesigning
- Allow access across their site to Sutton Lane industrial site, so that HGV can be completely banned from Hilton Village (Derby Rd [west], Main Street and Sutton Lane)
- Allow potential access either side to facilitate what DCC have already identified as “potential development land” to save another access onto Derby Rd or Sutton Lane in the future
- The need for robust traffic analysis to a higher standard than that submitted by Aldi.

A local resident present wished to state his objections to the scheme in its entirety. The Council responded that it would keep an open mind on the whole scheme as a number of local people do welcome it. It was important to realise that the Planning Inspectorate (HM Government) previous decision on the Talbot Turf site meant that even if SDDC Planning rejected the application, there was still planning permission for 9 commercial units and a reasonable chance this may still proceed. We need to ensure the best possible outcome for the village.

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** – to write to SDDC Planning highlighting the above issues (along with the importance of not allowing the Aldi application to proceed in isolation because of the issues of traffic access).

e) Mandarin Applications

The application to demolish the Mandarin (White Swan) was refused by SDDC at the Planning Committee 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. However, the application for a large house on the far side of the car park was approved (despite opposition from both the Parish Council and the Lib Dem Cllrs).

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of making the current building a Community Building / Pub.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council investigate the options for purchasing the building and putting it to a community use.

Proposed Cllr Cuddington Seconded Cllr Gaskin

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** to investigate

Cllr Davies left the meeting.

### **139/23 Finance**

RESOLVED the following items authorised for payment, together with the transfer of £75,000 from the savings account to the current account.

Proposed Cllr Andrew Seconded Cllr Coney

Inv Date	Payee / Supplier	Description	TOTAL
<b>NOV</b>			
01/11/2023	Eon	Back Lane Pavilion Electric	£ 184.33
01/11/2023	Eon	HPC Office Electric	£ 176.18
24/11/2023	Salaries	Nov salaries	£ 7,062.33
30/11/2023	HMRC	Tax/NI - salaries	£ 2,809.15
15/11/2023	NEST	Pension- salaries	£ 702.04
10/11/2023	UK Fuels	Monthly Fuel costs	£ 130.00
30/10/2023	Aucuba	Pitch Maintenance and Mowing	£ 1,382.74
31/10/2023	Abacus Lighting	Floodlights for Play area part 2 (Final)	£ 17,242.76
25/10/2023	R.Massey	Compost	£ 30.00
31/10/2023	Sterilising Services	Monthly Legionella Testing	£ 68.39
31/10/2023	Hilton Village Hall	Oct PC Meeting Room Hire	£ 62.08
31/10/2023	Hilton Village Hall	s137 Grant Umbrella	£ 121.20
31/10/2023	Hilton Village Hall	s137 Grant (Mums & Tots)	£ 84.84
31/10/2023	Hilton Village Hall	s137 Grant (HATS)	£ 457.67
02/11/2023	Start Safety	Flood Signs and Lights	£ 495.67
02/11/2023	AET Flood Defence	Aqua-sac's	£ 244.80
30/10/2023	Burleys (Plantscape)	Lamp post testing	£ 406.80
09/11/2023	SDDC	Summer Holiday Events	£ 2,580.00
15/11/2023	Cromwell	Refuse sacks & Wipes	£ 305.71
21/11/2023	Burleys (Plantscape)	Christmas Tree Lights	£ 13,028.00
22/11/2023	JRB	Dog Waste Bags	£ 535.20
29/11/2023	R.Massey	Padlock	£ 49.99
29/11/2023	SDDC	Waste Collection large bins	£ 236.60
			£ 48,396.48

Along with the confirming the receipt of the following income.

Date	Description	TOTAL
<b>NOV</b>		
29/10/2023	Pitch Hire	£81.00
01/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£104.00
01/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£108.00
01/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£81.00
01/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£48.00
01/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£16.00
05/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£135.00
06/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£62.00
07/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£54.00
09/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£108.00
11/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£27.00
14/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£27.00
14/11/2023	Concurrent Expenses	£38,892.29
27/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£31.00
29/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£48.00
29/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£135.00
29/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£31.00
29/11/2023	Pitch Hire	£135.00
		<b>£ 40,123.29</b>

The following funds are held by the council as at 30/11/2023 (following payment of invoices):

Bank Balance current account:      £ 56,928.21  
Bank Balance savings account:      £ 284,770.75  
Total Bank Balance:                   £ 341,698.96

The RFO provided proofs to the Chair that the previous months accounts reconciled.

S137 Application by HATS for funding lighting equipment.

RESOLVED that the grant of £384 be approved.

Proposed    Cllr Coney    Seconded    Cllr Nield

NOTE: The Chair wished to record his disappointment that having attended the Village Hall AGM, that amidst the thanks issued to a number of groups that support the Village Hall, the Parish Council were not included, despite providing funding of over £6,200 through various groups that use the facility over the last 12 months.

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** to notify the HATS of the award of the grant.

Van Insurance (recorded out of meeting sequence to assist clarity).

**ACTION: Cllr Andrew** to include Cllr Gaskin and himself as named drivers to provide additional cover as only Cllr Coney as a Councillor is currently insured to drive.

### **140/23 Councillor Reports**

- Outdoor Gym Equipment – Cllr Gaskin confirmed the receipt of some quotes  
**ACTION: Cllr Gaskin** to circulate the quotes to the Parish Council.
- Playground risks report – Cllr Coney has progressed and will issue checklists to grounds staff.  
**ACTION: Cllr Coney** to progress further
- Memorial Meadow Noticeboard – To be installed Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.  
**ACTION: Cllr Nield** to provide information relating to Memorial Meadow name plaques etc. for one of the sections.
- Mease Pavilion Lease Changes – Cllr Cuddington has circulated the Solicitors documents and the Parish Council notes the likely charges in the region of £1,500 + disbursements to be paid and invoiced to Hilton Harrier in due course.
- Mill Lane temporary boundary fence – no longer an urgent issue as the builder has provided one. However following discussion on the Planning Decision Notice that required the applicant to provide a suitable fence the following was agreed.
  - RESOLVED that we no longer purchase temporary fencing  
Proposed Cllr Cuddington    Seconded Cllr Andrew
  - RESOLVED that we work with the applicant to agree a suitable fence that will discharge the Planning Decision Notice condition  
Proposed Cllr Cuddington    Seconded Cllr Gaskin**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** to discuss with Cllr Stanton (to contact the resident)
- Derby Road Bus Shelter – **ACTION: Cllr Andrew** awaiting quote from SDDC on size and cost for standard large shelter, SDDC awaiting information from DCC on size permitted.
- Playground additional floodlights – Cllr Andrew confirmed the project as completed and can be removed from the agenda for next meeting.
- A50 Closure – Cllr Coney outlined the many and various issues with signage that he helped resolve having documented a large number of HGV's coming through the village on the night of 14<sup>th</sup> November in a short space of time.

### **141/23 Reports from external bodies**

- Flood liaison – Cllr Nield presented a report from her recent attendance of the Liaison group and the Parish Council thanked her for its quality. We have put ourselves forward as an example of well-developed plan that we put into operation last month.
- East Midland Intermodal Portal – no report
- Marston & Dove Charity –final paperwork awaiting the return of Russell Pollard.
- Hilton Harriers Committee – Cllr Cuddington attended the last meeting, as did Cllr Andrew (in his role as District Councillor). The next meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and will discuss their new constitution. Both Cllrs Cuddington and Andrew to attend.



- Toyota liaison – Cllr Andrew attended the event 3<sup>rd</sup> November and reported being impressed by the plans for more renewable energy vehicles and the company's continued investment in the local plant.
- SDDC Joint Parish Meeting – no report
- Parish and Town Council Meeting (DCC) – no meeting.
- Etwall Area Forum – no report

### **142/23 Encouraging South Derbyshire Events in Hilton**

Following the success of the recent visit by the SDDC Chief Executive, it was agreed that we repeat the tour for the 2 SDDC Directors who are also new to the area, in March.

**ACTION: Cllr Andrew** to arrange a meeting in March for the SDDC Directors of Finance and Housing/Community Services.

### **143/23 Parish Council next 4 years Strategy Plan**

Following the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November to go through the plan it was agreed that not all the proposals will be affordable or be able to be resourced from a Councillor / staffing resource. Cllr Coney to provide an updated plan to prioritise projects ahead of our next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Coney** to circulate a proposed list of priorities prior to our next full council meeting (20<sup>th</sup> December).

### **144/23 Replacement Lights for external walls of the Parish Council offices**

RESOLVED that the estimate of £495 be approved to replace the lights with more energy efficient LED units that will provide a brighter light for the area outside the offices and the Scout Hut car park.

Proposed Cllr Cuddington Seconded Cllr Coney

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** to arrange for a purchase order via Wendy.

### **145/23 Social-Media & Website - Content and Management**

A number of improvements to the website have been made and Cllr McCreadie is now undertaking the regular updates and looking to make a number of other improvements.

### **146/23 Parish Councillor Vacancies**

All Councillors to continue to highlight the need for 2 more coopted members.

### **147/23 Tree Policy**

Deferred to the January meeting.

### **148/23 SDDC Council Plan**

A number of observations on the lack of firm targets and the continued concentration on Swadlincote Town Centre for economic development were made.

**ACTION: Cllr Cuddington** to respond to the request by SDDC Chief Executive making these observations on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **149/23 Bins and Benches**

RESOLVED to approve the additional £400 funding for the safe removal of one additional bench on Percy Wood Close.

Proposed Cllr Nield Seconded Cllr Gaskin

The Council noted that work is expected to commence in the next few days (weather permitting).

### **150/23 Date of the next meeting.**

Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023** at Hilton Village Hall.

No new agenda items.

The meeting was closed @ 10:00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman / Vice Chairman

Notes taken by Cllr G Andrew