

Hilton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hilton Parish Council **held at Hilton Village Hall at 7:00pm,** **Wednesday 26 June 2024**

Present

Councillors M Coney (Chair), C Cuddington, G Andrew, S Stanton, C Nield,
Cllr H Marchis

Also Present

District Councillor J Davies, 17 members of the public together with Mr Steve
Baker from Trent Barton

289/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J McCreadie and District Cllr S Meghani

290/24 Declarations of Members' Interest

Cllrs Gaskin & Stanton – Planning applications by Aldi and Trenport
Cllrs Andrew & Cuddington – Hilton Harriers item

291/24 Public Speaking

a) Members of the Public

Cllr Coney thanked Trent Barton for attending with their new bus for our service but asked the public present to initially ask any questions not relating to the bus services. A resident wished record a complaint about the excess traffic congestion around the Mease Academy school due to inconsiderate parking by parents. Cllr Coney advised that both he and Cllr Cuddington had been in contact with Mrs Hart (the Head Teacher) about the issue. A suggestion was made that this issue would be best raised at the next Safer Neighbourhoods Area Forum.

ACTION: Cllr Stanton to take to next meeting of the Area Forum.

b) Police Matters

No report

c) District / County Council Member Reports

District Councillors J Davies and G Andrew

Cllrs Andrew and Davies reported as follows:

- A reminder that the General Election taking place on 4th July and that we now elect the MP that represents Derbyshire Dales, following the implementation of changes from the Boundary Commission earlier this year. All other services remain with South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council as before.
- Ahead of the later item on the agenda Cllr Andrew related events of the Planning Committee of 18th June 2024 that approved both Supermarket applications on Derby Rd, indicating the opposition of himself and Jayne to the traffic solutions approved by Derbyshire County Council. Whilst supportive of the idea of additional supermarket capacity, he was disappointed by the decision to approve the plans as they were with the commercial interests of both applicants being judged more important than the good of the local community.
- Cllr Andrew related that the recent report of the review of Planning Services had been passed by the SDDC Environmental and Development Services Committee and it was due for agreement for additional funding to expand capacity and improve services at a Finance and Management Committee meeting soon. He hoped that the recommendations and extra resources would result in a much-improved service that has been seen as failing to deliver in a number of key areas over the last 4-5 years.
- Following reports of the viewing platform on the Mease Meadow being unsafe, SDDC have inspected and have agreed and will take remedial action to resolve the issues identified.

County Councillor J Patten

Combined report with Cllr Meghani

- **East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)** – confirming that Claire Ward had been elected Mayor in the May 2nd election
- **Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner** – confirming that Nicolle Ndiweni had been elected in the May 2nd election
- **Derby Road crossing** – The hedge has been cut back.
- **Littering advertising signs** – together with Cllr Cuddington the signs were removed over the weekend.
- **Jet Patching** – members of the Council confirmed that some temporary work has taken place on the Mease near the river bridge roundabout, work still outstanding on Avon Way/Welland Road.
- **Bus route Welland Road** – to be included in the discussion with Trent Barton to follow.
- **Travellers' encroachment Sutton Lane** – Cllr Patten is continuing to closely monitor the situation.
- **Road traffic regulation order (A516 Hilton Road traffic regulation order to the Boundary with Derby City Council) (40mph and derestricted speed limit) Order 2024** – The Parish Council has been made aware.

Trent Barton – Question & Answer

Mr Steve Baker representing Trent Barton offered a sincere apology to the residents of Hilton for the failure of Trent Barton to deliver the services they should have done over recent years.

He advised the meeting that following measures had been taken.

- 5 new buses (costing £1m in total) like the one displayed outside, to begin replacing existing vehicles in the next week or so. These should dramatically reduce service loss due to breakdown or vehicle unavailability.
- Recruitment had taken place and they now had a full complement of drivers.
- Improved terms and conditions for engineering staff has increased levels of recruitment and retention, they now believe they pay some of the best wages for their staff to maintain vehicles.

In explaining some elements of current poor performance, he listed the following

- Exceptionally high levels of road works both in Derby and Burton, often with little notice from the respective local authorities.
- Constraints of service caused by needing to seek County Council approval with the continued £2 fare cap in operation until at least December.
- Outdated software on their App providing both users and Real Time Information signs unreliable information.

Members of the Public made a series of points, observations, suggestions, criticisms summarised as follows.

- Customers missing vital medical appointments due to services not arriving
- Vulnerable people waiting in the cold as information on cancelled services not up to date
- Vulnerable people forced to walk excessive distances to catch a bus since the removal of the V1/V2 split service
- Community dissatisfaction with the withdrawal of the service through the centre of the 'old village' and a request to reinstate it.
- Reports of students in distress following late arrival of services during exams.
- Specific complaints previously reported but still occurring from the vibration and noise of services travelling down Welland Rd at excessive speed.
- Services regularly mounting the kerb on the Avon Way/Welland Rd roundabout.
- A specific incident whereby a Villager service left a lot of people behind in Derby due to departing from the wrong bay.
- A suggestion that the customer services telephone number should be more prominent on buses and bus stops.
- A comment that Trent Barton note that many local people feel strongly that "they have let down the people of Hilton badly"

In response Steve Baker agreed to take these points away, investigate and respond to the Parish Council.

Cllr Coney set a challenge, that Trent Barton should come back to the Parish Council at its October meeting (31st October 2024) and report progress and take part in a separate meeting in the intervening period involving representatives of the County Council, District Council and Parish Council to discuss "art of the possible".

ACTION: Cllr Cuddington to write to Trent Barton and the other proposed participants to agree such a meeting.

292/24 To confirm the minutes of Hilton Parish Council Meeting held on 29 May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2024 had been circulated to all Councillors and were RESOLVED to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Andrew

Seconded by Cllr Nield

293/24 To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 5 June 2024

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 5 June 2024 were RESOLVED to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Cuddington

Seconded by Cllr Coney

294/24 Planning Matters

Reference	Location	Postcode	Proposal	Valid
DMPA/2024/0760	Alpha House, Alpha Construction, Uttoxeter Road, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5GE		The installation of solar panels at	03-Jun-24
DMPA/2024/0562	Land to the rear of 30 Mill Lane, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5GP		The erection of a detached double garage at	30-May-24
DMOT/2024/0757	57 Egginton Road, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5FG.		Approval of details reserved by condition 7 (water drainage) & 8 (Electric vehicle charging points (EVCP)) relating to planning permission DMPA/2022/0037 Conversion & extension of existing garage into new 2 bedroom dwelling and erection of new flat roof garage at	31-May-24

- **Alpha House** – no concerns.
- **Land to rear of 30 Mill Lane** – Resolved that the Parish Council raise concerns about the non-compliance with the parking policy in the Neighbourhood Plan resulting from the changes to parking arrangements.

Proposed: Cllr Andrew

Seconded: Cllr Nield

ACTION: Cllr Cuddington to write to District Council to raise concern.

- **57 Egginton Rd** – no further objections

a) Lucas Lane Update

Cllr Cuddington had not received correspondence from Morris Homes or SDDC Planning about biodiversity offset land on Lucas Lane.

ACTION: Cllr Cuddington to write to Morris Homes again requesting clarity on long term plans for Biodiversity Offset Land

ACTION: Cllr Andrew to follow up with SDDC Planners and also obtain clarity on protection of Biodiversity Net Gain.

b) Lowman Way – Low-Cost Housing

No update

c&d) Aldi and Trenport Planning Applications

Cllr Cuddington did provide an extensive analysis of traffic data in time for the Planning Committee, Cllr Coney presented a well researched 3 min speech (based on information provide by Cllr Cuddington) objecting principally to the traffic solution offered by both applications, the unsatisfactory screening from Walnut Drive and the uncertain location of any bus stop.

Cllr Andrew in his capacity as District Cllr spoke passionately at the Planning Committee meeting about the impact of the proposed traffic schemes on Hilton, as well as the “floating bus stop” and stupidity of both applicants refusing to work together on a single access off the roundabout.

Cllr Davies as a member of the Committee spoke about the safety concerns of the road layouts and confusion of local residents with the County Council assessment that the projected traffic flows were acceptable...

Cllr Coney as Chair wished to record his thanks to Cllrs Andrew and Davies for reflecting the views of the community and noted their opposition to the schemes traffic outcomes, whilst pointing out that another local Councillor who did not attend the meeting offered his support to both schemes.

Cllr Cuddington updated the meeting on progress with a noise survey to be conducted and will bring a proposal to the next meeting after the contractor approached declined the business as they did work for Aldi and declared a potential conflict of interest.

Resolved that Cllr Cuddington monitor the decision notice issued by SDDC with respect to the Aldi application to see what conditions were agreed regarding screening for residents of Walnut Drive and if necessary, arrange for a site visit of SDDC Officers / Parish Councillors to see if additional measure can be taken.

Proposed Cllr Cuddington Seconded Cllr Coney

e) Mandarin Development

Agreed to remove from agenda as this has now been decided.

7 Oak Drive update

Cllr Andrew confirmed that he had requested a “call in” based on conflict with Neighbourhood Plan Parking policy.

Resolved that Cllr Cuddington to raise this on behalf of the Parish Council as well

Proposed Cllr Cuddington Seconded Cllr Coney

ACTION: Cllr Cuddington

295/24 Finance

RESOLVED the following items be authorised for payment
 Proposed Cllr Andrew Seconded Cllr Cuddington

Expenditure			
Inv Date	Payee / Supplier	Description	TOTAL
JUNE			
01/06/2024	Eon	Back Lane Pavilion Electric	£ 184.33
01/06/2024	Eon	HPC Office Electric	£ 155.93
26/06/2024	Salaries	June salaries	£ 4,846.93
26/06/2024	HMRC	Tax/NI - salaries	£ 1,129.23
14/06/2024	NEST	Pension- salaries	£ 429.72
12/06/2024	NetPayDue.com Ltd	Monthly Payroll Fee	£ 12.00
10/05/2024	UK Fuels	Monthly Fuel costs	£ 29.09
25/05/2024	BT	Quarterly Bill	£ 257.72
30/05/2024	Cromwell Tools Derby	Protective working clothing	£ 181.57
31/05/2024	Sterilizing Services Ltd	Quarterly Water testing	£ 107.98
31/05/2024	Hilton Village Hall	Mums and Tots Room Hire	£ 56.56
31/05/2024	Hilton Village Hall	Room Hire - May Meeting	£ 76.40
31/05/2024	Aucuba Landscapes Ltd	Grass Mowing and Pitch Spiking and Weedkilling	£ 1,905.64
06/06/2024	South Derbyshire District Council	Playground Inspection	£ 180.00
10/06/2024	Hector's Electrics Ltd	Electrical Work for Hilton Harriers following water dama	£ 1,966.62
10/06/2024	Cromwell Tools Derby	Refuse sacks / Wipes / Cleaning towel dispenser	£ 290.36
11/06/2024	South Derbyshire Badger Trust	Inspection Report	£ 75.00
12/06/2024	Fenland Leisure Products t/a online Playgrounds	Additional replacement parts and tools	£ 444.56
12/06/2024	Tree & Garden Services	Work around Back Lane Pavilion slabs and benches etc	£ 3,864.00
12/06/2024	Heritage Wood Limited	Plaque for Memorial Meadow	£ 70.00
17/06/2024	G Burley & Sons t/a Plantscape	Summer Hanging Baskets and maintenance of	£ 12,177.60
11/06/2024	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog Waste Bags	£ 137.94
20/06/2024	R Massey & Son (Woodville) Ltd	Paint	£ 29.48
18/06/2024	Michael McNally	Tree clearance 46-48 Thames Way	£ 270.00
			£ 28,878.66

Along with confirming the receipt of the following income.

Income							
Date	Description	TOTAL	SDDC/DCC	Pitch Hire	VAT	s106	Other
JUNE							
12/06/2024	Pitch Hire	£27.00		£27.00			
09/06/2024	Pitch Hire	£15.00		£15.00			
06/06/2024	HMRC VAT Refund	£3,017.07			£3,017.07		
04/06/2024	Pitch Hire	£10.00		£10.00			
02/06/2024	Pitch Hire	£135.00		£135.00			
				£0.00			
				£0.00			
		£ 3,204.07	£ -	£ 187.00	£ 3,017.07	£ -	£ -

Reconciliation of Bank Accounts

The RFO confirmed that the bank accounts reconcile and these are now saved to the Parish Council website

Bank Balance Summary

Bank Accounts as at 18/06/24

Current Account £ 43,885.82
Savings Account £326,704.75
Totals £370,590.57

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

Section 137 Applications to consider

HATS – Grant for use of Village Hall for rehearsals and storage of props

Resolved: the Council approve the grant of £3,806.24 for the current financial year to support the activities of the group.

Proposed by: Cllr Stanton Seconded by: Cllr Nield

ACTION: Cllr Cuddington to inform the applicant of the Council's decision

296/24 Councillor Reports

- Mease Pavilion Lease Changes –valuation booked for Thursday 27th June.
- The Mease Roundabout flooding – Cllr Andrew chased DCC now that other bodies had completed their works.
- Office Manager Recruitment – 2 candidates to be invited back for a second interview from the shortlist of 4. **ACTION:** Cllrs Coney, Gaskin and Stanton to arrange new questions and interviews in the 1st week of July.

- Party on the Park – this year’s event will be held on 6 July. **ACTION:** Cllr Coney progressing a number of issues as part of his role on the organising committee.

297/24 Reports from external bodies

- Flood Liaison Committee – no meeting.
- East Midland Intermodal Portal – no meeting.
- Hilton Harriers Football Club – **ACTION:** Cllr Cuddington to write to Cllr Andrew (in his District Councillor role) to check rules around sponsored signage.
- Toyota liaison – no meeting.
- SDDC Joint Meeting with Parish Councils – no meeting.
- Parish and Town Councils Liaison Forum (DCC) – Cllrs Coney attended a virtual meeting on 18th June with only 3 other Parish Councils represented regarding outstanding issues with DCC Highways. DCC agreed to take away and consider a number of issues further.
- Etwall Area Safer Neighbourhoods meeting – no meeting. However, **ACTION:** Cllr Stanton to bring forward earlier comments about school parking at the Mease Academy to next meeting.

298/24 Parish Council next 4 years Strategy Plan

- Traffic Survey – **ACTION:** Cllr Cuddington offered to distribute further more detailed analysis of County Council provided data, now that he had established that they had provided more detailed data to Aldi and Trenport than to us, despite the fact that we commissioned the survey.
- Playground signs – draft proposals to be circulated
ACTION: Cllr McCreadie to circulate proposals based on comments received
- Football pitch improvements – Cllr McCreadie has circulated the findings of the Pitchpower assessment, some discussion relating to upgrading the “knock about” area at the southern end of the main park was held.

Resolved to approve the funding of a full survey.

Proposed Cllr Cuddington Seconded Cllr Gaskin

ACTION: Cllr McCreadie to progress and provide an update at the next meeting.

- SIDS – Cllr Coney was in the process of obtaining quotations for this work to be undertaken. **ACTION:** Cllr Coney to bring options to next meeting.
- Bus shelters – Cllr Andrew has chased progress with SDDC on both the provision of a new Bus Shelter on the north side of Derby Rd and the repair of the existing one on the south side. **ACTION:** Cllr Andrew to continue to chase responses.
- Back Lane Pavilion improvements – remaining windows related work to commence 12th August with Burton Glass fitting new windows and removing the metal bars to the front of the Pavilion.
- Playground improvements – Cllr Stanton has investigated the provision of a Street Basketball and kickabout set up to be located where the current concrete table tennis tables exist. The move of both table tennis tables, one slightly further away and the other to Main St was discussed.

Resolved that more detailed proposals and costs be submitted to the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Stanton to submit proposals to the next meeting

299/24 HHFC Sponsorship

Agreed that the Council do not wish to see the pavilions name sponsored and that the club be reminded of the availability to apply for Section 137 Grants if they wish to provide facilities for the community.

ACTION: Cllr Cuddington to write to the club about the section 137 process.

300/24 SDDC Directors visit 12th August 2024

Following some debate over the effectiveness of the proposed visit, it was RESOLVED that Cllr Andrew be invited to draw an itinerary for the visit to point out local issues and hope to influence SDDC thinking.

Proposed by: Cllr Cuddington Seconded by: Cllr Nield

ACTION: Cllr Andrew to draw up and circulate the plans for the visit.

301/2024 Agenda Items for next meeting

The following items would be discussed at the next meeting:

- Playground proposals
- Health and Wellbeing item
- Memorial Meadow Wall
- Noise survey for Derby Road

302/2024 Dates of next meetings

Parish Council Meeting to be held at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 31 July 2024** at Hilton Village Hall.

The meeting was closed @ 9:45 pm

Signed _____ Chairman / Vice Chairman

Notes taken by Cllr G Andrew