

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2014

Present:

Mrs Jane Chater – Chairman
Mr Mark Alexander
Mr Roy Ellis
Mrs Virginia Walker
District Councillor: Tony Orgee
County Councillor: P Topping -

6 Village Residents present

1. Apologies for absence.

Mrs Barbara Fagg
Dr Stephen Trudgill
Mrs Margaret Hardy

2. Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mrs Jane Chater resigned her post (notice was given at 2013 Annual meeting)
Mrs Barbara Fagg not present. Tony Orgee gave permission for Jane to Chair this meeting with approval from other Councillors present.

3. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

4. To approve and sign Minutes of the Meeting on 10th March 2014.

Meeting approved and signed.

5. Chairman's Report

The village clean- up day was organised by the Chairman was well attended. JC offered to organise this next year.

Hunts Lane- permission would be needed before any signs could be put up. It was suggested that a meeting be set up between residents, Councillors and Mike Cooper from Highways. PT informed that Hunts Lane was due for repair and dressing "in the Spring", but no date given.

Due to the resignation of JC and MH, 2 new Councillors will be needed. TO advised that Andrew Francis could provide a form to put up on Notice board. If more than 2 applicants then an election would be needed, if not they could be co-opted on. Clerk to follow up.

Village Hall repairs- RE had spoken to a roofing expert who suggested that it may be possible to do less repairs on the hall roof that initially thought. More quotes for this to be obtained.

Wellcome Trust have still not put up the owl boxes.

A letter has been sent to Andy Whiffen at Hexcel regarding lorries through the village, asking if postcode could be changed so that delivery drivers went to Main entrance in Ickleton Rd rather than to the back gate.

6. Public Session

Concern was raised at the state of some of the pavements in the village, particularly near the Village Hall. MA to find out.

A resident asked if Wellcome Trust could be questioned about the state of Hall Farmhouse which he thought needed urgent work done.

7. Finance

Approval of Accounts for April 2013- March 2014

The accounts of the above period were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read out the questions on the Statement of Assurance and the Council replied in the affirmative to all the questions.

Current position of Bank Balances at 6th May 2014

Current/Treasurers A/C : £4542.75 Business A/C: £11004.43 Bridge A/C: £2000.
Playground (9460) A/C :£35.01

To approve the following payments:

Donations £200 EAAA
£50 Bobby Scheme
£1082 Grass Cutting C Frankau

8. Planning Applications

2 Silver Birch trees to be felled at the Old Manor House

10 Hunts Lane- to convert 2 bays of cart shed to accommodation

Decisions

31 High St- ramp converted to steps- Approved

9. Correspondence

None

10 .AOB

Tree works at allotments done- pollarding carried out rather too enthusiastically!
Online Banking applied for- agreed that Clerk will obtain permission before any payments made and to show statements to a Councillor each month for signing.
Proposal to ask Government for 5% of any business rates to be paid to their Parish Council. Agreed.

Housing Survey response- only 3 replies, 1 for, 1 against and one with no objection..
TO explained that Hinxton is an infill village of 2 dwellings unless a need for affordable housing exists. It was agreed that a need for affordable housing in Hinxton is not there.

Thanks were given for Margaret Hardys' work over the years, a card and token would be given to her.

Thanks were then given to Jane Chater for her sterling hard work on the Council and as Chairman over the past 8 years. She will be missed- although has offered her help as an advisor to Clerk if required, Clerk very grateful!

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The next Parish Meeting will be on 14th July 2014 at 7.45pm.