

## **HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 19.45.

Present:

Mrs Jane Chater Chairman

Mr Roy Ellis

Dr Stephen Trudgill

Mrs Virginia Walker

Mr Mark Alexander

Mrs Anne Angell Parish Clerk

District Councillor: Tony Orgee

County Councillor: Peter Topping

3 Village Residents present

### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Mrs Barbara Fagg

Mrs Margaret Hardy

### **2. Declaration of Members' Interests**

None

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

Minutes were approved by councilors and signed by Chairman Jane Chater

### **4. Matters arising**

Vandalism at the ford- 2 field gates had been smashed and the rails on the bridge had been forced apart , possibly by a vehicle trying to pull them off. JC has reported to the Police.

MA reported continuing problems with Hunts Lane, residents unhappy with the state of the lane, but highways deemed it not to be a problem to vehicle safety, the same for potholes at the Ford. A drain in the High Street is damaged and also a hole has appeared by an inspection cover in Mill Lane. These have been reported to relevant agencies.

### **5. Chairman's report.**

Village clean-up has been booked for the 12<sup>th</sup> April, article to go in the Hinxton News.

Lorry stuck in ford, this lorry was being used in connection with Railway. Some damage had been done to ford structure, highways have been informed.

### **6. Wellcome Trust Liaison meeting.**

JC and ST met with Wellcome Trust representatives on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014. Main points- funding from Higher Level stewardship scheme will go towards improving paddocks at Knights Close, to include fencing repairs, tree planting and installing owl boxes(these have already been procured). The pruning of trees on the Allotments is due to start shortly. WT asked that dogs should be kept on leads when in the Hall grounds, ST to send a letter for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Affordable Housing- WT asked that Hinxton residents views are sought regarding building of affordable homes on WT land. JC to write a piece for Newsletter in the form of a survey to identify needs and interest.  
Village Hall repairs-WT were asked if they would be able to help with financial cost of repairs. WT asked to see survey and to submit 3 estimates/quotes and they would then consider this.

*Official council session was closed and the public session was opened early to include the next item.*

## **7& 8 Village Hall Repairs.**

Representatives from the Village Hall Committee voiced their concerns over the damage being done to the interior of the Village Hall by water ingress. They have spent many hours fundraising and carrying out improvements to the interior, which has been enjoyed by many people using the Hall. Simon Garnier has submitted a survey showing work needed and an estimate has been received. VHC asked the PC if something could be done urgently to save any further damage.

PC acknowledged the huge amount of work done by VHC and that although the exterior is PCs responsibility, it wasn't able to fund the total cost itself. Various options were discussed- Community Chest, Wellcome Trust, other Grants available as well as fund raising. It was agreed that a letter would go out in the Newsletter asking for help to organize this work, preferably someone with the knowledge or enthusiasm to place applications for grants etc.

*The official council session reopened at 20.45*

## **9 Finance**

Precept for 2014/15 has been set at £9150 (5% increase)

Current position of bank balances and expenditure on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

**Current A/C:** £5159.17 **Business A/C:** £11,003.08 **Bridge A/C:** £2,000  
**Playground A/C:** £11,393.01

### **To approve the following payments:**

E-on: £20.74  
British Gas: £380  
ACRE subs  
D Remijn salary  
Street Lighting £28.71 +VAT  
Amey Cespa £4000 from playground a/c

All approved.

## **7. Planning**

Applications-

31 High St-ramp converted to steps

66 High St -Timber framed garage

Decisions-

Manor House- approved by SCDC

Church Green House-demolition of garage approved

## **8. Correspondence**

None

## **9. Councillors reports**

Tony Orgee: Local plan – went to Cabinet minister, meeting Thursday to consider the Plan.

Hanley Grange not mentioned in any further plans.

District Councils budget up by 1.99%

HPC Band D council tax set at £1547.67

Still no news regarding the Purchase of garages in Duxford Road.

Report from Peter Topping – Hunts Lane, in discussion but suggested it was closed.

Hexcel- lorries coming through the village not their responsibility.

Cycleways- cross border talks underway with Utilesford Council.

City Deal- money may be available for roads etc, negotiations underway.

## **10. AOB**

Fencing in New Rd – WT said that ivy is to stay on the fence.

Lorries- JC to contact Hexcel to try and arrange a meeting.

Ford- MA to contact Mike Cooper to see what the plans are for the ford with regard to putting up lockable gates.

Councillors voted to increase Clerks pay to £12 per hour.

Next meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 19.45.

Meeting was closed at 21.40 hours.