

**HIXON PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Present: Cllr B McKeown (Chair), Cllr J Carmichael , Cllr D Sephton,  
Cllr Mrs S McKeown, Cllr Mrs C Hassall, Cllr G Tummey, Cllr R Tonge

Apologies: Members of the Public: Cllr A Perkins, Cllr L Bloomer, Cllr J Tabernor, Cllr A Stafford-Northcote

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. The Financial Officer gave a report on the receipts and expenditure for 2011 - 2012, reviewing the main sources of income and of expenditure. When the 2011 - 2012 budget was prepared, it was expected that the Fitness Trail and Play Equipment on the playing field would be paid for in 2010 – 2011. However, installation was delayed and the bulk of the payments and receipts for this project were made in the year 2011 – 2012. The Parish Council bank balance at the start of the year (1st April 2011) was £48,113.65 and at the end of the year (31st March 2012) was £45,937.72, higher than expected due to larger VAT returns than anticipated and lower costs incurred for Parish Administration. No major projects were started in 2011- 2012 but plans were laid for projects commencing 2012 – 2013.

2. The Chairman gave a report on the previous 12 months Parish Council Initiatives: the completion of the fitness trail and new play equipment for the playing field and the allotments for residents were highlighted. The L.D.F. proposals and the Core Waste Strategy together with the Council's response were reviewed. Other matters that the council has been involved with, including liaison with Stowe-by-Chartley PC on Section 53 application and raising concerns about planning infringements, were mentioned.

Looking forward, it was stated that the Parish Council is planning a 4-5 year programme of highway safety schemes and a Speedwatch campaign is already underway. There are many challenges ahead including Industrial Development on Hixon Airfield, which could spiral out of control if Stafford Borough Council continues to make job creation the over-riding consideration in dealing with planning applications. A new Parish Council website is under construction which should provide a much better platform for getting information out, to help with better communication with the community of Hixon Parish .

4. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman (previously reviewed in June 2011).

5. Other Business; The accounts from Stowe Consolidated Charities from 2011/2012 were read out by the Chair (this was also included on the main Parish Council agenda).

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed as a true account: ..... Date: .....