

**HIXON PARISH MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 20th May 2014**

Present: Cllr B McKeown (Chair), Cllr J Carmichael, Cllr P Hopcroft,
Cllr Mrs S McKeown, Cllr Mrs C Hassall,

Apologies: Cllr D Sephton, Cllr G Tummey, Cllr R Tonge. Members of the Public: Cllr L Bloomer.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman (previously reviewed in June 2013).

Matters Arising

2. The Chair- Councillor Brendan McKeown - gave a presentation covering:

The proposed highway safety measures in Hixon, focussing on the High Street proposal that is intended to be completed first.

The Boundary Review: proposals are for Hixon to stay with the Haywoods/Colwich. Post cards will be delivered to each house to give residents the opportunity to let the Boundary Commission know that they would rather be with Stowe by Chartley, Gayton etc.

The new equipment on the playing field: some new pieces of play equipment will be installed during the summer, following an offer of a grant for £10000 from Awards for All. The Parish Council make up the rest of ca. £6650. It is hoped that new equipment for younger children will be installed on the Millennium Green in the near future, the existing equipment should be available for use again from the middle of June.

Neighbourhood Plan: this is progressing very well with all households receiving a questionnaire and ca. 58% of households returning it. Analysis will take a few months and there will be a public exhibition of the results and the proposals for the plan.

Allotments: The Chair of the Allotment Committee, Colin Hutchinson, gave a presentation on the first 3 years of the Allotments and talked about how plots were allocated and plot availability. A question was asked about how long people were likely to wait, if they went on the waiting list.

3. The receipts and expenditure for 2013 - 2014, reviewing the main sources of income and of expenditure. There had not been any major projects in the year and both receipts and expenditure were relatively low. The Parish Council had slightly more money in the bank at the end of the year than at the beginning, meaning that money is available for some projects in 2014-2015.

4. The Chairman's report on the previous 12 months Parish Council Initiatives is covered by the above.

5. AOB: Questions on D&G buses, the lack of a footpath between Hixon and Great Haywood and why cameras had been erected at some junctions in Hixon were raised and have been included in the main Parish Council meeting minutes.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed as a true account: Date: