

**HIXON PARISH MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 19th May 2015**

Present: Cllr B McKeown (Chair), Cllr Mrs S McKeown, Cllr. Mrs M Aberley, Cllr. Mrs C Murdoch, Cllr. M Kelly,
Cllr. N Baxter, Cllr. A Murdoch

Apologies: Cllr. P Hopcroft

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman in June 2014.

Matters Arising

2. The Chair - Councillor Brendan McKeown - asked the members of the Parish Council to introduce themselves and then followed with a presentation covering:

Neighbourhood Plan: this is in the final stages of being drafted, prior to being submitted to Stafford Borough Council.

The new children's play equipment installed on the playing field, funded by a grant of £10000 from Awards for All, with the Parish Council making up the rest of ca. £6650.

Number of planning applications considered by the Parish Council since last Parish Meeting = 42. The major planning applications were:

14/20548/FUL Thirty - 2, 3, and 4 bedroom homes, to include affordable housing, Land Adjacent To 24 The Croft Off (site 2) Church Lane Hixon;

14/20711/OUT Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings with access, Land Adjacent To Yew Tree House, Egg Lane, Hixon;

14/20570/OUT Proposed commercial building for Use Classes B1, B2 & B8, Land Adjacent Airfield Industrial Estate, New Road, Hixon;

14/20610/FUL Single-storey factory extension for B1, B2 and B8 uses to be constructed in two phases, along with vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas, Bri Stor Systems Limited Hixon Industrial Estate;

14/20863/OUT Outline planning application for a development of up to 101 dwellings with associated access and all other matters reserved. Land Adjacent Rakestone, Stowe Lane, Hixon;

14/20900/FUL Proposed Gospel Hall with car parking, lighting, landscaping and associated works, Staffordshire Police Service Skid Pan, New Road, Hixon;

14/21267/REM Submission of reserved matters pursuant to planning permission 13/19249/OUT (appearance, layout, scale and landscape for approval) for the erection of 76 dwellings served via access from New Road;

14/21190/FUL Warehouse unit with parking, balancing pond and closure of existing access, Land Adjacent To Units 3 To 4 Neptune Business Park, London Road, Pasturefields;

15/21806/OUT Outline Planning Application for a development of up to 90 dwellings with associated access and all other matters reserved. Land Adjacent Rakestone, Stowe Lane, Hixon; and now

15/22017/OUT Outline application for residential development comprising up to 50 detached /semi-detached properties, Land Adjacent To 24 The Croft, Off Church Lane, Hixon.

The Chair went on to talk about the challenges that face Hixon and the Parish Council: these include completing the Neighbourhood Plan and getting it adopted and finding ways to improve the amenities, facilities and services in Hixon Parish over the coming years. HS2 may possibly turn out to be a challenge for Hixon, depending upon the final route.

3. The receipts and expenditure for 2014 - 2015, were presented by the Clerk, reviewing the main sources of income and of expenditure. The main projects were the play equipment and the Highway Safety Feature on High Street. The Parish Council had £10,736 less in the bank at the end of 2014-2015 than it had at the start of 2014-2015

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

5. AOB: Nothing was raised at this point, discussions took place on the planning application for 50 houses as part of Public Participation at the Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at approx.7.30pm.

Signed as a true account: Date: