

Hixon Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday January 12th 2016

In attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Cllr. B McKeown (Chair), Cllr Mrs S McKeown, Cllr N Baxter, Cllr A Murdoch, Cllr M Kelly, Cllr Mrs C Murdoch, Cllr. P Hopcroft .

Members of the public: See list of people signing as In Attendance.

Ref	Item	Action
001/15	Apologies received from Cllr Mrs M Aberley	-
002/15	No Interests declared	-
003/15	Minutes of meeting December 15th 2015 were accepted as accurate.	-
052/15	Discuss and Finalise budget and precept for 2016-2017, including projects etc.	
	Ideas for consideration:	
1	Purchase of PC Christmas tree (ca. £75), electricity for lights (ca. £25pa), electrical connection/earthworks (ca. £500, purchase of lights (ca. £50).	Agreed
2	Best Christmas lights competition, prize £25.	Rejected
3	Raised crossing on Church Lane by school ca. £5K	Agreed
4	Gateway features: improvements to village entrances ca. £5K	Agreed
	Clerk's salary and allowances for 2016-2017 agreed: timing of salary review period moved from January to December to April to March, to fit in with financial year. Revised salary to start in April 2016, extra 2 hours per month agreed with hourly rate increase of 3%. To compensate for delay in implementation of salary increase by 3 months, 3x£50 monthly compensation payments to be made. Agreed extra £6pm allowance to cover half the cost superfast broadband.	Clerk
	Precept reviewed: Agreed unanimously (of those present) to increase precept by 1.9% from last year to £26,529.67	Clerk
	Agreed to cover payments for mowing and weed-killing Millennium Green for a further year.	Clerk
	Purchase a cheap mobile phone for Clerk so easier to contact councillors etc. quickly. - Clerk to look at options.	Clerk
	Money for Highway safety and Gateway features included in budget. Also publicity for lease of HFC (Vicarage Way) Open Space.	Clerk
	Cllr Hopcroft to speak to Peter Baskerville re plans for buildings on Industrial Estate, adjacent to Church Lane.	Cllr. Hopcroft
	Use labour of Bri-Stor apprentices for notice board refurbishment.	Clerk
	Clerk to make modifications to budget for sign-off on January 19th.	Clerk
015/12	Final review of Revised Code of Conduct, Standing orders and Financial Regulations: Clerk to check for any more changes required to current document based on changes agreed at meetings and for conformity between SOs and Financial Regs., for meeting on Jan 19th.	Clerk
012/15	Chairman's announcements:	None
013/15	Councillor Questions:	
014/15	Date of next meeting: January 19th 2016	Clerk to book Memorial Hall
015/15	Public Participation:	None
016/15	AOB	
	Cllr. Hopcroft expressed his thanks to the Clerk for the work she has done over the past year, this was supported by the other councillors present.	-
017/15	Planning Applications:	
	15/23426/HOU Grange Barn, The Mount, Stowe Lane - extension to form new garage and extended lounge at ground floor with bedroom and ensuite over, basement below new garage - amendment to approval 15/22026/HOU to include window well as means of escape to basement.	No objection, comment on unsightly nature of soil.
021/15	Documents Received: None	

Meeting finished at 9.30 pm.