

## Hixon Parish Council

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday January 9th 2018

**In attendance for all or part of the meeting:**

Cllr. B McKeown, Cllr Mrs S McKeown, Cllr A Murdoch, Cllr Mrs C Murdoch, Cllr. P Hopcroft, Cllr. N Baxter, Cllr. Mrs M Aberley

Held In Camera

Ref	Item	Action
001/17	Apologies Received from Cllr. M Kelly.	-
002/17	Declarations of interest: None	-
003/17	Minutes: No minutes to agree	-
060/17	Consider budget 2018/2019: The draft budget was distributed and looked at by councillors in conjunction with the Clerk. A few adjustments to the draft were made to E4, E5, E7 and E8 and overall a small amount of money (ca. £250) was removed from expenditure . The Receipts were left unchanged. The increased number of houses in the parish has meant that without increasing the precept charge to residents, there is an increase in the value of the precept of 9%. It was proposed that the precept charge to residents stay the same as for 2017-2018 - this was proposed by Cllr. Hopcroft and seconded by Cllr. Mrs C Murdoch - votes In Favour 6, against 1. Clerk to make adjustments to budget and present for further review with a view to finalise on January 16th 2018.	
	With regards to grass cutting, it was decided to stay with the same contractor but to ask for the grass to be cut short (as short as possible) early in the growing season with a view to the grass being kept short at each cut thereafter. If additional cuts are required to do this, contractor to notify the PC. Cost of extra cuts included in the budget.	
071/17	Consider request for copy of minutes of extra meeting held In Camera 13th April 2017: It was decided that minutes recorded from In Camera meetings or items should not be released to the public as knowing this might happen may inhibit free speech during discussion in these circumstances.	-
006/17	Chairman's announcements:	None
007/17	Councillor Questions	
	The PC had been approached by a resident asking if the PC would support making the Green Man an Asset of Community Value: it was decided that this was something best not led by the PC but would be more effective if from residents in the community. Councillor Mrs C Murdoch to go back to resident to suggest a survey of the village is carried out and a meeting held to discuss this, as this would give a more powerful, collective message. A building designated as an Asset of Community Value has to be identified as under threat.	
	Hedge on Vicarage Way belonging to 8 Church Road : the overgrown hedge has been partly cut back. Councillor Baxter had passed on the offer of further help and advice from both the PC and other local residents.	
	Storm drain on The Croft: Severn Trent have been out to sort out excess storm drain water flowing down The Croft on to Church Lane, from a manhole on the bank.	
	Airfield littering: There is a lot of litter around Cox Long in particular and the airfield in general. Cox Long have been contacted about it - suggest they go the same way as Sandmaster who consider littering outside their premises by employees to be a disciplinary offence.	
	Hedge belonging to Sunnyside Cottage bordering Featherbed Lane and hedge belonging to 6 Greenacre: these are both overgrown and need cutting back again.	-
008/17	Date of next meeting: 16th January 2018	
012/17	Adjourn meeting for Public Participation: This normally occurs at approximately 8.30 pm.	Chair
009/17	Can the corner of the car park opposite the corner that has been hatched as "No Parking" have the same treatment? Yes, this will be done.	
	AOB	
	In Camera discussion regarding treatment of In Camera items and mowing/weedkilling costs.	-
010/17	Correspondence received: None	