

DRAFT Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May 2019

Present: Mr Hugh Hamill (Chairman of the Parish Council), (HH), Mrs Alison Geary (Vice Chair of the Parish Council) (AG), Councillors Mrs Judith Willis (JW), Mr Peter Evans (PE), Mrs Debbie Cordery (DC) and Mrs Stephanie Stott (SS) and Mr Anthony Williams (AW)

Also Present: Mrs Allison Leigh (Clerk) (AL)

Prior to the Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council, AW mentioned that the Annual Parish Meeting minutes of 2018 should not be on Parish Council letterhead as this is a Parish Meeting rather than a council meeting. AW also felt that the Chairman of the Parish Council should not be welcoming the public, but that anyone chosen at the meeting could. HH reported that AL will look into the legalities of this. For the purposes of this meeting, those in attendance agreed for HH to open the meeting with a welcome.

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council:** The Chairman welcomed everyone.
- 2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed with the agreed removal of the Parish Council letterhead.
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes of 23 May 2018:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Report of Chairman of the Parish Council:** HH thanked everyone for coming. He noted that the council has supported several events and endeavors in 2018/2019, which were:

Big Lunch
3 Villages Comet Bus Group
Village Voices
Cedar Community Club

HH reported that for the 2019/2020 council there has been an election process and the elections for Hinton Waldrist Parish Council were uncontested with one vacancy remaining for Parish Councillor still remaining. This was discussed in the subsequent Annual General Meeting 7th May and will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

HH noted there has been the introduction of GDPR policies which have encouraged the council to purchase a laptop for the clerk's use. This laptop is encrypted to continue the council's compliance to GDPR policies.

HH noted that 2018 saw the First World War Centenary and pointed out that Councillor Peter Evans planted 2 trees on behalf of the council to commemorate this event. HH noted that on the village website there is a World War I and II timeline noting those in the village who were killed in service. He noted that because of the courage of others, the village has come to be as it is today. AW mentioned that the church bells rang specifically in 2018 to commemorate the Centenary.

HH noted that the Parish Council meets regularly, but is under increasing burden of regulations.

- 5. Report of the clerk on the financial records of the year ended 31 March 2019 and the budget for 2019-2020:** AL reported that the accounts for 2018/2019 have been completed and reviewed by the internal auditor who has deemed them in order and ready to send to the external auditor.

The council opened with a balance of £3,756.16 and ended with a balance of £4,743.50. The council had a large expenditure of a defibrillator, but this was funded by a grant from Oxfordshire County Council. The council has come in under £991.84.

The 2019/2020 budget was approved at the February 2019 meeting with a precept set for £3,600. A copy of this budget is on the Hinton Waldrist website.

Once approved and signed at the AGM, AL will be posting the Notice of Public rights the week of the 3rd of June. This will have the clerk's contact details should anyone wish to review the accounts within the period designated on the form.

6. Open session: It was discussed that the hemlock (?) is getting high and that it would be nice to know what information DC has received from Blanchards into any work they may be doing and when.

The meeting concluded at 7:50pm.

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Minutes approved by Chairman
Dated: Annual Parish Meeting 2020