

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2013

Present: Mr Peter Evans (Chairman), Mrs Debbie Cordery, Mrs Judith Willis, Mrs Alison Greary, Dr Tian Davidson (Clerk), Mr Anthony Hayward (District Councillor) and 3 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mr Hugh Hamill, Mrs Melinda Tilley (County Councillor) and PC Hannah Farrell.

1. Mr Evans opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and giving a few notices.
2. Minutes of the meeting on 23 April 2012 were agreed and signed by Mr Evans as a true record of the meeting.
3. Matters arising - Dr Davidson reported the outcome regarding the no 63 being late.
4. Parish Council Chairman's report: Mr Evans gave his report (attached). He reported on the Vale housing strategy affecting the Parish; planning applications received and responded; flood issues; tree planting this winter; broadband to village; Duxford footpath; bus service and thanked members of Council and Clerk for their help through the year and to Mrs Audrey Gibbens for taking on the internal audit role.
5. Mr A Hayward discussed the Local Plan 2029 and its impact regarding future housing developments in the Vale.
6. Report of Clerk: Dr Davidson gave a report on the financial records of the year to 31.3.13 and the budget for 2013-2014.
7. Neighbourhood Plan/Community Led Plan: Mr Evans discussed the merits and limitations of neighbourhood and community-led plans. Council received additional information from Katherine MacDonald of Vale Planning department and she commented that Neighbourhood planning was not the best way forward for Hinton Waldrist due to its size and rural location. Council decided to conduct a questionnaire to all householders in the Parish. Mrs Judith Willis reported on the 30 replies from 124 delivered questionnaires. In summary, most important were maintaining the rural nature of village; safe neighbourhood; local schooling; peace and quiet nature; opposed sand extraction; and no street lights. Some (60%) did not want recreational facilities; 62% was against housing and some wanted a village shop and more activities in the Village Hall and Village Church. It was agreed that Council would need to discuss this matter further with Katherine MacDonald and decide on a way forward. Mr Evans would like a community-led plan for the Parish and reported that we may have to conduct another questionnaire and get other people involved. Mr Evans reported that neighbourhood watch has very quiet.
8. Open session:
 - Mr Hayward commented that Neighbourhood Plans will be in place by 2014 for some parishes but a lot of work would be required. A survey will be carried out by the Vale which will form the 2029 report;
 - It was mentioned that in the 35 years, 25 homes were built in the Parish;
 - Mr A Williams considered the discussions so far and the consensus should be for a community led plan; and
 - It was agreed that this transition period would be a difficult time and we would need to assess the outcome.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm.

Signed by Mr Peter EvansDated: 17 June 2014