

## **Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd May 2018**

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

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

**1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council:** The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone.

**2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of 17 May 2017:** The issue of the grass cutting of the verges was raised. It was noted that Nick wouldn't be doing this any longer. It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) cut the verges once per year, but that this isn't sufficient. Members of the public suggested that perhaps HH and AG could have an informal conversation with Chris Lewis with regards to continuing an arrangement of grass cutting. AG agreed to speak with HH about this.

It was noted that AL had enquired as to a contract with OCC to increase the number of cuts. However, the council was not comfortable with the insurance ramifications listed in the contract and decided not to enter into it.

**4. Report of Chairman of the Parish Council (given upon his arrival at the end of the AGM):** HH thanked everyone for coming. He reported that the council meets every other month and had 7 meetings in 2017/8. Of note this year was the departure of Mike Banks as councillor and the council welcomed Stephanie Stott as a new councillor. He reported that an issue that could arise in the coming year is that of potential development on the allotments. He noted there has been no notification as to this from Savills and that the council's position remains the same, which is if and when an application is put in, the council will review and make comments on its merits.

Of other note was that one of the local farmers has sold his farm and it will remain to be seen of any impact that may have on the village. The council welcomes building new relationships.

**5. Report of the clerk on the financial records of the year ended 31 March 2018 and the budget for 2018-2019:** A. Leigh reported that the accounts for 2017/2018 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 £3046.95 and ended with a balance of £3756.16. The council was under budget by £833.10

The 2018 2019 budget was approved at the January 2018 meeting with a precept set for £3525. 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 4th of June. This will have her contact details should anyone wish to review the accounts within the period designated on the form.

**6. Open session:** The Big Lunch was discussed and it was noted that the alcohol license for the event had been obtained. There was a discussion around having an annual alcohol license, but it was noted that there aren't enough functions to make this cost effective. JW

noted that she will be able to look into this further.

The meeting concluded at 8:00pm.

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Minutes approved by Chairman  
Dated: 7/5/19