

**MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF HANWORTH
VILLAGE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM
IN HANWORTH MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Gill Wilton (Chairman Hanworth PC), Gillian Catling, Peter Low, Sally Martin, Robert Ranger (Hanworth PC), Dee Holroyd (clerk Hanworth PC) Cllrs Saul Penfold NCC, John Toye NNDC. Eleven Hanworth residents.

1. **Welcome and Address by Chairman of the Parish Council:** it had been a good year with the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations, both being a great success. Funds of around £1,000 for the Memorial Hall had been raised, although this had not been the intention. Eighty-three people had attended the Coronation event. Progress had been made on the installation of mains drains. Several test pits had been dug (GW had reminded Anglia Water of the exceptionally dry conditions when this was done) with results due in September. The Warm Hub run by the Parish Council had been a great success, achieving a £2,000 grant and was continuing with tea and cake on the Common on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

2. **Report on Hanworth Memorial Hall:** Tony Hadlow reported that the Memorial Hall debt of over £17,000 had become a current credit balance of £8,000, Simon Barclays 72 mile walk had generated £3,000. About another £15,000 was needed, it was hoped to build a patio. Grants were being applied for.

High speed broadband was now installed. There had been a Harvest Supper, an Act of Remembrance, and a Carol Service in the hall.

More support/activities were coming in, with cakes on the Common, Pilates (a few more people would make it self supporting but the activity had qualified for a Sport for All grant.

There was a weekly bridge group evening.

A monthly percussion group

One more regular event would increase the income enough to cover the regular costs of the hall.

3. **Report on Coronation Celebrations:** these had been a great success, as in the Chairman's report. About half the food and drink had been left over had been frozen or stored for another occasion. Hanworth PC had put up £300 towards the costs.

4. **Public Questions:** A request for a seat to be placed on the Common. This would be researched for the next Agenda.

A demonstration of how to use the defibrillator should be arranged. This could be done by a first responder (David Peto - the guardian of the defibrillator could arrange this).

A map of the village showing houses with occupants willing to be called upon to take the defibrillator to where needed would be useful. Such a map using the *what3words* app would be generally useful.

The five church bells were in relatively good condition but sitting on very ancient timbers. Could they be restored to ring again. Problem was funding, there are over six hundred Medieval churches in Norfolk. It was agreed that funding for the Memorial Hall should be completed and the bells considered at the end of the year. A survey will be carried out on the church by the Diocesan Board, this year. Rev Heather Butcher, priest in charge, said her main concern was to keep them watertight.

The telephone box sat on an uneven base. David Attew would attempt to lift the box and put a new slab underneath. GW asked for volunteers to repair the box, painting and a new door were needed. Materials would be provided by the PC.

There was also need for a new gate on the Memorial Hall car park

5. Any Other Business: None.
The meeting closed at 7.45pm.