**Minutes of a meeting of Hanworth Parish Council held in**

**Hanworth Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st November at 7.00pm**

Present: Gill Wilton (Chairman), Stephen Francis, Peter Low, Sally Martin, Robert Ranger, Dee Holroyd (clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Gill Catling, Cllr John Toye, Cllr Saul Penfold.
2. **Declarations of interest:** none
3. **Cllrs Saul Penfold, John Toye:** were not present, JT had sent a newsletter and a link to rural funding. He asked to be informed of the times of the warm hub, so he could attend.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 1stAugust:** were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed BR, seconded SM.
5. **Matters arising:**

David Peto was arranging for the defibrillator demonstration.

Faster broadband was not scheduled for Hanworth although a line had been put through Hanworth to take it to Sustead.

1. **Financial Report, Budget and setting of Precept for 23-24**

Current credit balance was £2,288. The budget showed an expected credit balance of £1,246 for November 2024. It was agreed there would be no increase in the precept, proposed BR seconded SM. DH to apply for £2,500.

Expenditure since the August meeting:

Hanworth - PCC donation 500.00

D Holroyd - sal/office 3 months 200.00

HMRC - tax 80.00

Unity Bank - service charge 18.00

NNDC – election costs 20.47

1. **Any other business:** a question was asked about the application for development of new homes behind the Hanworth Post Office building on the A40. This scheme would not get approval and had probably been abandoned.

Phone box: No progress had been made on restoration. GW suggested that the PC sell it. All agreed.

GW had attended a meeting about mains drainage and was told the cost of bringing it to Hanworth would be too great. However there was an opportunity to appeal which would be taken. It was subsequently discovered that AW had made an application for grant funding for a Hanworth scheme, so it was clearly on their list.

Repair of the church roof was under way but with fibre glass replacement rather than led which was susceptible to theft.

SM had contact for a fund supporting economic growth, which offered a 50% grant to small businesses starting up in the area.

GW asked all councillors to be aware that a further member of the Parish Council would be welcome.

1. Date of next meeting: 4th February 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm