# Minutes of a Meeting of Hanworth Parish Council in Hanworth Memorial Hall on

# Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Gill Wilton (Chairman), Steve Francis, Peter Low, Sally Martin, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Cllr John Toye (NNDC) one member of the public.

## 2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Saul Penfold (NCC), Lindsey Bradford, Robert Ranger.

## 2.Declarations of Interest: none

3.Cllr John Toye: confirmed that:

a) Second homes Council Tax would now be charged at 100 percent.

b) The deferral of Norfolk County Council's elections is part of a planned devolution deal announced by the government, which will see existing councils abolished and replaced by new authorities, with a mayor overseeing Norfolk and Suffolk. Once boundary changes are in place there will be elections in May 2026. The same applies to North Norfolk District Council. A meeting to clarify this will be held later this month.

c) JT confirmed that a carbon capture facility at Bacton would bury carbon waste returned to the site. A small scalehydrogen plant is proposed for installation at Bacton.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024 were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed SM, seconded SF.

5. Matters arising:

Installation of grit bins: Cllr Saul Penfold had expected these to be in place by 2nd February, but so far this had not happened. DH to contact SP.

6. Revised planning application PF/24/1364 Owlets: Parish Council comments. The meeting agreed that the revised plan showed little improvement. The existing roof shape should be retained as it is of particular importance to local residents due to the very prominent position of the property on the Common.

There would be a Planning Committee meeting at NNDC offices on 6th March. GW would draft and circulate for approval, a letter to the committee, requesting in particular the dimensions of the proposed extension.. All agreed.

The Old Pig Barn, Helsdons Farm: CL/25/0211 an application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of property as residential dwelling in breach of condition 5 (use for holiday accommodation purposes only) of planning permission 20090242 had been received. All agreed that the parish council had no objections.

6. Safety of bus stop outside the old post office on A140. Should/could the northern stop be moved to the lay-by away from the Aldborough junction. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no practical alternative to the present position.

Financial report: a bank reconciliation had been circulated showing a current credit balance of £1872. Robert Canwell was re-appointed internal auditor for the year 2024-25.it was agreed that the Precept would remain the same, there would be a small reduction in individual payments due to the high charge for second homes in the area. Payments since the November meeting had been

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| 22/11/2023 |  |  | 15.00 | W Beauchamp | Website |
| 22/11/2023 |  |  | 15.00 | Hanworth | Hire of hall |
| 30/11/2024 |  |  | 6.00 | Unity | Bank charge |
| 20/12/2023 |  |  | 500.00 | Hanworth PPC | Mowing churchyard |
| 31/12/2023 |  |  | 6.00 | Unity | Bank charge |
| 31/01/2025 |  |  | 6.00 | Unity | Bank charge |

7. Any other business: an exposed wire outside Southerly on Hanworth Common had been reported to BT but was still exposed. DH to contact BT.

8. Date of next meeting: 7th May 2025

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.