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

**Hanworth Memorial Hall on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7.00pm**

Present: Gill Wilton (Chairman), Lindsey Bradford, Peter Low, Sally Martin, Robert Ranger, Dee Holroyd (clerk), five members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**: Steve Francis
2. **Declarations of interest:** none
3. **Cllrs Saul Penfold, John Toye:** Cllr SP had arranged for two grit bins to be delivered to Hanworth. Colour green, a request for black, if available was made. The cost would be covered by his annual NCC allowance. He was asked whether the gate to the Common could be scheduled for annual inspection.
4. A request was put in for the double white lines at the junction of White Post Road and the A140 to be re-painted.

Budget wise NCC were hoping for a longer than one year term to be settled on them. Devolution is now off but there could be an Eastern Region Mayor. Elections will be held next May when allocations of parishes may change.

Cllr John Toye. A new local plan for housing did not include anything for Hanworth. Money was in place for the new Fakenham leisure centre, which would hopefully be completed alongside the new houses to be built there. JT said that re chemical disposal the government has given funds to assist with the nutrient neutrality. We do not yet know what the proportion will be for north Norfolk but hope it will release some of the stalled house building projects sooner.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th August were agreed, proposed PL, seconded SM and signed by the chairman.
2. **Matters arising:**

A letter from Highways had been circulated. Neither the exit sign nor the double white lines requested previously and again at the meeting, would be done by Highways.

1. **Planning: PF/24.2068 Owletts:** GW had circulated a draft document setting out the Parish Council`s objections to the above. The planning application was to be heard at the NNDC Development Committee meeting on Thursday 14th November. The Parish Council was disappointed that they had been given so little time to put together their objections. GW would speak at the meeting. There had been strong objections to this application from Hanworth residents.Briefly, while original plans had been slightly revised it was still felt the proposed extension was too large and of unsuitable materials for a cottage in such a prominent position, being the only residence actually on the common and the first house to be seen when approaching the common from the A140. Preplanning application had been made but no notification of this was given. The owner of Owletts and the architect were present at the meeting. The architect believed the extension was sympathetic and would be screened by trees. The owner confirmed it would become his home. JT confirmed that there had been a site visit and comments had been listened to. Planning was aware of the local opinion that this application is not acceptable. The PC agreed that the document be sent to NNDC Planning Committee.
2. **Questionnaire on NNDC Planning Department.** This had been circulated to NNDC parishes by Catfield Parish Council. It was agreed that GW would complete and return the questionnaire.
3. **Financial Report, Budget and setting of Precept for 24-25**

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

Expenditure since the August meeting

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| 25/09/2024 |  | Income Received | 190.00 | D C Holroyd |
| 25/09/2024 |  |  | 40.00 | HMRC |
| 25/09/2024 |  |  | 119.50 | Han Mem Hall |
| 30/09/2024 | Precept | 1,250.00 | 18.00 | Unity |
| 31/10/2024 | Barclays | 68.87 | 5.40 | Unity |
|  |  | **4,184.24** | **1,764.15** |  |

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

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm