**Minutes of an annual meeting of Hanworth Village held in Hanworth Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7th May, 2025 at 7.00 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**Present:** Gill Wilton (Chairman Hanworth PC), Lindsey Bradford, Stephen Francis, Peter Low, Sally Martin, Robert Ranger (Hanworth PC) Dee Holroyd (Clerk), five members of the public.

1. **The Chairman** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. The `phone box was being repaired by Dene for which the village is extremely grateful. We have two new grit boxes, paid for by NCC.

GW had attempted to get a new footpath. This might be possible after a three-year interval.

GW reported a vacancy on the parish council and asked if anyone present would be willing to join. It was a small commitment, only four meetings a year. The danger of having reduced members of the Hanworth PC was of being amalgamated with another council and losing our small voice.

1. **Report on Hanworth Memorial Hall:** the patio at the back and drive at the front, have been completed. There would be a Victory for the Common People party on 26th July. Any help would be gratefully appreciated.
2. **Report on progress with mains drainage for Hanworth:** we had been told this might take up to ten years. A survey had been done and a communal field cesspit, if installed, would be emptied by lorry. This is not acceptable. The Environment Agency had questioned Anglia Water as to what the residents needed to do. Some were discharging but it was not clear where their waste was going. Whatever is decided looks as if it will take time.
3. **Public Questions:**

Solar panels: has any property on the Common got them and if so, has it been an issue. There were two houses with panels, no issues.

Bus stop: there used to be one at Hanworth Cross but because it was not used it was removed. It might be reinstated if it is to be used again. A resident offered to investigate this. A community bus was suggested. GW would make enquiries.

Victory for the Common People 27th July. A suggestion of farm vehicles and classic cars should be put to the Commons Committee.

Phone box: what is it to be used for? It is on Weavers Way, so perhaps water, some snack food with a donation box. A shelf of books was suggested, a mirror reinstated. A short history of the village and a map of local walks. A small art gallery. If the electric power could be increased to 12 volts, two chargers could be installed and a Starlink box in the space at the top of the box, possibly linked to the Memorial Hall.

A request for new timber to repair the bottom of the door was made. The pc would cover this cost.

The phone box would be fenced against the cattle.

GW reported the Memorial Hall was losing £100 month and needed more events. Perhaps an art class as the one in Aldborough had a waiting list.

A question was asked about the way in which parish councils

might be affected by the re-arrangement of County and District Councils. PCs would not be directly affected but would have in future to talk to people at Norwich rather than the NNDC at Cromer.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.