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Draft Minutes of the Hallow Parish Ordinary Meeting of Hallow Parish held on Monday **14th November 2022** held at **Hallow Parish Hall**

PRESENT: Hazel Kemshall, Michael Silvester, Jason Walker, Lorna Marson, James Rose and the Clerk Lynne Ambury

In Attendance: There were 2 members of the public present

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Declarations of interest and applications for Councillor Dispensations subject to the Localism Act 2011.
None

3. Public Question Time

Damage to Hollybank -holes being dug and 2 benches are in disrepair. The Clerk will have this attended to.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the meeting in October

Approval of the Draft Minutes for October previously circulated.

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan and South Worcestershire Development Matters

5.1 LM proposed that HPC formally respond to the SWDPR, MS seconded and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr HK will also liaise with Grimley and Holt

5.2 NDP Cllrs agreed that HK would approach the NDP steering group for input and clarify a few issues with Planit-X regarding the First Homes Policy before accepting the amendments.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 Appeal:21/02663/PIP at North Lodge, Main Road Hallow WR2 6PH – HPC will comment reiterating their initial comments on this application.

6.2 Application number M/22/01556/HP Lyndene, Main Road, Hallow WR2 6PH – HPC will support this application but not comment.

7. Finance and Bank Reconciliation

7.1 Bank reconciliation presented signed by HK and LA, and MS.

7.2 Approval of BACS expenditure by Cllrs and signed by HK and LM for November

7.3 Cllr LM proposed to increase the Precept to £45500. This is a 4.5% increase which equates to an increase of £3.15 per household

Rationale: This recognises that our costs have increased, particularly the maintenance of our land assets. In addition, the number of households should continue to reduce the burden of any increase on individual households. The PC made this decision reluctantly, aware of the increased cost of living burdens facing many households. The uplift is tightly aligned to next year's budget and costs will be reviewed in November in 2023. Additional new homes help to spread the cost across more households reducing individual household precept rates. After a full discussion HK made the proposal, MS seconded the proposal, 4 Cllrs agreed with Cllr JW abstaining.

7.4 The Clerk presented the proposed budget to Cllrs for 2022/2023. MS Proposed accepting the Budget HK Seconded and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr HK and all other Cllrs thanked the Clerk for the work in preparing the proposed budget. Discussed in detail is the allocation of the CIL monies received from the Hayfield Development, these funds have been earmarked for the Pavilion however a portion will be used towards having the posts and fencing replaced at the Playing Fields. The Clerk is to explore this further.



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8. Parish Matters

- 8.1 **Update on Old Churchyard:** The Grant application for funding has been approved and an Inception meeting is to be held on the 17/11/2022, on the 3rd of December a group of volunteers will begin to plant the Foxgloves. Bulbs will be bought, and tree work covered by the grant. The Chair thanked Cllr Walker for all his work.
- 8.2 **Cycle Rack** - Councils have been asked to support active and sustainable travel, costing is to be obtained for a cycle rack to be placed at the playing fields to encourage cycling.
- 8.3 **Telephone Box** -HPC will look at the feasibility of repurposing the Telephone box into a community hub in the spring.
- 8.3 Clerks report was noted

Meeting closed at 20.25

Next meetings: Monday 12th December 2022 venue to be confirmed

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