**HOVERINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mark Clifford (MAC) Eric Allwood (EA) Margaret Armitage (WMA) Pauline Bulpitt (PB) Alexander Nall (AN).

1. **Apologies accepted for absence: -** Helen Nall, Phil Turton. Councillor Roger Jackson
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:**(26th September 2017) were approved (taken as read)
3. **Finance: -** **Receipts**-Precept-£6198.80 village hall 476.00. VAT reclaim £613.79

**Payments:**-Grant Thornton (accounts) £120 J Richards (wages) £803.98.NI £20.51. R Duffy (website) £144. M Clifford services£619.20. Goodbrookes£571.20. NSDC (Playground inspection) £53.76. R Covill (mowing) £108. NALC- (Data protection) £30. SDBF (lease) £150.M Clifford services Cemetery £164.40, Churchyard£400. Chapel field £200

**The Parish budget was then discussed and agreed, an increase of two percent on the Parish Precept was approved**

**THE village website is online –WWW.hoveringhamparishcouncil.org.uk**

**4. Planning:-17/01361/FUL-Hoveringham House-**proposed garage-**not approved**

**5**. **Chapel Field:-**fund raising activities were on course, adjustments to the constitution, requested by the Chapel field committee were approved by the Parish Councillors. Monies outstanding were to be actively chased. Costings to improve the security of the field were to be made by (MAC)

**6**. **Village Hall:** accounts available

**7**. **Environment:-**

**7.1 Railway lake/Scouts lake**, there are issues with the height of the fencing and the requested alteration to the finish of the cabin, this is awaiting validation at the moment, if need be a meeting to discuss these changes will be arranged.

**7.2 Hoveringham street furniture: -** renovation of the two benches is now complete the two benches on the edge of the village need some attention.

**7.3** **Jubilee Oak.** Informal complaints have been received about the size of the Jubilee Oak, (MAC) to get quotes to trim it back.

**7.4** **Flood pole:-**Chris Shawis to deal with this item to show flood levels. Comments about night fishing were made, Clerk to email Midland Angling to ascertain if their policy had changed.

**7.5** **Village Book exchange (painting): -** ongoing

**7.6 Village sign post (renovation):-**ongoing

**7.7** **Footpaths around the Village:-**Rachael Rickell, the area rights of way officer is dealing with various foot bridge problems, the neighbour’s yard bridge remains closed

**8** **Cemetery and Church Yard: -** NSDC have finished work in the Church yard, the Cherry trees have been pollarded by the Parish Council contractors

**8.1** **War Memorial:-**deferred to next meeting.

**9 Highways:-**

**9.1 Creagh:-**no complaints

**9.2 Potholes and overgrown verges:** verges have been trimmed.

**9.3 Fly Tipping:-**whilst an ongoing problem, NSDC are removing waste relatively quickly.

**9.4 Dog Fouling:** this seems to be a problem, the Parish pays for four dog bins at a cost to the Parish of over £200, a certain proportion of dog owners think it is acceptable behaviour to pick up faeces, but then litter the hedge rows with plastic bags containing it, potentially causing damage to wildlife, attitudes need to be changed, with carless owners, when seen, being reported and fined.

**10 Tarmac: -** nothing to report

**11** **Poplar Trees.** Jonathan Morgan Smith the land agent for Trinity College has been contacted, Tree surgeons are to assess the Poplars sustainability. Clerk to ask for a report.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm

**All meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7,30pm** - next meeting Tuesday 9th January 2018, Tuesday 20th February 2018

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**Financial Statement – 3rd November**

**Balance brought forward from 16 /09 / 2017**

**Represented by current account 22053.28**

**Receipts- Precept  *6198.80***

 ***Village Hall 476.00***

 ***Vat reclaim 613.79*  £29341.87**

**Payments**

**Grant Thornton 120**

**M Clifford services 619.20**

 **J Richards (wages) 803.98**

**R Duffy 144**

**Goodbrookes 571.20**

**NSDC playground inspection 53.76**

**R Covill 108**

**NALC 30**

**V Hall lease 150**

**M Clifford services 764.40**

 **Balance carried forward 3/11/2017 25,977.33**

**PWLB next payment November 2017 -balance to pay - £19.500**

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**Chapel Field**

**Current account 6230.09**

**Receipts**

 **Total £6230.09**

**COIF Account 24739.85 Amount available for**

**Balance carried forward £29.949.49**

**Amount available for improvement - £17,234.96**