

HASFIELD PARISH MEETING

Held at Hasfield Court on Friday 12th January 2024 at 7.00pm

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1. Welcome to 15 attendees - Apology for non-attendance was received from Richard Hope.
2. Minutes of Parish Meeting held on 16th June 2023 were read and accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report:
Current Balance is £5516 – After known fixed costs for this financial year including churchyard maintenance @ £800, and the sum promised to match the amount raised by John and Ellen at their plant sale (volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award), which amounted to £265, funds available are £4451. Proposed Precept for this year is £1540 which will be an increase of 4.4%, and will increase council tax due by 2.3%.
It was proposed and agreed to increase the Churchyard maintenance next year to £860.
4. Chair's Report:
All were saddened by the report that Carol Houldey had passed away and our condolences were passed on to Phil and Julie.
The local Tractor run at Christmastime had raised over £2k for charity.
5. Reports from:
 - (a) Borough Councillor Jill Smith – requested that occupants of houses that had suffered flooding should notify TBC to let them know in order for them to record the extent of the number of houses affected for future planning. She also wanted it known that there are grants to help with property and contents damage from flooding.
 - (b) Police Report - Crime figures: In February 23 there was 1 report of theft in Wickridge Street. In April 23, there was 1 report of theft in Hasfield Village and 1 report of burglary in Ham Road. In May 23, there were 3 reports of violence and sexual offences in Hasfield Road.
 - (c) Flood/Snow Warden - Flooding after continuous heavy rain was widespread in our area, with Haw Bridge and A417 between Maisemore and Over badly affected - Flood signage was good throughout, but unfortunately some drivers had ignored signs, driven through and then abandoned their cars adding to the misery.
 - (d) Footpath Wardens - Paul Bailey reported that 3 missing footpath finger posts had been replaced by the Highways Dept. It was suggested by Mrs MB that maybe some of the stiles could be replaced by a kissing gate in order for the elderly or infirm to walk the paths.
 - (e) Jubilee Wood –Trudy Warner reported that the trees were growing well and it's becoming a nice wood.
 - (f) Layby in Lower Hasfield - It was decided some hardcore and concrete was needed to reinstate it at a future date.
 - (g) Grit Bins - All Bins have been filled, but unfortunately some have let in water after all the rain. It was decided that one of the bins should be relocated to the hill at the Tirley end of Hasfield Road because it's very dangerous in the snow/ice.
 - (h) Hasfield Road sign replacement - Reported to Highways after it disappeared, who then removed one of the posts, but couldn't say when new sign would be fitted.

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6. Planning Applications: There were no new planning applications.
7. Info from TBC and GCC – Substantial grants are available from the government to those who have suffered loss to their home or business. Apply direct.
8. Any Other Business:
 - (i) Drapers Lane Triangle – It was decided that this site was unsuitable for the Coronation Tree and that another site would have to be found.
 - (ii) Puddle below Little Colways - Some work has been started to rectify.
 - (iii) Future Village Events - Nothing was decided, although it was hoped there would be an event held during the summer. Suggestions welcomed.
 - (iv) Village Noticeboards - Upper Hasfield noticeboard had been blown down in the storm. Neighbours Pete Griffiths & Jon (Rusts Meadow) have volunteered to repair and replace. It was noted that the doors on the noticeboard in the village weren't closing properly and that the key was rusty - Eliza MB said she would look at it to resolve the issue.
 - (v) Ancestry Query - There had been another Ancestry Query received by the Parish Clerk which she was dealing with.
 - (vi) Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Ellen and John raised £504.40 from their Easter cake, plant and mistletoe sales. They spent £134.71 on a vacuum cleaner, dustpan and brush for the Church and Spring bulbs for the Churchyard, leaving a balance of £369.69. This amount together with the £265 from the Parish will be used to provide a bench in Jubilee Wood and trestle tables and silk flowers for the Church.
 - (vii) Natural England Project - "Will support the delivery of measures to accelerate nature recovery, and improve access to the natural world". After tree planting in Hasfield, there is a marked increase in wildlife and hares and deer have returned.