

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HINTON BLEWETT HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs E Brimmell (Chairman), A. Grant, B. Barraclough and C. Whitmarsh.  
The Minutes were taken by Ms J McCallan (Clerk). Ward Councillor T Warren was also present.

**Public Participation:** There was one member of the public present.

**The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm**

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr D. Elliott.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012:** The minutes were agreed and signed.
4. **B&NES' Core Strategy Update:** Cllr Mr. Tim Warren outlined B&NES' Core Strategy giving information on plans for growth, jobs and housing for the local area. The Core Strategy was based on up to date evidence and focused on new homes and jobs in the most sustainable and deliverable locations in a way which limited harm to the environment.
5. **Chairman's and Village Reports:** Reports were read from the Chairman, the Village Church Committee, the Village Hall Committee, the History Group, Montessori Kindergarten and The Women's Institute. In her report, the Chairman thanked the other members of the Parish Council, the Playing Field Management Committee and the Clerk. In response the Vice Chair offered his thanks to the Chairman.
6. **Annual Accounts:** The Chairman presented the unaudited 2012/13 accounts which would be presented at the next Parish Council meeting to be agreed and approved. Expenditure for the year included Playing Field fees and entrance works, Clerk's salary, advertisements for new Clerk, footpath maintenance and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It was noted that the Precept increase was minimal when considered against the ongoing benefits for the village, most notably the new Playing Field.

**7. Any Other Business:**

Plans for Superfast Broadband were outlined. Fibre to the cabinet would be implemented by BT by 2016 and would increase Broadband speeds by up to 24mbps for properties within 0.8km of the cabinet.

It was suggested that the Parish Council try to establish rough costs for a Prospect Stile sign and investigate whether any external funding may be available.

It was suggested that the Parish Council consider emailing an agenda before a meeting to any Parishioners who wanted to 'opt in' to an electronic circulation list. It was hoped that this may swell the number of Parishioners at meetings and also hopefully increase communication throughout the village. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the May meeting.

It was suggested that the Parish Council take up membership for CPRE. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the May meeting.

**The meeting was closed at 8.45pm**

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated.....

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Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated.....