**Minutes of an annual meeting of Hanworth Village held in Hanworth Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st May at 7.00 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**Present:** Gill Wilton (Chairman Hanworth PC), Peter Low, Sally Martin, Lindsey Bradford (Hanworth PC) Dee Holroyd (Clerk) David Attew, Jill Arnold, John Bridgeman, Louise Rice, Heather Attew, Simon Barclay, Tony Hadlow, Kit Martin.

1. The chairman welcomed all those present and reported that it had been a quiet year, no dramas. The precept had remained at £2,500 which was paid twice annually by NNDC.

Regular demands on our money were the trees on White Post Road which are checked annually. This cost may rise due to their age and size and proximity to the road. Otherwise, costs are our clerk, insurance, rental of the hall and costs associated with the annual audit.

We have reserved £400 to cover the cost of restoring the phone box and Dene Beddell has offered to lead the project. Hopefully others will volunteer to help him. Once repaired Star Link could be put in the telephone box, this would connection in the surrounding houses.

On the planning side little has been happening as applications are held up at NNDC because of the `nutrient neutrality` ruling. Two projects one on each side of the A140 have yet to get a decision on applications made more than twelve months ago.

We are seeking the help of NCC to get the grit bins sorted. The one opposite Emery Lane will have to be removed as it cannot be protected from grazing cows. The one on the road to the church will be replaced.

The PC has generally tried to support the Memorial Hall and the Commons committees, chasing maintenance of the cattle grids and gates and running the warm hub etc.

The PC is currently keeping watch over the plans to cut off the analogue phone lines which will be replaced by digital communications. The major difficulties for communities like our is the lake of sound mobile connections, meaning that in a power cut we will lose contact entirely. Those who are vulnerable and rely on emergency call outs via a remote device will be particularly at risk. The PC chairman has written to Ofcom outlining our concerns.

The PC, through the chairman, has initiated an attempt to make the Weavers Way footpath safer as it passes through Ringbank Lane. This part of the path is in Thurgarton so not our responsibility but it is in our interest. I have approached Mr Michael Barclay with a view to establishing a permissive footpath to the south of and parallel to the lane. I have also approached Aldborough and Thurgarton PC as they would be the authority heading the application. Both parties have responded favourably, obviously with conditions, but I am hopeful of some movement in the next year.

And finally – sewers. We still have a severe problem. An appeal has been lodged with the environment agency against Anglia Waters refusal of our application for mains sewers. Bessingham has made similar progress with their application. Will Tipper, the civil servant responsible for deciding the appeal, has said that he will amalgamate our two applications when deciding on the appeal. I await further information from.

To close, can I point out that there is room for seven councillors on the PC and at present we are only six. I am hopeful that someone might come forward to be co-opted onto the council. It is not an onerous task and new blood would be very welcome.

1. **Report on Hanworth Memorial Hall:** Tony Hadlow reported that a new double gate, 2.4 and 1.5 metres, slightly recessed would be installed at the entrance to the Hall.
2. **See above:**

The meeting finished at 7.50pm