

Hinton Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 16th February 2021 Via Zoom
 7.00 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance -
 P Marsh (Chair)
 D Beard
 M Davey
 L Freeman
 P Jenkins
 E Varnam
 F Birnie

G Craig (District left at 7.20pm)
 L Green (District)
 H Jones (District)
 B Tipper (County)

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the pumpkin competition, i.e., hire of a hall. No Parish councillors to judge. Cllr Varnum offered her help if needed. Cllr Birnie 2nd this. **All agreed** this was a great idea. **Carried**

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