

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.

Present:

Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr A. Lloyd
Mr M. Wade
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies:- N. Tiffin Councillor, Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd January were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Michael Wade.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Nothing to report.

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Michael Wade.

5. Planning: Nothing to Report.

6. Highways:

Outstanding Road Repairs: The repairs to Francis Road have been completed and the repairs to the High Street will take place between 12th and 14th of February.

The Pothole at the Junction of New Inn Road and The High Street: This has now been repaired along with the pothole by the School House.

The Land before the Entrance to the Allotments: North Hertfordshire District Council, having been contacted on this matter by the Parish Council, have provided a map of the area in question. It is unclear as to who owns this parcel of land that runs alongside Watlefield. The Parish Council will take this further by asking Gary Henning of Hertfordshire Highways as to his view as to the ownership when he meets with the Parish Council in respect of the installation of the replacement speed sign.

The Replacement Speed Sign: As we know this is to be installed in the near future. This is now becoming more urgent as the current speed sign is again not working. Gary Henning is to be notified.

7. Village Hall:

Correspondence from Sylvia Scales, President of Hinworth and Edworth Women's Institute: The Parish Council, along with the Village Hall Management Committee, have received a list of concerns from Sylvia Scales regarding the Village Hall and its' surrounding area. Nicholas Tiffin, as the representative from the Parish Council, attended a meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee for discussion in regard to these concerns. Having reported back to the Parish Council their response is as follows:

The matters raised by Sylvia Scales are as follows:-

a) Due to the ageing population in the Village who use the Village Hall consideration should be given to the installation of an additional "Disabled Parking Bay". The Parish Councillors discussed this item and are prepared to pay for, subject to cost, to install an additional bay. They will therefore obtain the relevant permission from the Local Authority and or Hertfordshire Highways along with quotes for the work.

b) The Land in front of the Electricity Sub- Station opposite the Village Hall is a quagmire leading to those parking there getting bogged down in the mud. The Parish Councillors discussed this item and they

are of the opinion that those parking on this parcel of land do so at their own risk and it is not the responsibility of either the Parish Council or the Village Hall Management Committee.

c) The Potholes in the Road alongside the Village Hall: The Parish Councillors will, as in the previous five years, repair any potholes in the Spring as part of their ongoing annual maintenance programme as the weather allows.

d) The Lights in the Village Hall Car Park have been vandalised and are not working. The Parish Councillors will look at the Car Park lighting and hedging that makes the area very remote, taking into account that any lighting does not affect residents who live at the rear side of the Hall. This will take place as soon as the weather allows.

e) Lights to be installed on the side of the Village Hall. The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed with the Parish Councillors that they will install movement sensitive LED vandal proof lighting to the side of the Village Hall.

8. Recreation Ground:

Hinxworth Archers: The Chairman will draw up the Annual Agreement for the Archers use of the Recreation Ground for coming year commencing April 1st 2020 within the next few weeks.

Grass Cutting: The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously that D.J Granger Ltd. be awarded the annual grass cutting contract for the 2020 season.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: An allotmentee has vacated two plots.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Litter Bins:- The second rubbish bin has been sited in New Inn Road next to the footpath and is now operational. The owner of Rose Cottage has made contact with Richard Cobb and asked it to be moved to a couple of yards nearer the High Street so as not to hinder the access to his property when reversing long vehicles out of his driveway.

An amicable agreement has been made with the owner of Rose Cottage to move the bin's small base along with the bin to the agreed new position remaining on Hertfordshire Highway's land at no cost to the Parish.

A Forthcoming Village Event May 8th:-

The update is as follows:

a) Mike Wade has finalised the advert for the event.

b) Sylvia Scales is the contact for those wishing to attend the event. She can then collate the numbers likely to attend on the day.

c) Tony Lloyd has arranged for extra tables to be available for the event.

d) The Parish Council has booked the Village Hall in case of inclement weather.

Further details will follow in next few weeks.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting:- This will take place on Thursday April 2nd 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.