

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr N. Tiffin (Vice-Chairman)
Mr E. Sore
Mr M.Wade
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Other Persons present:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Co-opted Councillor:- The Chairman proposed Michael Wade to be co-opted on to Hinxworth Parish Council. Seconded by Nicholas Tiffin and agreed unanimously.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 9th July were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. Proposed by Eric Sore and seconded by Nicholas Tiffin.

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

3. Correspondence: Letter has been received from North Hertfordshire District Council in respect of the Five Year Annual Review of the District Polling Stations and their suitability for purpose. The Councillors agreed Hinxworth Village Hall served this purpose adequately and therefore they have no comments.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Nicholas Tiffin and seconded by Eric Sore.

5. Planning:

Planning Application 19/01765/FPH Vielsalm, High Street Hinxworth:- The Councillors agreed unanimously to "no objection" to this application. Wendy Kitchener has notified NHDC.

6. Highways:

Outstanding Road Repairs: Steve Jarvis confirmed the work on the High Street repairs will commence in February 2020, it is expected this run from St Nicholas Church through to the county boundary with Bedfordshire. The Francis Road repairs are scheduled for October 2019.

Broken Drain New Inn Road: The drain located in New Inn road near the junction with the High Street has still not been repaired. Wendy Kitchener to contact Gary Henning, Hertfordshire Highways as the Parish Councillors require this repair to be completed as a matter of urgency.

Smiley Face Speed Sign: The current speed sign, which has been in place a number of years, is again out of action and appears to be beyond repair, Steve Jarvis is to ask Hertfordshire Highways to see if they can repair it yet again, and if not, the Councillors agreed they will have to install another smiley face sign in its place, The Parish Councillors are prepared to fund 50% as they did for the sign already installed. No funds will be available from Hertfordshire Highways until the next financial year 2020/2021. Steve Jarvis will see if funds could be made available prior to April next year.

Road Repairs on the Hinxworth/Edworth Road in Bedfordshire : The Councillors have noted the area has been marked out again for repair. These marking have now been made more prominent and as the repairs have not as yet been carried out the Councillors can only presume they will be completed in the near future.

Speeding through the Village:- Richard Cobb again reported he is becoming increasingly concerned to the volume of vehicles speeding through the Village. He has asked Steve Jarvis if he can arrange for a speed monitoring device to be installed in the Village to monitor the speed and the total numbers of these vehicles on a daily basis. Steve Jarvis is expecting to obtain such a device in the near future. .

7. Village Hall: The Parish Councillors wish to convey their best wishes to Jan Raynham after her recent accident. They wish her a speedy recovery.

8. Recreation Ground:

Security Post:- A security has now been sited at the entrance to the Recreation Ground by the Village Hall. Wendy Kitchener is the key holder. Additionally the Councillors have arranged for the two gates at this entrance to be taken down and sent away to be repaired and “powder coated”.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:- An additional allotment has been let to a Hinxworth resident. Sixteen of the twenty allotments are now in use.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Additional Litter Bins: The Councillors have now agreed to purchase two litter bins (not three as previously planned) to be located around the Village to allow dog walkers to deposit their bagged “dog poo” in them. The Parish Council is to provide NHDC with the details of where these are to be sited to allow the bins to be included in their schedule for emptying bins in the area.

Over Hanging Tree: It has been reported a tree is overhanging the electricity substation in Francis Road. The Parish Councillors are aware this tree is on the perimeter of the Recreation Ground but they are reluctant to do the necessary lopping because it overhangs the sub-station and the surrounding area therefore would be dangerous for them to do so. They agreed to contact UK Power Networks for them to visit and survey the site to provide their recommendations as to what work is to be carried out.

Footpath that runs alongside the Church: Along this area is a footbridge that is in need of repair. Steve Jarvis is to notify Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way.

12: Date of the Next Meeting- Thursday October 3rd 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.