

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

Present:

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

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

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 6th February 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 and likewise agreed to all expenditure since the last Parish Council meeting in February. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Lloyd.

Smaller Authorities (England): The exemption certificate has now been signed by the Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer Responsible (Wendy Kitchener) and will be forwarded PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

All other relevant documents for the Annual Accounts of 2019/2020 have been signed and will be posted on the Hinxworth Parish Council website. Should any resident of Hinxworth require any details or clarification of the current accounts/audit please contact Wendy Kitchener by email wggk@btinternet.com or by telephone 01767-313766.

The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to Jayne Whitfield who carried out the audit.

Computer Software upgrade for the Village Voice: The Parish Councillors agreed to pay for the upgrade at the cost of £20.00 per month,

5. Planning: The following Planning Applications were received between February 2020 to date:-

- **20/00966/ADJ Edworth Manor Farm, Edworth** - No Objection.
- **20/1026/LBC & 20/01027/LBC The Cottage, High Street** – No objection in principle but with comments.
- **20/1399/LBC & 20/01400/LBC Hillside Cottage, Arnolds Lane** - No objection in principle but with comments/conditions.
- **20/01432/FPH & 20/01433/FPH Cammocks, Chapel Street** – No objection in principle but with comments/conditions.

The full responses from the Parish Councillors to the above applications can be viewed on the website of North Hertfordshire District Council Planning Portal.

6. Highways:

Outstanding Road Repairs: The High Street has been resurfaced. The Parish Councillors agreed that Steve Jarvis (County Councillor) and Gary Henning (Hertfordshire Highways) should be contacted for a meeting in the Village to discuss issues in the Village.

7. Village Hall:

Disabled Car Parking space: To be repainted as soon as possible.

The Potholes in the Road alongside the Village Hall: The Parish Councillors will, as in previous years, repair any potholes as part of their ongoing annual maintenance programme as soon as possible.

The Lights in the Village Hall Car Park have been vandalised and are not working. The Parish Councillors will arrange for the Car Park lighting reviewed within the next few weeks with a view to installing LED vandal proof lighting. To be discussed with the Village Hall Management Committee.

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. To be discussed with the Village Hall Management Committee.

8. Recreation Ground:

Hinxworth Archers: The Parish Councillors agreed, that due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic, the Archers have been unable to use the recreation ground, therefore there will be no annual charge for the 2020/2021 season.

New Gate and Locks:- These have now been successfully installed. There has been no further problems with the area being used illicit drinking and drug parties.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: Four further allotmenters have taken up plots.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Barry Huber: The Parish Council would wish to send our condolences to Linda and her family at the sudden loss of Barry.

Barry loved living in Hinxworth and he was a great contributor to our community, he was a “doer” and not a talker when things needed to be done.

His time as chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee is a great reminder of his skills in getting things done. The new kitchen, paid in part by the fundraising through his famous Race Nights, will probably never be beaten. He used his “London charm” to relieve people of their cash and encourage people to donate as well, and work for free!

He was a force in getting “Hinxfest” on the recreation ground started, which brought a lot of happiness to the village.

His organised trips to London from the Pub were a great day out, finishing off at “Fish Central” his friend’s restaurant, which was always fantastic and memorable.

So many local people have expressed their gratitude through us for his kindness and willingness to help others using his locksmith skills! There are numerous people who have been “rescued” by Barry often late at night!

Barry was a force of nature, and a great husband, dad and grandad and will be sorely missed.

From Hinxworth Parish Councillors on behalf of the Village in his memory.

War Memorial Clock: This is now back in working order.

Litter Bins:- The Chairman is to review the use of the rubbish bins as it appears they may be being used as additional bins for household rubbish.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Thursday September 3rd 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting:- This was due to take Thursday April 2nd 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall but was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The documents/minutes/accounts that would have, under normal circumstances, been agreed at that meeting, have been agreed by the Parish Councillors. These can be viewed on the Hinxworth Parish Council Website.