

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th MAY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.

Present:

Mr R. Lewis (Chairman)
Mr R. Cobb (Vice- Chairman)
Mr D. Osmond
Mr E. Sore
Mr N. Tiffin
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Mr Nicholas Tiffin to the meeting as the newly co-opted Parish Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 3rd March were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Eric Sore and seconded by Nicholas Tiffin.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Dealt with under other headings.

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Russell Lewis and seconded by David Osmond.

5. Planning: Nothing to Report.

6. Highways:

“The Walk the Village Initiative”. At the Annual Parish Meeting Tony Hunter agreed to take this on board. This meeting took place on Tuesday April 19th. All the outstanding Highways matters were discussed and a plan of action is to be put in place. These are to include the following:-

The flood in New Inn Road- the manholes/gullies to be jetted.

Horse Riding Signs to be erected in the Village.

White lining for the roads.

Speed signage painted on the Roads.

Weed Killing between the kerbs and the roads.

7. Village Hall: David Osmond reported the VHMC at present are in the midst of planning the Hinxfest.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Rubbish Bin: After numerous requests this has now been emptied. The Clerk reported to the Councillors this, as notified by NHDC is the responsibility of John O’Connor Contractors to NHDC.

9. The Tennis Court: David Osmond reported that he and another had repaired the tennis net after it had been removed and if children were seen who miss-use or damage equipment that he would ask them to stop doing it.

10. The Allotments: An additional half plot has been taken up by a Village resident.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The War Memorial: Eric Sore reported he and Geoff Burrows met up with K. Buckingham the Contractors for the project to finalise a few points. Buckingham have subsequently revised their quote to include these revisions. This has escalated the cost of the project so Buckingham have gone away to look for alternatives to provide a saving mainly on the “External Paving” area.

At the Annual Parish Meeting Barry Huber, Chair VHMC, Tony Hunter Hertfordshire County Councillor, Janine Paterson, District Councillor all agreed to fund part of the project. This will be in addition to the funds from The Robert Clutterbuck Trust £1250.00 and The Parish Council also £1250.00. **Wendy Kitchener to follow-up.**

The Land opposite the Village Hall: The trees and bushes on this parcel of land, owned by NHDC, are over grown and encroaching on the garden of the adjacent property. **Wendy Kitchener to notify NHDC.**

The Land behind the Village Hall: The Parish Council has been notified that “fly- tipping” has taken place at the back of the Hall in the overgrown area alongside No.18 Francis Road.This will be investigated further.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday June 2nd 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.05pm.