

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Apologies: Mr R. Lewis

Other Person Present – Hilary Perricone (for the Allotment item)

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

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

The War Memorial: The project is now completed. The Parish Councillors conveyed their thanks to K & L Buckingham, the Contractors, Geoff Burrows for his professional advice and to Eric Sore who managed the project on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Councillors also conveyed their thanks to the organisations who help fund the project. The Robert Clutterbuck Trust £1250.00, The Village Hall Management Committee £500.00, Tony Hunter County Councillor from his HCC locality budget £500.00, St Nicholas PCC £200.00.

The project cost was £7300.00 the shortfall of £4850.00 was funded by the Parish Council. **Richard Cobb is to contact Patrick Forbes regarding an article for the Village Voice.**

The Trees behind the War Memorial: Whilst the above work was going on it became apparent the three silver birch trees behind the rear wall of the War Memorial are now overgrown. It appears these are undermining the foundations of the wall therefore the Parish Councillors have agreed for them to be felled. Quotes for the work are to be obtained. **Wendy Kitchener is to put in a Planning Application to NHDC.**

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance:

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

5. Planning: Nothing to report.

6. Highways:

Various Issues:

The following issues are still outstanding A Pothole by Capmore Farm -A Pothole by The Close -The gully in the High Street adjacent to junction with Homefield requires clearing. The 30mph speed sign at the entrance to the Village from Edworth, on the left, is obscured by overgrown hedges. These items have been reported to Hertfordshire Highways but no action has been taken. **Wendy Kitchener is to contact Tony Hunter and Hertfordshire Highways**

7. Village Hall: David Osmond reported that the Village Hall Management Committee hope to attract further events in the Village Hall such a wedding receptions.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Rubbish Bin: The Parish Council are to put in place a contract with North Herts District Council for the bin to be emptied weekly. **Wendy Kitchener is to contact NHDC.**

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. The Allotments: Hilary Perricone attended for this item as the incoming Chairperson of the Allotment Association. Hilary notified the Councillors another Hinxworth resident has come forward to take two of the vacant plots. Out of the twenty plots this will now reduce the number of the vacant plots to seven.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Councillor Code of Conduct: The Parish Councillors agreed to continue with the Code of Conduct already in place. Proposed by Nicholas Tiffin and seconded by Richard Cobb. Agreed unanimously.

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: This requires further consideration. To be discussed at the November meeting.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday November 3rd 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.