

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 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)**

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Nicholas Tiffin and seconded by Eric Sore.

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

**3. Correspondence:** A letter from Alec Stephenson acknowledging the receipt of the Parish Council's annual donation of £500.00 towards the upkeep of St Nicholas burial ground.

**4. Finance:**

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

**The Annual Precept 2017:** The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to "no change" to the precept for the forthcoming year. **Wendy Kitchener is to notify NHDC.**

**5. Planning:**

**The Trees behind the War Memorial:** Planning permission has been granted to fell three of the silver birch trees behind the War Memorial. The Parish Councillors will now decide as to when and how the work is to be carried out.

**6. Highways:**

**Various Issues:**

Having contacted Tony Hunter, County Councillor and Gary Henning, Hertfordshire Highways in early October the following work is 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. Now additionally the kerb areas in Francis Road are becoming overgrown with weeds etc. **Wendy Kitchener is to contact Tony Hunter and Gary Henning Hertfordshire Highways again.**

**7. Village Hall:**

**A Gift for the Village Hall:**

Geoff Howell, a well known local artist, has painted a view of the Village Hall in winter. The Village Hall Management Committee has purchased the picture for the Village Hall.

**8. Recreation Ground:**

**The Rubbish Bin:** A contract is now in place for the bin to be emptied weekly.

**9. The Tennis Court:** The netting around the court may need some maintenance in the near future.

**10. The Allotments:** Further to last months' report the allotments now occupied are ten, vacant ten.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**Defibrillator:** The Councillors discussed the siting of defibrillator in the Village. They agreed the ideal place would be at The Three Horseshoes Pub on the wall by where the daily papers are left for collection. **Russell Lewis is making enquires for the possible funding for the defibrillator this is ongoing. He will also to speak to Gerry the pub landlord.**

**Hinxworth Parish Council Website:** The Parish Councillors agreed to the setting-up of the site.  
**Russell Lewis is to arrange.**

**Land within Hinxworth owned by the Parish:** The Parish Councillors are looking to compile a list of the land owned by the Parish.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting:** Thursday December 1st 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.  
The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.