

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2017 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

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 5th January 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: Nothing to report.

4. Finance:

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

5. Planning:

The Trees behind the War Memorial: The exact delineation of the boundary of the War Memorial has now been resolved. The Parish Councillors thank David Eddell for his co-operation. The quote for the removal of two of the trees has been agreed. **Richard Cobb is to action.**

6. Highways:

Various Issues: There has been no action in respect of these issues as reported again last month. Therefore Tony Hunter and Gary Henning will be invited to again “walk the Village” as they did last May of 2016 so the Parish Councillors can identify all the areas that require attention. In the meantime the potholes in the High Street are to be reported to Hertfordshire Highways. **Wendy Kitchener is to action.**

7. Village Hall: The accounts as at December 2016 were circulated. The Parish Councillors thank the Village Hall Management Committee for their continuing endeavours. **David Osmond is to ask the VHMC for the analysis of the Hiring Income.**

8. Recreation Ground:

Joy Riding; Having considered the installation of a locked barrier the Parish Councillors agreed the gap in the hedge area entrance at the far end of the Car Park/Recreation Ground would be better served by bollards being installed. Further investigations are to be made in the Spring and then the course of action will be decided. **Eric Sore is to action.**

Dog Fouling: As reported in the Village Voice and by many of the residents in the Village this is becoming a growing problem. The Parish Councillors therefore intend to install a sign on the Recreation Ground informing dog fouling will not be tolerated. If this proves successful a further sign/signs could be erected in the Village. **David Osmond is to obtain the cost for purchasing dog fouling signs.**

Please note the following information from the www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/dog-fouling:-

Dog fouling

You can be given an on-the-spot fine if you don't clean up after your dog. The amount varies from council to council. It's often £50 and can be as much as £80. If you refuse to pay the fine, you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000. Registered blind dog owners can't be fined. You can report dog fouling to your local council.

Recreation Ground Maintenance: The Parish Councillors have David Granger's quote. They agreed for him to carry out the maintenance of the Recreation Ground for the 2017 season. **Wendy Kitchener is to notify David Granger.**

Hinxworth Archers: The renewal of the Annual Agreement for the Archers is due on April 1st. Richard Cobb is to forward a copy of the agreement template for 2016/2017 to the Clerk for her to update for 2017/2018. This revised agreement will then be forwarded to David Wayman, Chairman Hinxworth Archers, for signature. **Wendy Kitchener is to action.**

9. The Tennis Court: The Parish Councillors agreed to the cleaning of the Court at the same time as the Play Area and the installation of the bollards in the Recreation Ground Car Park. **Eric Sore is to action.**

10. The Allotments: Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Defibrillator: This has now been received and is awaiting installation. Details as to when the training programme will take place has yet to be agreed. **Russell Lewis will continue to oversee the project.**

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: Joe Perricone is purchasing the laptop and all other equipment required. The design of the website is being progressed. **Russell Lewis will continue to action further.**

Chairman 2017/2018: The Councillors will vote in the Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2017/2018 at the commencement of AGM on Thursday April 6th.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday March 2nd 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.10pm.