

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr R. Lewis (Vice- Chairman)
Mr E. Sore
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr D. Osmond, Mr N. Tiffin

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 4th May were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Russell Lewis and seconded by Eric Sore.

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

3. Correspondence: Notification has been received from Hinxworth and Edworth Village Hall Management Committee of their intention to increase the charges for the hire of the hall as of April 2018.

4. Finance:

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

Annual Accounts 2016/2017: A copy of the annual accounts for 2016/2017 were circulated to the Councillors. These have been audited by the Internal Auditor. Those Councillors present agreed unanimously to adopt the accounts. They also accepted the Section 1- Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17, Section 2- Annual Accounting Statements 2016/17. They also agreed the Annual Internal Report 2016/17 questions A-E & G-J "Yes" and to question Item F not covered Item K N/A. These were then signed by the Chairman and the Financial Officer Responsible to be forwarded to BDO Stoy Hayward for the external audit. The Councillors conveyed their thanks to Jayne Whitfield for carrying out the internal audit of the accounts. **Wendy Kitchener to action.**

5. Planning: Nothing to report.

6. Highways:

Hinxworth Footpaths: Since the last Parish Council meeting a response has been received from Julia Clarke Hertfordshire County Council Countryside Access Officer on May 5th as follows:- "*I will mark Hinxworth as a priority for the contractors*". To date the clearing of the footpaths has not been carried out. **Wendy Kitchener is to follow-up further.**

Potholes: Numerous potholes within the Village are still in need of repair. **The Chairman and the Clerk are to meet to identify these and again notify Hertfordshire Highways accordingly.**

Overgrown Hedges: The hedges in New Inn Road and Ashwell Road are overgrown. These were reported to Hertfordshire Highways prior to the recent County Council Election. Action has yet to be taken. **Wendy Kitchener to report the matter to Hertfordshire Highways again.**

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: Nothing to report.

9. The Tennis Court: The Parish Councillors will await a report on the cleaning of the court surface from Nick Tiffin.

10. The Allotments:

Grass and Hedge Cutting: The Councillors agreed to a one-off payment for the cutting of the grass around the allotments and the cutting back of the hedge adjacent to the field. The work has already been carried out by David Granger.

Fund Raising: Hilary Perricone, Chairperson of HAG plans to hold fund raising events to help purchase a new motor mower. This along with grant applications will help to cover the cost.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: Russell Lewis will contact Joe Perricone to progress this matter further.

Defibrillator Training: An advertisement was put in the Village Voice for residents to come forward to volunteer to be trained in the use of the defibrillator. To date only four people have responded.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday July 6th 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.05pm.