

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM.

Present:

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

Other Persons Present:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

Apologies: David Osmond.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 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: 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 Russell Lewis and seconded by Eric Sore.

The Precept 2018/2019: The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to no change to the precept for 2018/2019. Therefore remaining at £10370.00.

5. Planning:

Planning Application ref: 17/02759/1HH High Street House, High Street, Hinxworth, Baldock SG7 5HQ. Hinxworth Parish Councillors agree unanimously to no objection to the above planning application.

Planning Application ref: 17/01865/1PN Manor Farm, Chapel Street. Change of use of building from Agriculture to B1/B8 use.

Further to the above application, and the subsequent objections by the Parish Council in relation to this change of use as recorded in the Parish Council minutes in October 2017, the Parish Council has been notified by a Hinxworth Resident, of their concern regarding an incident on the afternoon of November 22nd of a lorry carrying a portacabin to Manor Farm became stuck trying to turn into Chapel Street.

6. Highways: Further to the meeting held on October 16th and recorded in the minutes of November 2017 the following items have been resolved:-

Hedges: All the hedges on the access roads into the Village have now been cut back. The Councillors conveyed their thanks to Gary Henning for his help in this matter. Likewise they again thank Sam Wallace for his help in cutting back hedging along the Ashwell Road.

Potholes: It is unlikely any further funding for repairs will be available until the new financial year.

Drains in the High Street/Homefield Area: Subsequent to the October 16th meeting Hertfordshire Highways have identified a likely problem with these drains and are to investigate further.

The “Smiley” Face Speed Sign: This is to be addressed further in the new financial year.

The Chairman thanked Steve Jarvis for his help in resolving the above issues.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Car Park Barrier: The Parish Councillors will review in the New Year.

The Playground Inspection Report: To be carried out this month.

Hinxworth Archers:- The annual renewal agreement for their use of the recreation ground to be discussed at the January Parish Council Meeting.

9. The Tennis Court: The surface of the tennis court is likely to need some maintenance in the future. The Parish Councillors intend review the situation after the winter months.

10. The Allotments: Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Steve Jarvis - Hertfordshire County Councillors Report:-

The Local Plan: This is now moving forward. The report is likely to go to the Inspector within the next few months. Discussions are under way with Hertfordshire Highways regarding the roads and how the increased volume of traffic will be dealt with.

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: Russell Lewis is to liaise with Joe Perricone to ensure all legislative regulations are met and then to finalise the implementation of the website.

Remembrance Day:- The Parish Councillors wish to convey their thanks to Tony Marchini regarding the High Street being cleared and cleaned, using his road sweeper, for the service on the day.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday January 4th 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.05pm.