

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Apologies: Russell Lewis.

Steve Jarvis - Hertfordshire County Councillor.

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

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 Nicholas Tiffin and seconded by Eric Sore.

5. Planning: Nothing to report.

6. Highways:

The Ashwell Road from Bury End through the High Street to the Herts/Beds Boundary: The Parish Councillors discussed the condition of the road in this area. In their opinion it is badly in need of resurfacing. It appears the road at Bury End is near collapse with vehicles having to use the middle of the road for safety. Likewise the surface of the road through the High Street is crumbling with the potholes repaired recently opening up again and other areas of the road losing its' surface. Many areas look like potholes but it appears they do not meet the 50mm depth that defines a pothole so they will not be filled. The Councillors are of the opinion, with the additional traffic using Hinxworth as a "rat run" the road surface is becoming dangerous. Therefore Steve Jarvis will be contacted outlining their concerns with the urgent request for the area in question to be resurfaced in the near future.

7. Village Hall: The Councillors discussed the Village Hall Management Committee's kitchen refurbishment project. They extend their support to them and look forward, as agreed, to seeing the proposed design and project cost in due course.

8. Recreation Ground:

Hinxworth Archers:- The annual renewal agreement for April 2018 to March 2019 has been be drawn up. The annual increase will be 2.7%. The Chairman will be liaising with David Wayman Chairman Hinxworth Archers.

The Grass Cutting Contract:- The quote has been received from DJG Ground Maintenance for 2018 season. This is acceptable to Councillors with one minor amendment.

The Basket Ball Net: This was the only item of concern in the recent inspection report. It is expected that it will be either removed but if possible repaired.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. The Allotments:

The Lease: A revised lease has been received from North Herts District Council. It appears the original Parish Council acknowledgement of the lease to be continued for an additional five years from 2015/2020 which was signed and returned to NHDC in September 2015 has subsequently has gone astray.

The Councillors will be in discussion with NHDC as to how this matter should be addressed

The above was reported last month a response is still awaited from NHDC.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: The website is now up and running. There will no doubt be a few tweaks necessary as the site progresses. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to Joe Perricone for his help.

Data Protection: This is ongoing.

The Poppies: The Councillors have been notified these are now to be removed from the War Memorial. It is believed Steve Mills is to write an article for the Village Voice as to their future.

The Annual Parish Meeting: To take place on Thursday April 5th at **8.00pm** in the Village Hall.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday March 1st 2018 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.25pm.