

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 3rd MAY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Apologies - Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 1st March 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:

Superfast Broadband: Nicholas Tiffin reported that the superfast broadband provided by the company Voneus is now up and running as of today's date. It has been eight months since the initial trawl for persons interested and now it appears the project has been completed. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to Patrick Forbes for his help in contacting Voneus.

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 Nicholas Tiffin.

Smaller Authorities (England): The Councillors agreed unanimously that the Parish Council income and expenditure does not exceed £25K therefore they are now exempt from an external audit. The exemption certificate will therefore be signed by the Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer Responsible (Wendy Kitchener) at the next Parish Council meeting on June 7th before forwarding it to PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

5. Planning: Nothing to report.

6. Highways:

The Condition of the Roads in the Area. The Councillors are becoming more and more concerned over the condition of the roads in the area. Over the winter period more potholes have appeared and there has been continual flooding in the area. Richard Cobb has provided photographs of some of the most problematic areas. These are to be forwarded to Steve Jarvis, Hertfordshire County Councillor and Gary Henning Hertfordshire Highways for their urgent attention.

Residents of Hinxworth please note if you see a pothole or any other hazard in the Hinxworth area would you kindly report them on on the web at "fix my street .com". This would be most helpful in trying to get any problems resolved.

7. Village Hall: The audited Village Hall accounts for the year ending December 31st 2017 have yet to be forwarded to the Parish Council.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Entrance Road to the Car Park: There are a number of potholes along this area of road. David Granger is to be contacted to provide a quote for their repair.

The Play Area: The Parish Councillors, as a working party, are to pressure wash the play area surface late afternoon on 17th May.

10. The Allotments: Fourteen allotments occupied with the remaining six still vacant.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The War Memorial Clock: The Parish Councillors agreed last year to initiate an annual maintenance of the War Memorial Clock. A. James of Saffron Walden to be contacted to arrange an appointment.

Defibrillator Training: A further training session is to be arranged.

12: Date of the Next Meeting- Thursday June 7th 2018 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 7.55pm.