

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 5th JULY 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)**

**Other Person Present - Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor**

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Eric Sore and seconded by Russell Lewis.

**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 Russell Lewis.

**The Salary Increase for the Clerk:** A 3% increase backdated to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Proposed by Richard Cobb and seconded by Russell Lewis agreed unanimously.

**5. Planning:** Nothing to report.

**6. Highways:**

**The Condition of the Roads in the Area.** Since their concern over the remaining potholes as reported last month Richard Cobb informed the meeting these have now been marked (outlined in red) to be repaired. He also reported that the streets and gullies in Hinxworth are now being cleaned and cleared on a regular basis.

**The Smiley Face Speed Signs for the Village:** Steve Jarvis reported he met with Gary Henning. The survey of the siting of the signs is underway and a copy will be sent to the Parish Council in due course.

**7. Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

**8. Recreation Ground:**

**The Entrance to the Recreation Ground from the Car Park:** The Councillors have now agreed to provide a lockable barrier to the recreation ground to prevent joy riders using the ground as a race track.

**The Hedge around the Recreation Ground:** This area is becoming overgrown again. David Granger is to be contacted for a quote for the cost of cutting the area back.

**9. The Tennis Court:** Nothing to report.

**10. The Allotments:** Nothing to report.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**The War Memorial Clock:** A date for this work to be done is awaited from A. James of Saffron Walden.

**Defibrillator Training:** A further training session has been arranged on Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

**Winter Salt Allocation for the Village:** Eric Sore is to check the current amount of salt held and if necessary the Parish Council will order further stocks from Hertfordshire Highways.

**Recent Burglary in the Village:** The Parish Councillors are greatly concerned this burglary occurred in the middle of an afternoon in broad day light and unfortunately not observed by anyone. Therefore the Chairman is to write a letter to all residents in the Village to ask them to ensure their homes and out building are adequately secured. Likewise to also be vigilant in looking out for vehicles that they may not recognise or look suspicious. **Should residents have any cause for concern in regard to such vehicles please contact PCSO Chris Braybrook on 01438-757935.**

The Parish Council intends to place “Neighbourhood Watch” signs in prominent positions in the Village to deter such an event taking place again as they are sure all neighbours and residents of Hinxworth will now be looking out for anything suspicious.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting-** Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.00pm.