

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Other Person Attending – Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.**

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Acting Chairman for that meeting Russell Lewis. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Eric Sore.

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

**3. Correspondence:** Glasdon Street Furniture Brochure.

**4. Finance:**

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

**5. Planning:**

**Planning Application Ref No. 18/02426/LBC South Wing, Hinxworth Place, New Inn Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HB – Listed Building Consent: Removal of Chimney and Internal Alterations at First Floor.**

The Parish Councillors agreed to “no objection” to this Planning Application. NHDC has been notified.

**6. Highways:**

**The Smiley Face Speed Sign for the Village:** Richard Cobb met with Gary Henning to discuss further the siting of the speed sign. All the outstanding issues have been resolved to now allow the sign to be installed. Subsequent to their agreement to install the sign at Ashwell end of the Village the Parish Council has been notified of the “Community Drive Safe Scheme” an initiative put forward by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Grants are available. So therefore it is the intention of the Councillors to apply for a grant to help towards the cost. Closing date for applications November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. Nick Tiffin is to make an application. The “Community Drive Safe Scheme” also provides training for local designated residents to monitor vehicles and their speeds. Richard Cobb will contact the Villagers who currently monitor the vehicles.

**Potholes:** The Parish Councillors are still concerned that many potholes in the area go unrepaired even though it appears they have been reported to Hertfordshire Highways. The major problem is the High Street. It is now not likely these and the other areas will be not repaired until the financial year commencing April 2019. Likewise any top dressing of the roads in the area will not take place until the financial year commencing April 2020.

**Salt Allocation for the 2018/19:** The application has been made to Hertfordshire County Council for 34 bags of 20kg of salt for use during the winter. It is expected this will be delivered at the beginning of November. Wendy Kitchener is awaiting notification.

**Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way:** Julia Clarke, Access Project Manager, has notified the Parish Council of her intention to “improve and repair” Hinxworth Byway 4 and Ashwell Byway 21. Commonly known locally as the BOAT which runs from the Dunton Road to Ashwell. The Parish Council will be contacted again prior to the work commencing. The access to the route will remain open throughout the work.

## **7. Village Hall:**

**The Hiring of the Hall:** The Village Hall Management Committee have produced a flyer advertising the Village Hall which will be sent to all local businesses/organisations for their information.

**The Christmas Ball:** This will take place on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Further details to be published in the Village Voice at the end of October.

## **8. Recreation Ground:**

**The Entrance to the Recreation Ground from the Car Park:** This is ongoing.

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

**10. The Allotments:** The subscriptions due on September 1<sup>st</sup> have now been received by the Parish Council. All the current fourteen allotmenters remain even though the weather this year has been somewhat challenging. Six plots remain vacant.

## **11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**The War Memorial :** The Centenary Remembrance Service. The Royal British Legion is to provide seventeen wreaths in respect of those Villagers who lost their lives during the Great War. These will be suspended on the wall at the rear of the Memorial. The Parish Councillors, as a working party, intend to ensure the area is in good order for the service. They also agreed to a donation of £100.00 to the Royal British Legion.

Richard Cobb asked David Osmond to lay a wreath at the service on behalf of Hinxworth Parish Council.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The signs have now been placed throughout the Village. These should be a deterrent. Ian Wilkinson was, until he moved from the Village the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Since which the post has not been officially filled. Nick Tiffin has taken it on board unofficially in the interim. Therefore the Parish Council will now advertise the position. Nick Tiffin will ask Mick Wade to place an advertisement in the Village Voice.

**Defibrillator Training:** A further training session took place on Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Unfortunately the attendance, even though flyers were delivered around the Village, was more than disappointing. Thanks to those who did attend.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting-** Thursday November 1st 2018 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.