

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 3rd JANUARY 2019 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 6th December were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. 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 Richard Cobb and seconded by Nick Tiffin.

The Annual Precept 2019/2020: The Parish Council agreed unanimously that the precept should remain at the current level of £10370.00 per annum.

5. Planning: Application 18/03209/FP – Redwings/Brookside, Great North Road, Hinxworth,SG7 5EX. The Parish Councillors have agreed to “No objection” to this application. Wendy Kitchener to notify N.H.D.C. Planning Department.

The Local Plan 2011-2031: The updated plan has been received by the Parish Council. In respect Hinxworth any changes/impact are noted on page 7 as follows “Infilling development which does not extend the build core of the Village will be allowed in Category B Villages” Further details and a copy of the Local Plan can be viewed on the NHDC website www.north-herts/localplan.

6. Highways:

The Smiley Face Speed Sign for the Village: This has now been in place for over a month and the speed of the traffic from the Ashwell end of the Village appears to have reduced considerably. Therefore the Parish Councillors will now consider installing the same type of speed sign at the Edworth end of the Village in the next financial year.

Nick Tiffin reported he had received further correspondence in respect of the “Community Drive Safe Scheme” funding application. The allocation of these funds has yet to be decided with the Hinxworth application still under consideration.

7. Village Hall: David Osmond reported the “Christmas Ball” that took place in in the Village Hall on December 8th was a great success. He also reported photographs of the event have been posted on the Village Hall website.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Entrance to the Recreation Ground from the Car Park: With the advice of David Smyth, Richard Cobb and Eric Sore have sourced a supplier to provide a gate. Eric Sore has obtained a number of quotes. An installer has yet to be arranged.

Additionally the Councillors agreed the smaller gate at the front entrance to the Recreation Ground needs replacing. This will be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Annual Grounds Maintenance: David Granger to be contacted for a quote for the 2019 season

The Annual Play Area Inspection: Eric Sore is still reviewing the area in respect of the findings of the report.

9. The Tennis Court: David Osmond is to check the court and the net to see if there are any issues that require attention. This has yet to be completed.

10. The Allotments: Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Local Elections: These will take place on May 2nd 2019. Voting in the Village Hall.

Hinxworth Archers: The Parish Councillors are drawing up the new Annual Renewal agreement as usual for April 2019 to March 2020.

Tony Devaney: The Parish Council would like to extend their sympathy to Carolyn and her family at this sad time. Tony served as a Parish Council for many years and was a great supporter of the Parish Council. Tony as a Chartered Accountant audited our accounts and donated his small fee to our local church. He will be missed by many.

12: Date of the Next Meeting- Thursday February 7th 2019 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.