

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Apologies:- Nick Tiffin.

Other Persons Attending:- Karen Mills and Thomas Mills for the Tennis Court Item.

Steve Jarvis- Hertfordshire County Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 7th February were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. Proposed by Russell Lewis 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 Russell Lewis and seconded by David Osmond.

5. Planning:

The Area around the Pond in Chapel Street:- Steve Jarvis reported Hertfordshire County Council Enforcement Officer will view the site in the near future as to ascertain Hertfordshire Highways responsibility for the land up to the edge of the pond.

Chapel Street: - A response is still awaited from North Hertfordshire District Council for the Enforcement Officer inspection of the site.

6. Highways:

The Smiley Face Speed Sign for the Village:- This was out of action for a couple of days during the past month. It is now back in working order. The Parish Councillors agreed the sign has reduced the speeding through from the Ashwell end of the Village considerably.

Road Repairs:- Steve Jarvis confirmed the following repairs will take place in the next financial year commencing April 1st 2019.

1. New Inn Road - to be surface dressed in May 2019.
2. The High Street - the pot holes to be filled and the surface to be patched.
3. Francis Road - the pot holes to be filled and the surface to be patched.

7. Village Hall: David Osmond reported the Village Hall Management Committee have secured sixteen new bookings and three major events so far for this coming year.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Caravan and Motor Home Club: The club has booked the Recreation Ground for their annual rally for 9th to 11th October 2020.

9. The Tennis Court: Karen Mills and Thomas Mills attended the meeting for this item. Thomas outlined a proposal as to the further use of the tennis court to facilitate further sporting activities such as five aside football, walking netball, walking football, outdoor gym, and any other sport that could be held on the area the size of the tennis court. Hinxworth Young People and the Mustard Seed Group have given their support to this initiative.

Thomas went onto explain this could be something along the lines of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) now installed at Ashwell School. Thomas circulated a detailed computer plan to the Councillors of how he envisages it could look.

The Parish Councillors agreed to this idea in principle but further investigation will be needed. They asked Karen Mills if she would kindly contact Ashwell School for the Councillors to view their MUGA site. This she agreed to do and get back to the Chairman as to when it will be convenient.

The Chairman thanked Thomas for the research he had done to provide the information to the Council Meeting. Likewise they thanked him for his very professional presentation.

10. Allotments:- Nothing to Report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The Village Clean-up:- To take place on Saturday April 6th. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am.

Dylan Mills:- The Parish Councillors wish to convey their condolences to John and Jo Mills on the death of their son Dylan. He was a Village character and it will be strange not to see him on his bicycle riding through the Village.

12: Date of the Next Meeting- The Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday April 4th 2019 at **8.00pm** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.