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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 2nd MAY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:- Russell Lewis, Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.**

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. Proposed by Eric Sore and seconded by Nicholas Tiffin.

**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 Eric Sore.

**Annual Accounts 2018-2019:** These will be completed, audited and ready to be signed off at the June Parish Council Meeting.

**5. Planning:**

**Chapel Street:** - A response is still awaited from North Hertfordshire District Council, Enforcement Officer Chris Braybrooke for his inspection of the site. Wendy Kitchener is to contact him again.

**6. Highways:**

**Road Repairs:-** The Parish Councillors are monitoring as and when the following scheduled repairs take place commencing April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are making preparations for the forthcoming Cake-Off.

**8. Recreation Ground:** The Archery Club have donated and installed a bench on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to the Club.

**9. The Tennis Court:** Further to the Parish Council meeting in March the Councillors visited Ashwell School to see their newly installed Multi-Use Games Area. They were very impressed. Hinxworth does not require a games area as complex and subsequent to the visit the Councillors have contacted manufacturers and installers of like equipment. They have had various quotes running to tens of thousands of pounds. These are well outside the scope of funding available. The Councillors are now looking at various other options to make the area fit for use as a Multi-Use Games Area.

**10. Allotments:-** Nothing to Report.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**House Contents - 28 Francis Road:** The Parish Councillors have been made aware of the contents from this property have been deposited on the grassed area. North Hertfordshire District Council have already been notified of the problem by local residents. No action has been taken. Wendy Kitchener is to contact NHDC to ensure this will be cleared away.

**The War Memorial:** David Osmond proposed the planting of ten rose bushes aptly named “Remembrance” roses at the War Memorial. The Councillors agreed to this and he will now purchase these on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Dog Bins:** Richard Cobb is concerned the current bins in the Village are not adequate to take the “pooh” bags deposited by dog walkers. Therefore he proposed further bins, possibly two or four, be installed in the Village. Wendy Kitchener is to contact NHDC for a quote for the installation of the further bins and the cost of emptying them.

**Re- allocation of duties:** Richard Cobb will now be responsible for the Defibrillator. Nicholas Tiffin will be now be responsible for posting Parish Council items on the web-site.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting- Please note the change of date - Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.