

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present: Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr N. Tiffin (Vice-Chairman)
Mr E. Sore
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

Other Person Present:- Mike Wade attended with a view to being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Richard Cobb nominated as Chair by Eric Sore and seconded by Nicholas Tiffin. Agreed unanimously. Nicholas Tiffin nominated as Vice Chair by Richard Cobb and seconded by Eric Sore. Agreed unanimously.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd May 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.

Smaller Authorities (England): The exemption certificate has now been signed by the Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer Responsible (Wendy Kitchener) and will be forwarded PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

All other relevant documents for the Annual Accounts of 2018/2019 have been signed and will be posted on the Hinxworth Parish Council website by July 2nd. Should any resident of Hinxworth require any details or clarification of the current accounts/audit please contact Wendy Kitchener by email wggk@btinternet.com or by telephone 01767-313766.

The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to Jayne Whitfield who carried out the audit.

5. Planning:

Planning Application 19/01055/LBC Chapel House, Chapel Street:- The Councillors agreed unanimously to "no objection" to this application. Wendy Kitchener is to notify NHDC.

Land at the top of Chapel Street. Following the recent requests from Hinxworth Parish Council for a representative from North Herts Planning Department to visit the site, Richard Tiffin Principal Planning Officer kindly agreed to do so.

Mr Tiffin discussed, with Mr Potts the owner of the site, the concerns of some of the local residents and the Parish Council. These are detailed as follows:-

- An area on the land had been reported to have been covered in "tarmac". This has in fact been covered in "planings" and rolled out, as Mr Potts explained, for him to site his mobile home where he will live temporarily, while his project to convert the "Barn" is being completed. He has the relevant Planning approval for this.
- Mr Potts assured Mr Tiffin the site fence would be removed on completion of the project.
- Due to the above concerns Mr Potts agreed with Mr Tiffin for him to pass his mobile telephone number to Richard Cobb Parish Council Chairman so they could arrange a separate site meeting to discuss matters further.

Richard Cobb met with Mr Potts on site on Saturday 11th May.

- The meeting was held in a friendly manner with both parties explaining their points and concerns.
- Mr Potts explained that the new hard standing would, in addition to accommodating his temporary accommodation, make it easy for the lorries delivering to the site to turn around and leave, therefore avoiding blocking Chapel Street and/or Arnold's Lane. This would also avoid damage to the grass verges in the area.
- Mr Potts also explained the reason for the large mound of earth on site. This is top soil which will be re-instated once the hard standing of "planings" is removed when the conversion of the barn is completed.
- Mr Potts showed Richard Cobb the new mixed hedging he has planted the other side of the "site fence" which will give a natural barrier once the fencing is removed when the building is completed.
- Mr Potts is keen to move on with the project and the next stage is to move the site gates to the Arnolds Lane end of the site.

This was a very useful meeting and it is good to have an open line of communication between Mr Potts and the Parish Council, so as to now be able to discuss any misunderstanding and concerns that may occur as the project progresses.

6. Highways:

New Inn Road: This has now been resurfaced. The Councillors convey their thanks to County Councillor Steve Jarvis for arranging for the work to be carried out.

Outstanding Road Repairs: The High Street and Francis Road. Wendy Kitchener is to contact Steve Jarvis for an update as to when these will take place.

Broken Drain New Inn Road: The drain located in New Inn road near the junction with the High Street is broken. Wendy Kitchener is to notify Gary Henning Hertfordshire Highways.

Smiley Face Speed Sign: The newly installed sign appears to require adjustment as it is still showing "green" when being approached at over 30mph. Wendy Kitchener is to notify Steve Jarvis.

The Councillors are considering having another smiley face sign installed at the Edworth end of the Village.

Road Repairs on the Hinxworth/Edworth Road in Bedfordshire : The Councillors are concerned to the state of this road. They agreed David Smyth as Chair of Edworth Parish Meeting should be asked to notify Central Bedfordshire Council. Wendy Kitchener is to contact David Smyth.

7. Village Hall: Richard Cobb is to notify the Village Hall Management Committee he is their point of contact for any matters appertaining to the Parish Council.

8. Recreation Ground: Nothing to report

9. The Tennis Court: The Councillors are mindful of the request for this to be used as a Multi-Use Games area. They are still looking at various options but costs remain prohibitive.

10. Allotments:- Nothing to Report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

House Contents - 28 Francis Road: Patrick Cassidy, Neighbourhood Officer for Settle the NHDC management company responsible for NHDC properties, has notified the Parish Council the property has been returned to them and the rubbish left on the grass verge will now be cleared.

Additional Litter Bins: The Councillors have agreed to have an additional three litter bins located around the Village to allow dog walkers to deposit their bagged "dog poo" in them. Wendy Kitchener is to contact NHDC.

The War Memorial: David Osmond, on behalf of the Parish Council, has purchased and planted ten rose bushes aptly named "Remembrance" roses at the War Memorial. The Councillors thank him for his efforts. Arrangements will be put in place for these to be maintained.

The War Memorial Clock: The annual maintenance of the clock is now due. Wendy Kitchener is to arrange.

Superfast Broadband: The Councillors along with other residents of Hinxworth are aware the cabling for superfast broadband has been taking place in the Village. It appears though that it is unlikely superfast

broadband is to be connected to dwelling/businesses in the Village anytime soon. Why this is so is not known.

Therefore the Parish Councillors are to write to request an update from Oliver Heald. Also contacting Steve Jarvis, County Councillor and Tim Tyson District Councillor. Wendy Kitchener to action.

12: Date of the Next Meeting- Please note the change of date - Tuesday July 9th 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.