

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 9th JULY 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)

Other Persons present:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 4th June 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.

5. Planning:

Planning Application 19/01478/FP Thorns Farm, New Inn Road:- The Councillors agreed unanimously to "no objection" to this application. Wendy Kitchener is to notify NHDC.

6. Highways:

Outstanding Road Repairs: The High Street and Francis Road. Steve Jarvis confirmed the date for the work to commence has been agreed. He will forward this information to the Parish Council. Additionally Steve Jarvis also confirmed the edges to the Hinxworth/Ashwell Road have now been repaired.

Broken Drain New Inn Road: The drain located in New Inn road near the junction with the High Street is still not been repaired. Steve Jarvis will contact Hertfordshire Highways for the repair to be made as a matter of urgency.

Smiley Face Speed Sign: As reported last month the Councillors are considering having another smiley face sign installed at the Edworth end of the Village. The Parish Council are prepared to fund 50% as they did for the sign already installed. No funds will be available from Hertfordshire Highways until the next financial year 2020/2021.

Road Repairs on the Hinxworth/Edworth Road in Bedfordshire : The Councillors have noted the area has been marked out for repair. They convey their thanks to David Smyth as Chair of Edworth Parish Meeting for contacting Central Bedfordshire Council.

Speeding through the Village:- Richard Cobb reported he is becoming increasingly concerned to the volume of vehicles speeding through the Village. He has asked Steve Jarvis if he can arrange for a speed monitoring device to be installed in the Village to monitor the speed and the total numbers of these vehicles on a daily basis.

7. Village Hall: Richard Cobb has asked the Village Hall Management Committee to provide him with a copy of the minutes of their monthly meetings.

8. Recreation Ground:

Grass Cutting:- The Councillors feel it may be necessary for additional cuts to be made. They will monitor the situation.

Play Area Clean-up:- The Councillors will carry out the "Annual Clean-up" on August 1st. They will meet at the play area at 5.00pm.

Security Post:- A security post has been purchased to be sited at the entrance to the Recreation Ground by the Village Hall. A lock will be provide with a security code to allow entry. Richard Cobb is to arrange the installation.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:- Following discussion the Councillors have agreed to waive the annual subscriptions due on September 1st 2019 for one year only for the current allotmenters. This is in recognition of their continuing hard work keeping the allotments going. Richard Cobb is to notify Hilary Perricone.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Additional Litter Bins: The Councillors agreed to provide three litter bins located around the Village to allow dog walkers to deposit their bagged “dog pooh” in them. The Parish Council is to provide NHDC with the details of where these are to be sited.

The War Memorial Clock: The annual maintenance of the clock has now been completed.

The War Memorial Garden:- Tony Dawson has kindly agreed to maintain the area.

Superfast Broadband: Further to the reports from last month there has been no additional developments. Steve Jarvis agreed to continue to follow-up for further information.

Local Grants:- Tom Tyson, the newly elected District Councillor notified the meeting of the availability of small financial grants for clubs/organisations in the Village. For further information please contact Cllr Tom Tyson at Tom.Tyson@north-herts.gov.uk.

Co-opted Councillor:- Mike Wade will be formally co-opted on to the Parish Council at the next meeting on September 5th.

12: Date of the Next Meeting- Thursday September 5th 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.