

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr N. Tiffin (Vice-Chairman)
Mr A. Dawson
Mr B. Higgins
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies: Tony Lloyd, Tom Tyson, District Councillor.

Other person present: Steve Jarvis, Hertfordshire County Councillor.

Five members of the public.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 4th November 2021 were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Dawson.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

Hertfordshire County Council Planning Application PL/0233/21 (CCO829):- Place Farm, New Inn Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HB.

The planned meeting for Hinxworth residents took place on Monday November 29th.in the Village Hall, 105 flyers were delivered to households in the Village to notify residents of the meeting. Veronica Bennett and Martha Moroney from HCC addressed residents' questions on the operational running of the proposed home. Approximately 50 people attended.

3. Correspondence:

North Hertfordshire Council Planning Application 21/03121/FP: Land Adjoining Christys Yard

The Chairman has received a letter of objection to the above Planning Application from Ian Alderson and Jacqueline Johnson of 3 Christys Yard. This has been acknowledged and passed to our Clerk for the Parish Council's records. This is also available to be viewed on the North Hertfordshire District Council website.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Dawson.

5. Planning: The following Planning Applications were received during November from NHDC:-

- **Application 21/03121/FP - Land Adjoining Christys Yard.** This will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on January 6th 2022.

6. Highways:

Street Bins: These were full to overflowing. The contractors responsible were contacted and the bins emptied.

.7. Village Hall: A quote has been received from Amber Electrical on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee for the required work to the fire alarm system and car park lights. Bryan Higgins has offered to supply the details of the electrical contractor they use in Christy's Yard for another quote.

.8. Recreation Ground: Nothing to Report.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: David Granger has cut back the overgrown hedges giving much improved access. The funding came from the monies held by the Parish Council on behalf of the Allotmenters.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

North Hertfordshire District Council Planning Application 21/03222/PQN: Prior Approval Class Agric to Dwelling Q: Change of use of two agricultural barns into two 4-residential dwellings (Class C3 Use) including the creation of amenity space and parking.

Place Farm. New Inn Road, Hinxworth, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5HB

The Chairman introduced this item. The Parish Council had received this notice too late to add to the Agenda for the Parish Council Meeting this evening and likewise had not had time to give due consideration to their response to NHDC. This would be done prior to the deadline of December 18th for such response/comments to NHDC.

Four of the members of the public present expressed their concerns regarding the additional development of the Place Farm site. The Chairman allayed these to some extent by notifying them they would be notified of any decision the Parish Council have come too prior to forwarding it to NHDC. Likewise these members of the public should make their representations to NHDC. It appears they have some valid points regarding flooding in the area and the possibility for the two barns once converted, should they not be sold as residential properties, could be converted to a care facility. Steve Jarvis is of the opinion that until the Planning Application moves further forward into the Planning Process it seems to be somewhat difficult to assess what the outcome will be. This Planning Application by NHDC is rather complex due to its' unusual set up with Hertfordshire County Council being involved on the other part of the site being developed.

Therefore the Parish Council will report and publish their response to NHDC at the next Parish Council meeting on January 6th.

This item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting and three members of the public left the meeting at 7.40pm.

Encrypted Emails from NHDC: This problem the Clerk was encountering has now been resolved.

Unknown "Tommy" for Hinxworth: The Royal British Legion has a programme to commemorate the centenary of the War Memorials of the First World War by Towns/Villages. This is a model of a soldier known, as they were and still are, by the affectionate name of "a Tommies" to be purchased and placed by their respective War Memorials. The Parish Councillors have agreed to purchase one for the Hinxworth War Memorial. The Parish Council hope to celebrate the postponed 100 year anniversary of our War Memorial over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend with the street party. This would be a good time to install the "Tommy".

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Thursday 6th January 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.