

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
VIA "ZOOM" ON THURSDAY 18th MARCH 2021 AT 7.00 PM.

Present:

Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr N. Tiffin
Mr A. Dawson
Mr A. Lloyd
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Other persons present:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Tom Tyson District Councillor (he left the meeting at 7.20pm). Bryan Higgins to be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Co-opted Councillor: The Chairman proposed Bryan Higgins be co-opted on to Hinxworth Parish Council. Seconded by Nicholas Tiffin and agreed unanimously.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2021 were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Tony Dawson.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Nothing to report.

3. Correspondence: The Parish Councillors have received a letter from a local resident regarding their concern over the felling of a number of silver birch trees in Christy's Yard. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to North Hertfordshire District Council for action by the Conservation Officer if necessary. A reply is awaited.

4. Finance:

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

The Councillors agreed to the purchase and installation of a new defibrillator battery. The Chairman has agreed to do this.

5. Planning:

Planning Applications received since the last meeting on February 11th:-

- 21/00769/FPH - Gaynesfield, Chapel Street.
- 21/00843/LBC - The Bakery Chapel Street.
- 21/00844/FPH – The Bakery Chapel Street.

There Councillors agreed unanimously to "no objection" to the above applications. NHDC will be notified accordingly. These applications can be viewed on the North Hertfordshire Council Planning Portal.

6. Highways:

Hinxworth/ Ashwell Road: To be closed and resurfaced between 29th March and 6th April.

The road sign at the bend near Cuckoo Corner:- The Parish Councillors have been notified by Hertfordshire Highways this sign had been replaced but has subsequently it has been noted it is still in the ditch. Hertfordshire Highways to be contacted.

Road Subsidence: Due to the continuing wet weather the road at Bury End area is breaking away and is badly in need of repair. It is unclear as to who is responsible for this. Steve Jarvis is continuing to follow-up further along with arranging the clearing of the gullies.

New Inn Road Flooding:- The road continues to flood. Steve Jarvis is to follow-up.

7. Village Hall: To remain closed.

The Parish Councillors have received the latest Village Hall Management Committee minutes. A copy of the agreed Year End Accounts for December 2020 are awaited. Julie Methven has kindly taken over as Treasurer.

8. Recreation Ground: David Granger has managed to do the first cut of the season even though the ground is very wet.

Hedge Cutting around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground: This is still on hold due to the saturated ground,

The Archery Club: The Chairman has provided David Osmond with the Annual Agreement for 2021/2022. As and when the Archery Club can access the site, due to it being flooded, will need to be discussed further.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: The Parish Councillors have been notified one allotmentee has resigned but fortunately another resident of the Village has stepped in to take over the vacated plots. Hilary Perricone is to send the necessary licences/ deposit/rent to the Parish Council.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Fly Tipping: Due to the current pandemic fly tipping has become more prevalent. This has and is causing a problem in New Inn Road and the surrounding area of Hinxworth. It appears ongoing, with the residents clearing much of the offending items. What makes it more difficult is the local "waste tips" in both Letchworth and Biggleswade have restrictions as to what and when they can take such items. The Parish Councillors intend to monitor and provide evidence as to who the offenders are.

The A.G.M. The Parish Councillors are waiting for the pandemic restrictions to be lifted and hope to hold the AGM later in the year.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Thursday May 13th 2021 at 7.00pm via ZOOM..The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.