

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

Present:

Mr N. Tiffin (Acting Chairman)
Mr A. Lloyd
Mr A. Dawson
Mr R. Cobb (Joined the meeting at 7.30pm)
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Bryan Higgins, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Other person present:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Steve joined the meeting at 7.15pm

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 1st July 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: Nothing to report.

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.

5. Planning: Nothing to report.

6. Highways:

Ashwell/Hinxworth Road Repairs:- This area has now been “patched” ready for resurfacing with tar and chippings either in the Autumn 2021 or Spring 2022.

Traffic Calming Measures:- Steve Jarvis is hoping for a quote on the feasibility study very soon of which the Parish Council will pay 50% of the cost. The Parish Council is putting the Village forward for consideration for visits by the Police mobile speed camera. Richard Cobb to action.

Hedges/Grass Verges:- The hedges and verges of the roads surrounding Hinxworth are in urgent need of “cutting back”. Steve Jarvis confirmed this is planned to take place later in the month and a review of timing needs to be done for 2022 as this year it seems it has happened too late in the growing season.

7. Village Hall: The AGM is to take place in the Village Hall on September 14th.

.8. Recreation Ground:

The Archery Club: Having not had the use of the Recreation Ground in 2020 due the Covid 19 lock-down the Archery Club were not charged for its use. Likewise they were unable to use the site for all of 2021/2022 so it has been agreed to payment of 50% for its use would be a mutually acceptable to both parties.

The Play Area Inspection:- This has been agreed to be included for another year in the NHDC initiative for the Parishes in North Herts.

9. The Tennis Court: The re-white marking of the court has been completed.

10. Allotments: The annual rents are due from September 1st.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Afghan Appeal:- A kindly person has placed a wooden structure at the corner of Arnolds Lane for donations of clothes/toys etc. for the Afghan Refugee Appeal. The Parish Councillors would ask if this person could get in touch with them as they would hope they could assist with help for this worthy cause.

The Cancelled Centenary War Memorial Celebrations of 2020: Due to the obvious situation during 2020, this event, which was well supported by the Villagers had to be cancelled. Therefore, the Parish Councillors have now provisionally planned for this to take place in 2022 on June 3rd. This would not only celebrate the belated centenary of the War Memorial but the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the same day. A list of names of those in 2019 who planned to attend is held by Dick Cobb. Any further persons wishing to be added to this list please contact him. Further details of the event will be made available as the plans are put in place.

The War Memorial Clock: The annual maintenance of the clock is to be arranged.

The Village Voice:- Lucy Wade has stepped down from the editorship of the Village Voice. The Parish Councillors would like to extend their thanks to her and her family for their contribution to the compilation of the Village Voice over the past three years.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Thursday 7th October 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Wendy Kitchener - Clerk Hinxworth Parish Council