

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Other person present:- Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

Apologies:- Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 6th August were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. Proposed by Mike Wade and seconded by Nick Tiffin.

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

3. Correspondence:

Request from the residents of The Cottage, New Inn Road:- An email from Mr and Mrs Wilson requested the Parish Council's permission to erect a "safety driveway mirror" opposite their driveway on private land to allow sight of traffic approaching from the right. The Parish Councillors have no view on the proposed mirror as it will not be sited on Hertfordshire Highways land. (A metre from the kerbside).

The Quiet Lanes Initiative: - Russ Lewis provided the Parish Council with the CPRE document published in 2003 regarding the "Quiet Lane Initiative". He gave the following for reference on the CPRE website for details:-

https://www.cpre.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/quiet_lanes_1.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Oek1dUQFRnpYSrDgE0CW_EYbCJGE-in0uWRDdUS4kwRSBPIALbG-i2VM

The Parish Council would like to thank Russ for this suggestion, but on reviewing the comprehensive information pack, we all feel the initiative is more focused to rural lanes and our concern is the village High Street itself.

The Parish Council continues to be aware of the traffic problems in Hinxworth and the introduction of two "smiley face" speed signs have already been installed one at either end of the Village.

We will continue to be proactive in seeking further ways to stem the speed of the vehicles through the Village and will be looking at other methods of reducing the amount of vehicles and the speed at which they travel through the Village.

The Parish Councillors are going through a process to have the number of vehicle movements monitored in the High Street. The impact of the continuing growth of housing in Biggleswade, in particular, is a concern. Also the lack of availability of mobile speed cameras from the Hertfordshire Constabulary to enforce the 30 mph limit in our High Street compared to Bedfordshire, who appear to be far more proactive, is also a concern. The Parish Councillors intend to continue to press for more enforcement.

4. Finance:

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

5. Planning:

Planning Application 20/01726/FPH Eshacrin, New Inn Road, Hinxworth SG7 5HE.

The Parish Councillors agree unanimously to "no objection" to this application. North Hertfordshire District Council has been notified accordingly.

6. Highways:

Outstanding Road Repairs: The Parish Councillors conveyed their thanks to Steve Jarvis (Hertfordshire County Councillor) for arranging for the resurfacing of the High Street. Steve notified the meeting the

Hinxworth /Ashwell road is to be "patched" in the near future. The Councillors are awaiting a date at which Gary Henning (Hertfordshire Highways) can meet with them, in the Village, to discuss issues in the Village.

7. Village Hall: To remain closed.

8. Recreation Ground: The Caravan Club has cancelled their rally for October 9th -11th due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: The annual rent for the allotments is due on September 1st.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

A Unitary Authority for Hertfordshire:- Steve Jarvis reported a "White Paper" is to be published from Central Government regarding this matter.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Thursday October 1st 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.