

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

Mr R Cobb (Chairman)
Mr A. Lloyd
Mr A. Dawson
Mr B. Higgins
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr N. Tiffin (Vice-Chairman), Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Other Person Present: Steve Jarvis County Councillor,

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 3rd November were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Dawson and seconded by Tony Lloyd.

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

3. Correspondence:

High Street Parking: There has been two responses to the letter from the Chairman regarding the High Street parking. Both were positive along with all the residents ensuring they do not park on the pavement. The Chairman thanked the residents for their co-operation.

Nevertheless it has been pointed out to the Chairman that the High Street residents are concerned about the heavy farm vehicles going at speed through the Village at Harvest time. The Chairman will address this issue with the farmers involved.

Boundary Changes: The Chairman has received an email from the District Councillor Tom Tyson regarding the boundary changes. These can be viewed on the following websites for Hinxworth residents information and comment if necessary. [Have your say on new ward boundaries proposed for North Herts Council | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#) and [Councillors criticise proposed Baldock ward changes | The Comet.](#)

Trees in front of the Bungalows in Francis Road: District Councillor Tom Tyson has emailed the Council that, Settle, the company responsible for the area have asked their contractor to inspect and quote for the work for completion in early 2023.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Dick Cobb and Tony Dawson. For information a payment of £1500.00 has been made to Hertfordshire County Council as a contribution towards the "Traffic Calming" feasibility study. Steve Jarvis confirmed this study is well under way.

The Precept 2023/2024: This is to be held over to the next Parish Council meeting when all Councillors should be present.

5. Planning:

Planning Consultation 22/02934/FP at Thorns Farm. The Councillors agreed to no objection to this application.

6. Highways:

Pothole: The large pothole at the junction of New Inn Road and the High Street has now been repaired.

Ashwell Road by the Church: The flooding and collapse of the road near the Church in the past few days has been reported to Hertfordshire Highways by Tony Lloyd. Due to the urgency of the work Steve Jarvis will follow-up.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: A quote has been received from North Hertfordshire Construction and further quotes will be obtained prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

The Children's Play Area.

The play area item handle that requires replacing has been sourced and received by Tony Lloyd. He plans to fit this in the near future.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:

Water Availability: The investigation is still ongoing.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

St Nicholas Church Restoration: The Parish Council has been notified work has commenced and fund raising for the project is still ongoing.

The Defibrillator: After its' update the original is now back in place.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 5th January 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.