

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th JULY 2022 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Other Councillor present: Steve Jarvis, County Councillor.

Apologies: Richard Cobb (Chairman). Tom Tyson, District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd June 2022 were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Nick Tiffin

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

3. Correspondence: A letter has been received from Gordon and Audrey Hayden thanking the Parish Councillors for the picture of the War Memorial presented to Gordon for his winding of the War Memorial Clock for forty years. This was presented to him at the dual celebrations of the 100 years of the War Memorial and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 5th.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and Tony Dawson. The payments this month include a rebate of £250.00 to Hinxworth Archery Club against this year's subs to help with new members.

5. Planning:

Land North East Side of the High Street - 22/01449/FP – This Parish Councillors agreed their response to this application was to maintain a "neutral" position. Subsequent to responding to NHDC the Parish Council has received a copy of a letter from CPRE providing details of their objection to the application. Both of the above can be viewed on the NHDC Planning website.

6. Highways:

New Inn Road/Ashwell Road: The hedges and vegetation at the side of these roads are overgrown and need cutting back. Likewise the gullies in Hinxworth Village and the surrounding area require clearing. Steve Jarvis is to follow-up.

The Entrance to St Nicholas Church: The area of ground just off the highway at the entrance to the church is in need of repair. This is the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways. Steve Jarvis is to arrange for the repair to be carried out in the form of tarmac.

The Chicane at the Northern End of the Village: Steve Jarvis reported the design for this is underway.

7. Village Hall: The Parish Council have received information from the organisation "London Hearts" tia@londonhearts.org that there are funds available for the purchase of defibrillators. The Village Hall Management Committee are to be notified as they may wish to obtain an additional defibrillator for the Village Hall. Details have been forwarded to Helen Donaghue Chair of the VHMC.

8. Recreation Ground:

Play Area Inspection: The annual inspection has been booked with NHDC for later in the year.

The Gate/Pedestrian Entrance: The Councillors have still to obtain quotes for the work to prevent mud at the entrance in the winter months.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:

Water Availability: Tom Tyson had informed the Parish Councillors Baldock Allotments Group had recently installed water to their Ivel Springs site. A response is awaited from Tom Tyson to whom Hinxworth Parish Councillors should contact. Hopefully this would be a cheaper option as it has to be noted a bore hole to supply water to the site could cost anything between £30k and £40K.

New Allotmenters: Two plots have been vacated and subsequently taken on by two new members.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: The celebrations which took place in Manor Farm Barn was a great success. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to David and Rosemary Smyth for the use of the Barn. Likewise, they wish to convey thanks to all of those who attended and those involved in organising the event.

The Wooden Bench at the end of Francis Road and the High Street: This is in a state of collapse. Tony Lloyd agreed to look at it as to what can be done, if anything, to repair it. If necessary, he may have to remove it. This bench has been well used and the Parish Councillors hope it could be replaced in the near future.

Ukrainian Event: Bryan Higgins reported the event held at Caldecote Manor was well attended and a great success. The funds raised were in the region of £2500.00. Additionally and for information the Parish Council has posted on its website details provided by the Hertfordshire Strategic Migration Steering Group (SMSG) regarding our Ukraine guests and to how the County is facilitating this.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 1st September 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.