

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5th MAY 2022 AT 7.00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Other Councillor present:** Tom Tyson, District Councillor.

**Apologies:** Mr A. Dawson, Steve Jarvis, District Councillor.

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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:** Nothing to report.

**4. Finance:**

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

**AGAR Certificate:** The exemption certificate has now been signed by the Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer Responsible (Wendy Kitchener) and will be forwarded PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

**5. Planning: North Hertfordshire District Council Planning Application 22/00547/PNQ.**

**Marshfield Barn, New Inn Road, Hinxworth, SG7 5HB.** Further to the March 2022 Parish Council minutes the Councillors agreed "no objection" to this planning application. NHDC has been notified.

**6. Highways:**

**Hinxworth/Ashwell Road Resurfacing:** Tom Tyson reported this work should commence within the next week.

**7. Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

**8. Recreation Ground:**

**The Gate/Pedestrian Entrance:** The Councillors are to obtain quotes for the work. In the interim the area will be filled in with suitable material to help with the excess water problem.

**9. The Tennis Court:** The Councillors are aware the court surface is in need of repair or refurbishment; however, this is a large undertaking financially, so we agreed to get some preliminary quotes regarding the work that could be possibly done.

**10. Allotments:**

**Water Availability:** The allotments are in urgent need to be able to water their plots. Therefore the Councillors are to obtain a quote from Anglian Water for a stand pipe to be installed.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** The Councillors discussed at length the plans and "order of the day" for the Street Party. These details will be provided in an email to all those attending.

**Ukrainian Guests:** The Councillors welcome current and future guests to be housed with residents in the Village and we should give support to these family where and when we can.

There is concern from **Councillor Higgins** in the village, where the continued help will come from for the resident guests who are or will be housed in various houses in our village – The question to Hertfordshire County Council and North Herts County Council is, who will co-ordinate and facilitate there ongoing needs? It does appear on the face of it that little or nothing has been done and a point of contact is required by those with residents in their homes or those considering taking them in. Tom Tyson has agreed to investigate and provide an update.

**Diversity Training:** It appears all Public Bodies and Private Companies/Organisations are to provide “Diversity Training” for staff and associates. The Councillors require to know if and what procedures North Hertfordshire District Council have in place. Likewise how and when will Parish Councils be notified of these procedures and how to proceed. Tom Tyson agreed to investigate.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting:** Thursday 2nd June 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.