

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Other Persons Present: Steve Jarvis County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 6th October were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Lloyd.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

The Defibrillator: This has now been removed for updating. A temporary replacement is in place the only difference being this has a red security lock that has to be broken before use. The original defibrillator should be returned within a couple of weeks.

3. Correspondence: An email has been received from Sylvia Scales. She has the following three main concerns:-

The first relates to the pavement in High Street. Residents park their vehicles across the pavement restricting the ability of pedestrians being able to use it for its purpose. The Chairman reported that other residents had approached him regarding this issue. **Richard Cobb will write to the residents.**

The second is the trees in the area in the front of the bungalows to Village Hall require cutting back as they are obscuring the street light. The trees are not owned by the Parish Council. **Tom Tyson agreed to arrange.**

Also could there be an additional footpath path from the Village Hall to the bungalows? **Due to Planning and cost considerations this is not a viable proposition for the Parish Council.**

Thirdly a path by the gate entrance area to the Recreation Ground is in need of repair. **Nick Tiffin is to obtain a quote from North Hertfordshire Construction.**

Richard Cobb will reply to Sylvia.

4. Finance:

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

The Precept 2023/2024: To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

5. Planning: Nothing to report.

6. Highways:

Pothole: The large pothole at the junction of New Inn Road and the High Street. This has now been reported to Hertfordshire Highways.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: As noted in 3 above, Nick Tiffin is to obtain a quote from North Hertfordshire Construction.

The Children's Play Area. It has been noted dogs have been roaming in this area. A **"NO DOGS"** is to be purchased.

Additionally one of the play items has a handle that requires replacing. Tony Lloyd will purchase and fit a replacement.

9. The Tennis Court: The posts holding the nets in place have now been purchased. These will be installed in the Spring of 2023.

10. Allotments:

Water Availability: The investigation is still ongoing.

Allotment Rents 2022/2023: Most rents have now been received by the Parish. Council.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Remembrance Sunday: This will take place on Sunday November 13th.

Harry King: The Parish Councillors wish to extend their best wishes to Harry for a full recovery and to return home from hospital in the near future.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 1st December 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.