

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 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)

Apologies: Steve Jarvis County Councillor, Tom Tyson, District Councillor.

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

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

3. Correspondence: A letter has been received from Simon Marlow, and signed by a number of residents, regarding the viability of energy efficiency/saving/generating methods the Parish Council and the Village may be interested to have installed.

The Chairman said that the Village Hall Committee had applied for a quote regarding Solar Panels from NHDC "Solar together" initiative.

In Simon's letter it also floated the idea of Solar Panels on the Recreation field and or a Wind Turbine somewhere in the village.

The Parish Council felt it would be a good idea if a feasibility study and or working group be set up by the residents who expressed an interest by signing the letter.

4. Finance:

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

5. Planning:

No. 8 New Inn Road - 22/02463/FPH

This Parish Councillors agreed their response was they had "no objection" to this application.

6. Highways:

Pothole: There is a large pothole at the junction of New Inn Road and the High Street. This has yet to be repaired.

7. Village Hall: Information on another possible defibrillator for the Village Hall has been passed to the Village Hall Management Committee.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Bedfordshire Caravan Club: The club had their annual visit to Hinxworth on September 30th to 2nd October. Seven caravans were parked on the recreation ground.

9. The Tennis Court: The posts holding the nets in place require replacing have now been purchased. Bob Scales has kindly agreed to install them.

10. Allotments:

Water Availability: Dick Cobb has met Baldock Allotments Group Chairman to get a better understanding of how they got mains water onto their two sites. After much discussion the Councillors feel there are a number of options available, and they will investigate further.

New Allotmenters: A new allotment licence has been signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The Wooden Bench at the end of Francis Road and the High Street: LeisureGrow Ltd kindly offered to replace the bench. The Women's Institute will reinstate the plaques detailing the Queen Elizabeth II silver and diamond jubilees and add an additional plaque for the platinum jubilee. The Parish Councillors thanked both LeisureGrow and the Women's Institute for their endeavours.

St Nicholas Church 700 Year Anniversary Celebration: The event to raise funds for the restoration of the Church was a great success and approximately £580.00 was raised.

A letter from St Nicholas PCC will be delivered to the residents of Hinxworth and Edworth detailing the structural condition of the church. It also includes the current position of funds in hand and the outstanding funding required to enable the restoration to go ahead. The Parish Council supports this letter from the PCC.

Hinxworth Memorial Clock: This is now back in working order, following the very hot weather which stopped the chimes working, Ali McGaw and Julien Stepian were able to restore it to working order without having to call in Graham Newman. Ali will now take on the task of winding the clock now that Gordon Hayden has stepped down after forty years of stalwart duty.

The Defibrillator: The arrangements originally agreed did not take place due to the company involved basically not turning up on the due date. The Councillors are satisfied the defibrillator is still in good working order but will research the possibility of providing an additional defibrillator for the Village Hall. It is hoped the current defibrillator will still have its software upgraded, taken away for the update and a temporary replacement installed with the original being returned as soon as possible, as previously planned for the 8th September, Dick Cobb with follow-up.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd November 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.