

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 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 Councillors present: Steve Jarvis, County Councillor. Tom Tyson, District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2022 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: Richard Cobb has received an email from Chris Braybrooke, NHDC Senior Planning Compliance Officer that was sent to Julien Mignomac entitled "Abuse of Conservation Land in Hinxworth". This email has also been circulated to residents in Christy's Yard. A copy of this letter is available on request.

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:

Baytree Cottage, Chapel Street - 22/02016/FPH

Mole End, The Close -22/02200/FPH

This Parish Councillors agreed their response was they had "no objection" to both of these applications.

6. Highways:

Gully Clearing: Steve Jarvis reported these have now been cleared.

New Inn Road/Ashwell Road: Steve Jarvis reported he is in discussion with Hertfordshire Highways to ascertain if there is a schedule for the cutting back of the hedges and vegetation at the side of these roads and other areas which are overgrown. Basically, when and how often is this work carried out? He is awaiting a response.

Pothole: There is a large pothole at the junction of New Inn Road and the High Street. Dick Cobb is to follow up.

The Councillors thanked Steve for his help.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: Nothing to report.

9. The Tennis Court: The posts holding the nets in place require replacing. Dick Cobb has been notified of a Company, Network Sports, who can provide exact replacements. He will contact the Company.

10. Allotments:

Water Availability: Dick Cobb has been in contact with Baldock Allotments Group Chairman. He was advised of some useful information which would be helpful to providing the water facility for the allotments. Dick will follow this up and arrange hopefully for the installation of a water facility for the Hinxworth allotments.

New Allotmenters: The new allotmenters licences have now 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: Tony Lloyd reported back that the bench was beyond repair therefore he had to remove it. Tony will write a piece for the Village Voice outlining the situation and requesting ideas from the residents of Hinxworth for its replacement.

St Nicholas Church 700 Year Anniversary Celebration: The Parish Councillors conveyed their best wishes for the event taking place on September 3rd. Dick Cobb will be helping out on the day by manning the loud speaker system.

Hinxworth Memorial Clock: Due to the recent hot weather it appears this has caused some distortion to the clock chiming wooden base which has led to the clock not chiming. Wendy Kitchener is to contact Graham Newman the person who maintains the clock annually to notify him of the problem.

The Defibrillator: The software requires updating. This will be carried out on September 8th when the current defibrillator will be dismantled, taken away for the update and a temporary replacement installed with the original being returned as soon as possible.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 6th October 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.