

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

Other person present: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

Apologies: Tom Tyson District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 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:

Councillor Vacancy: Having advertised the vacancy in the Village Voice the Parish Councillors agreed they will review any responses at the next Parish Council meeting on January 4th.

Uncontested Elections Charges for North Hertfordshire.: The Councillors, after notifying North Herts District Council of their concerns regarding of the charge of £250.00 to be made for Hinxworth (based on the number of electors in the Village) for uncontested elections, have now been notified that NHDC considered this matter at their Council meeting of 23 November 2023 and it was agreed the charge would be implemented. So all Parishes/Councils in the North Hertfordshire District who have uncontested elections will be charged a fee according to the number of electors in their area. Further information can be found in the link to the NHDC meeting below:-

[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 23rd November, 2023, 7.30 pm | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)

4. Finance:

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

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations:

Application 23/002211/FP: Pear Tree House, Chapel Street, Hinxworth. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

Application 23/02509/TCA: Appletrees, High Street, Hinxworth. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

Application 23/02232/FP: Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road, Hinxworth. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

6. Highways:

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: The concerns raised by the Parish Councillors at the last Parish Council meeting of November 2nd regarding the plans from Hertfordshire Highways have now been resolved. Hertfordshire Highways have therefore now sent consultation letters giving details of the scheme to every household in Hinxworth for their comments. The closing date for these comments on the first phase of the Traffic Calming is December 20th and the Councillors urge all residents to notify Hertfordshire County Council of their views. Further details are available on the following link below: -

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Hinxworthtc

7. Village Hall:

Manhole Cover: The manhole cover alongside of the Village Hall has now been replaced.

8. Recreation Ground:

Ashwell Accies: The Councillors responded to Ashwell Accies detailing the relevant points and its concerns. We await a formal response from the Accies.

The Annual Playground Inspection: This report which took place in December made observations of low risk items that need attention. The Parish Councillors will address these in their spring cleaning programme in New Year.

The Gate/Pedestrian Entrance: Connor Methven hopes to commence the work as soon as the weather improves.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:

The Allotment Group: The Allotment committee have started to move forward with their proposed plans and associated costs for the allotment these will be ongoing. The Parish Council have agreed to allocate funds up to £1000.00 from the Allotment subscriptions for the proposed works. This money is from subscriptions accumulated over the past thirteen years from when the allotments commenced in 2010.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The War Memorial: The plans for the refurbishment of the War Memorial are under way. Quotes for the work will be obtained and it is hoped to commence these repairs in the late Spring when the weather improves.

The War Memorial Clock: A date from A.J. James of Saffron Walden is still awaited.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 4th January in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.