

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2023 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 1st December were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Tony Dawson.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

Boundary Changes: Every household in the Village has received a notice from Tom Tyson headed "Local Government Boundary Commission review proposes changes that would significantly affect our Villages". Representation to the consultation has to be made by January 9th. For further information see the website as detailed on the notice. The Parish Councillors support the version proposed by North Hertfordshire District Council.

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance:

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

The Precept 2023/2024: The Parish Councillors discussed an increase to the precept by 2% to £10578. In addition there should be £140 received from the North Herts Council Tax Reduction Scheme subject to final approval at the Council meeting on 23rd February 2023. The revised precept of £10578 demand for Hinxworth was proposed by Richard Cobb and seconded by Nick Tiffin and agreed by the Councillors.

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations: 22/03168/PNQ Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road. & 22/03311/FPH Corner Cottage Chapel Street. The Councillors agreed to no objection to these applications.

Planning Consultation: 22/03214/FPH Hinxworth House, New Inn Road. (Richard Cobb declared an interest and left the meeting for this item). After a discussion the Parish Councillors agreed to "no objection" to this application.

NHDC Planning Department has been notified of the above.

6. Highways:

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis is to confirm the planned High Street meeting to take place on January 23rd with the Highways Department. This is to discuss the Traffic Calming Feasibility Study which is nearly completed. All Councillors are able to attend on that date.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: Quotes are still awaited.

The Children's Play Area. The annual inspection has taken place. There are a few minor repairs required. It is planned for a rolling maintenance programme for the area.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:

Water Availability: There needs to be further investigation as to how water can be supplied.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing to report.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd February 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.