

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 31st MAY 2023 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

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

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 4th May were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Dick Cobb and seconded by Tony Dawson.

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

3. Correspondence:

Hertfordshire County Council- Rural Strategic Plan – The Councillors will review this complex document and the appropriate response will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

4. Finance:

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

Accounts 2022/2023: The Accounts are with the external auditor and will be returned for signing off at the next Parish Council meeting on July 6th.

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations:

Application 23/01161/LBC Corner Cottage, Chapel Street. The Parish Council has no objection to this and therefore supports the application.

6. Highways:

Ashwell Road:- The vegetation along the road on the right hand side going towards Ashwell, from the church to Cuckoo Corner, requires cutting back as a matter of urgency. At present it is difficult for two vehicles coming in opposite directions to pass each other safely. This could leading to a somewhat dangerous situation. Steve Jarvis is to be notified.

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: It is hoped that the first stages (verge gates) of the calming measures in the High Street should start in this financial year. However, we are still awaiting the revised proposals, so the necessary public consultations can be planned. Action on Steve Jarvis to report back to the Councillors regarding the current situation.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

Five-a-side football: The Chairman has been approached regarding the possibility of five-a-side football taking place on a Sunday morning at the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, this is not possible as at present the Archery Club have an annual agreement to use the Ground on a Sunday morning.

9. The Tennis Court:

The Net Posts: Bob Scales and Dick Cobb plan to install the new net posts on Saturday June 3rd. The Councillors would like to thank Bob Scales for his help.

10. Allotments:

The Allotment Group: The Parish Councillors discussed the sustainability of the allotments going forward as it is now thirteen years since the Allotment Group was set up. It has been agreed the Allotment Group at their next planned Committee meeting should come forward with suggestions of how they see the way forward and what is required to make this viable and productive. The Parish Councillors look forward to the proposals in due course.

11. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing to report.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 6th July 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.