

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2023 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present: Mr N Tiffin (Acting Chairman)
Mr A. Dawson
Mr B. Higgins
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Richard Cobb and Tony Lloyd

Other Persons Present: Steve Jarvis County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Members of the Public: Patrick Forbes and Simon Marlow (for the Village Hall item).

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd February were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and seconded by Tony Dawson.

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

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.

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations:

Application 23/00441/S73 Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road. The Parish Council has no objection to this application

Application 23/00409/FPH The Paddock. High Street. The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Application 22/01449/FP Land North East Side of the High Street. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

6. Highways:

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis reported further calming measures in the High Street are hopefully to start to be financed in 2024/25 budget after the usual public consultations. The Councillors thanked Steve Jarvis for his help.

Chapel Street: The Parish Councillors have noted there are closure signs in place in Chapel Street. It appears there has been no notification regarding what work is to be carried out.

Update on Chapel Street from Steve Jarvis on March 6th. This will be for cleaning the drains. There are often problems as these gullies/drains are blocked by parked vehicles. So an experiment of road closures is taking place which gives Hertfordshire Highways the right to remove any vehicle, if necessary, that is blocking a gully/drain. Then replacing the vehicle back in its position. Apparently Chapel Street has been chosen as one of the locations.

Pothole: There is a large pothole on the Hinxworth/Edworth road. This being in Bedfordshire David Smyth is to be contacted as Chairman of Edworth Parish Meeting if he would kindly notify Central Bedfordshire Highways Authority.

7. Village Hall:

Solar Panels: Simon Marlow addressed the Councillors with regard to solar panels being installed. A discussion took place as to the possible benefits of this project. Steve Jarvis volunteered to investigate any grants/initiatives that may be available from Hertfordshire County Council or other organisations. Nick Tiffin notified the meeting that the Village Hall Management Committee are responsible for the Village Hall and therefore he will notify the Chairperson Helen Donohoe for them to follow up and report back.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: A further quote is still awaited.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

May Local Elections May 4th: Please note any Village resident who is interested in putting their name forward as a candidate for election to the Parish Council and requires further information the website www.north-herts.gov.uk (elections-and-voting) provides further details.

Speeding Initiative: Tom Tyson informed the meeting that a “County Speed Watch” initiative is being discussed for the Villages in North Herts. It will involve a local residents/group either from Hinxworth or a village collective being issued in recording excess speeders. To date Barley and Weston Villages are participating.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 30th March 2023 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)