

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4th MAY 2023 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

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

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

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 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 Dick Cobb and seconded by Tony Dawson.

Accounts 2022/2023: Wendy Kitchener as Financial Officer responsible has provided the Councillors with the draft accounts for 2022/2023. These have yet to be audited by the External Auditor ready for "signing off" by the current Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer responsible (Wendy Kitchener).

AGAR Certificate: The exemption certificate for 2022/2023 has now been signed by the current Chairman (Richard Cobb) and the Financial Officer Responsible (Wendy Kitchener) and will be forwarded PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations:

Application 23/00794/FPH: Hinxworth House, New Inn Road. The Parish Council has no objection to this application

Application 23/00441/S73: Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

Application 23/00409/FPH: The Paddock, High Street. The Parish Council has received a decision notice regarding this application.

6. Highways:

Potholes: There are an additional number of potholes on the road that runs from the Dunton Road to the County border with Hertfordshire and into Hinxworth. These have already been notified to Central Bedfordshire Council by members of the public and can be viewed on Central Bedfordshire Council website. Their response is as per complaint reference 388124 as follows "Maintenance work is planned for this area and the issue will be resolved as part of these works".

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: It is hoped the calming measures in the High Street are likely to commence as financed in 2024/25 budget after the usual public consultations. The Councillors are now awaiting Steve Jarvis to report back to them.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Repair to the Gate Entrance to the Recreation Ground: Connor Methven has provided a quote for the work. The Parish Councillors agreed to accept the quote. The work should commence in the near future.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:

Water Collection Facilities: The Councillors suggested the allotmenters meet to decide as to how they wish to proceed.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

May Local Elections May 4th: Hinxworth Parish Councillors Richard Cobb, Nicholas Tiffin, Tony Lloyd and Tony Dawson remain as Councillors in an “uncontested” election and will be in post from May 9th.

The Election of the Chair and Vice- Chair from May 9th: Tony Lloyd proposed Nicholas Tiffin as Chair, seconded by Tony Dawson and agreed unanimously. Tony Dawson proposed Richard Cobb as Vice-Chair, seconded by Tony Lloyd and agreed unanimously. They will therefore take up their positions on May 9th. Bryan Higgins has resigned from the Council, therefore a vacancy now exists for a Councillor to be co-opted onto the Council.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 1st June 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.