

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 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: Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Apologies: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor,

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 5th October 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:

Uncontested Elections: Notification has been received from North Herts District Council of a charge likely to be made for uncontested elections and asking for views of the Councillors on this. For Hinxworth the charge would be £250.00 at a cost to the Parish. The Councillors do not agree with this and have notified NHDC accordingly.

4. Finance:

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

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations:

Application 23/02232/FP Farrowby Farm, New Inn Road, Hinxworth. The Councillors agreed to “no objection” to this application.

The War Memorial: The Parish Council, having discussed some proposed refurbishment work to the War Memorial with NHDC Planning Department, Mark Simmons has responded that the work planned will not require a planning application so can start to prepare quotes for the work, it is hoped to commence these repairs within six to nine months when the weather improves.

6. Highways:

Grass Cutting: The grass edges New Inn Road have been cut.

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Plans from Hertfordshire Highways for phase two of the traffic calming project have been received by the Parish Council. The Councillors have some concerns regarding these as they, in their opinion, do not meet the requirements of the Village. Hertfordshire Highways have been notified and a response is we hope forthcoming.

7. Village Hall:

Manhole Cover: The manhole cover alongside of the Village Hall will be replaced as soon as the weather improves.

Safety Measures: The Councillors have been notified that there could be a danger for young children when leaving the Village Hall after their activities. The youngsters tend to run along the side of the Hall and into the road going down the side of the hall, this is a blind spot where vehicles leaving the car park are unable to see them. So the Councillors agreed to install a post and rail fence from the hall corner to the path to improve

viability. This should provide a safety measure for the youngsters and give traffic leaving the car park more time to react if someone is entering the road.

8. Recreation Ground:

Ashwell Accies: The Councillors have received a request for the use of the recreation ground on a Saturday morning by these young footballers. Further discussions need to be had regarding this request.

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 committee are starting to pull together their proposed plans and associated costs for the allotment

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

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

Street Sign Replacement Initiative: Tom Tyson reported any street signs that are in poor condition can be replaced. These will be supplied by NHDC. The Councillors will provide Tom with the photographs of those signs that require replacing.

John Mills: The Parish Councillors wish to send their condolences to the Mills family on the recent passing of John Mills the renowned sculptor.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 7th December in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.