MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 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 persons present: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor, Tom Tyson District Councillor.

- 1. **The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 6th July were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Dick Cobb.
- 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 seconded by Tony Lloyd. Jayne Whitfield who audited the 2022/23 Accounts is to receive a cheque for £50.00 which she will donate to Letchworth Garden House Hospice. We would like to thank Jayne again for her support in this.

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations: Application 23/01891/FPH. The Stables, Pulters Farm Barn, New Inn Road. The Parish Council agreed to "no objection" to this application.

6. Highways:

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis reported stage one funding has been approved and the gates have now been ordered. As soon as these are received, possibly within the next few weeks these will be installed.

Grass Cutting: Hertfordshire Highways have now cut the verges at the road junctions in and around the Village. Steve Jarvis is now trying to ensure all other verges in and around the Village are also cut.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground:

The Archery Club: A request has been received from the Archery Club for them to install coloured brushes to define the archery boundary lines. Tony Dawson notified the meeting of how these would be installed. Possibly fifteen in number to be permanently in place to surround the boundary of the Archery site as and when the Archers use the ground. The Councillors are satisfied the installation of these on a permanent basis will not cause any problem for other persons using the Recreation Ground or hinder grass cutting.

The Caravan Club: Will hold their Annual Rally on the Recreation Ground between 15th and 17th of September.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

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The Allotment Group: The final numbers of the group who have "paid—up" their subscriptions from September1st should be finalised by the end of the month. Dick Cobb will then arrange a meeting with the allotmenteers regarding the viability and way forward for the site and he hopes to report back, if possible, at the next Parish Council meeting on October 5th.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The Village BBQ and Family Fun Day: This was held on Sunday September 3rd at St Nicholas Church. The weather was good and it was well attended and a great success. The Parish Councillors convey their thanks to all those who organised the event for their hard work. Likewise, they also thank everyone who attended for their support.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 5th October 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.55pm.