

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 AT 7.00 PM.**

**Present:**

**Mr N. Tiffin (Chairman).**  
**Mr R. Cobb (Vice Chairman).**  
**Mr T Lloyd**  
**Mr T. Dawson**  
**Mrs E. Oliver (Left the meeting at 7.25pm)**  
**Mrs W Kitchener (Clerk)**

**Other persons present: - Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Five members of the public.**

**Apologies: Tom Tyson, District Councillor**

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 7th November were agreed. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Richard Cobb.

**2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.** Nothing to report.

**3. Correspondence:**

**Potholes:-** A letter from a resident in Francis Rd has been received regarding the potholes in the road junction at the left hand side in front of the bungalows at the top end of Francis Road, just before the allotments. Dealt with under Highways.

**Safeguarding Children Services:-** An invitation to the Chairman and Vice- Chairman to opening of the Children's residence "Tulip Cottage" in New Inn Road on December 12<sup>th</sup>, both are very pleased to attend this.

**4. Finance:**

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

**5. Planning:**

**Planning Application 24/02404/FP:** Land Adjoining Cantlebury, Chapel Street and 1 Christys Yard, Hinxworth SG7 5EH. Richard Cobb left the meeting for this item. The Parish Councillors voted to three to one to "No Objection" to the application. Five members of the public attended the Parish Council Meeting for this point on the agenda and some discussion did happen. It was also noted at the time of the vote only 4 comments had been placed on the NHDC web site (3 Objecting 1 Supporting)

**Planning Application 24/02446/FP:** Marshfield Barn, New Inn Road, Hinxworth, SG7 5HB. A response from the Parish Council to NHDC is required by December 26<sup>th</sup> 2024. To give this item full consideration it will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Therefore, an extension will be requested for their response until 8th January 2025.

**6. Highways**

**Overgrown Hedges and Verges:** The long-standing issue of who is responsible for the upkeep of hedges and verges in the area, the landowner or Hertfordshire Highways has now been resolved. The Parish Councillors wish to thank David Smyth and Tony Smyth for their co-operation regarding this matter in New Inn Road bearing in mind the past twelve months, with the wet weather, have seen the hedges grow faster than would normally be expected. It has to be noted the Landowners are not responsible for the cutting of the verges, therefore Steve Jarvis will discuss further with Hertfordshire Highways their ongoing programme for cutting the verges in the area in the future.

**Speed Reduction Project in the High Street.** The Councillors are still waiting for the formal consultation for the extended speed limit at the church end of the High Street, but the plan around this has now been received and it is proposed to include this in the Village Voice so everyone in the village can see the scheme put forward. Steve Jarvis is to consult with Hertfordshire Highways to ascertain the current position proposed dates.

**Francis Road: As per correspondence item:** There has been some question as to the ownership of this area of road before the allotments and its up keep, as it is in a very poor way. Steve Jarvis is to investigate the position as it is, at present, unclear whether it belongs to NHDC, Hertfordshire Highways, Settle or a local resident.

**7. Village Hall:** The Christmas Ball was held in the Village Hall on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>. This as was to be expected was a great success. The Parish Councillors wish to thank the Village Hall Management Committee and all their supporters for all the hard work that make the event the “show piece” of the year.

**8. Recreation Ground:**

**The Archery Club:** David Osmond notified the Vice-Chairman of certain changes to the Archery Club's terms and conditions regarding their affiliation with Archery GB. No doubt if these are significant the Annual Agreement/ Contract with the Parish Council will be adjusted accordingly.

**9. The Tennis Court:** Nothing to report

**10. Allotments:** Nothing to report.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**The Speed Sign on the Central Beds and Hertfordshire Border:** Many Villagers are mystified as to where this came from and who installed it and why. Central Beds or Hertfordshire Highways? This is being investigated.

**12: Date of the Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on the 2nd January.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm