

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present: Mr N. Tiffin (Chairman).
Mr R. Cobb (Vice-Chairman).
Mr T Lloyd.

Other persons present: Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor and Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Apologies: Mr A. Dawson and Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 7th December were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Dick Cobb.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

We are pleased to announce that we have **two potential candidates** for the vacant position on the council. Both candidates will be invited for an interview in the coming weeks.

3. Correspondence:

We had received a letter from a **Hinxworth resident** seeking funding for a very worthwhile trip to Peru, the PC however cannot utilise public money for such trips. However, we wish the person much success in raising funds and benefitting others.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: Not agreed due to no finance information being available, to be completed at the next meeting.

5. Planning:

Planning Consultations:

Listed Building Consent: Single-storey side extension to provide a 1-bed ancillary annexe following demolition of existing detached timber shed.

The Old Bakery, Chapel Street, Hinxworth, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5HN

All Councillors had no objection to this application

6. Highways:

Traffic Calming Feasibility Study: Steve Jarvis reported that the consultation period was now closed and they had 63 responses. 61 of these were in favour of both the traffic calming and the extended speed limit at the Francis Road end. This was seen as a very positive step towards the next phase.

A white gate has been installed at the Church end of the high street, the ones at the other end will be completed when full approval of the speed limit extension is approved.

We can confirm **Place Farm** work has started in New Inn Road, Some disruption will be necessary for the offloading of equipment and materials, please be patient the adverse weather has not made this easy.

7. Village Hall:

Nothing to report

8. Recreation Ground:

The **Hinxworth Archery Club** agreement has been deferred to the next meeting.
Ashwell Accies – nothing to report

The Gate/Pedestrian Entrance work: waiting for this to be done but the weather is against us at present

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments:

Nothing to report

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The War Memorial Clock: The plans for refurbishment of the war memorial is underway and we have received 1 quote for the work so far. We have also reached out to the Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust to see if we can secure some co-funding for the work to be done. They are reviewing our request at their next meeting in March.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 1st February in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.59pm.