

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

Mr N. Tiffin (Chairman).
Mr R. Cobb (Vice Chairman).
Mr T Lloyd
Mr T. Dawson
Mrs E. Oliver
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 3rd October were agreed. 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 Tony Lloyd and seconded by Nick Tiffin.

5. Planning:

Planning Application 24/02404/FP: Land Adjoining Cantlebury Chapel Street and 1 Christys Yard, Hinxworth SG7 5EH. The reply date is November 30th but Tom Tyson has requested an extension of time on behalf of the Parish Council to allow the application to be given full consideration at their next meeting on December 5th.

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 still not been resolved. Therefore the intention is to contact both parties by the Parish Council for a resolution to this matter. The Parish Councillors are becoming increasingly concerned there could be a fatal accident occur as the overgrown hedges and verges are encroaching onto the highways.

Speed Reduction Project in the High Street.: The Parish Council has been notified "The statutory consultation in the changes to the speed limit near the Church has been ordered". It appears there has been no movement forward on this as yet. We still wait the modified plans for the church end of the highway and once these are received we will keep the Village informed of any changes. The Chair will contact Tess Dowdeswell at the council formally.

Manhole Cover: The damaged manhole cover in the road outside Forge Cottage is to be reported the Hertfordshire Highways.

7. Village Hall: The Village Management Committee intend to do some ground maintenance work around the Village Hall.

8. Recreation Ground:

Use of the Recreation Ground: Ashwell Accies have notified the Parish Council that they have secured ground elsewhere for the current season, but intend to keep the option of the possible use of Hinxworth Recreation Ground in the future, based on further investigation.

The Archery Club: Two boot scrapers for use by the Archers along with other items markers etc which have mysteriously disappeared are to be replaced, these items will be more robust to hopefully stop their removal.

The Children's Play Area: The Parish Councillors intend to survey items on the Play area that may require attention. But they await the annual Play Inspection Report before doing so.

9. The Tennis Court: The condition of the court and its' continuing use is to be reviewed by the Parish Councillors in 2025.

10. Allotments: Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

Repairs to the War Memorial: This project has now been completed. The Parish Councillors would like to thank North Hertfordshire Construction for the work they have carried out and timely for the Remembrance Sunday Service. Additionally we would like to thank the Eddell's for facilitating the scaffolding on the garden area behind. This is very much one of the focal points in the Village and it is great to keep this well maintained. The Chair will write to the Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust to thank them for the kind donation helping towards this work

The War Memorial Clock: A reply is still awaited from Graham Newman as to when he will be able to commence work on the clock now the repair work on the War Memorial is completed.

Get Well Soon: Wendy, our Clerk, notified the Parish Councillors that her husband Ray was admitted to Lister hospital over a week ago. He is having ongoing tests as to the diagnosis treatment of his condition. The Parish Councillors wish him "all the best" for hopefully a speedy recovery.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on the 5th December.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.