

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM.**

**Present:**

**Mr N. Tiffin (Chairman).**  
**Mr R. Cobb (Vice Chairman).**  
**Mr T. Dawson**  
**Mrs W Kitchener (Clerk)**

**Other persons present:** - Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor. Tom Tyson, District Councillor.  
**Apologies:** Tony Lloyd.

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September were agreed. Proposed by Nick Tiffin 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 Tony Dawson and seconded by Nick Tiffin.

**5. Planning:** Nothing to Report.

**6. Highways:**

**Overgrown Hedges and Verges:** As reported last month the Parish Councillors, as are local residents, becoming increasingly concerned still no action has been taken on this matter. Dick Cobb therefore has voluntarily taken action and cut back the verges to the west of the village and around the white gates. The Parish Councillors thanked him for his endeavours in this but still feel in the long term the local authority should be more active here. Likewise, Tony Smyth has cut some of the verges in New Inn Road the Parish Councillors convey their thanks to him also.

**Speed Reduction Project in the High Street.:** Nick Tiffin met with Steve Jarvis and representatives of Hertfordshire Highways along with Geoff Burrows last week regarding new proposals for the east end chicane. Mr Burrows had written to the Parish Council regarding his concerns on the positioning of the chicane and the yellow double lines. This, as he explained would restrict parking of the vehicles of those persons attending St Nicholas Church. It was therefore agreed by all parties for the chicane and the double yellow lines to be re-sited before the church entrance and this would mean a small extension of the 30 mph limit. This would allow parking for the Church to remain as is, although it is noted, that parking in front of the church entrance should be discouraged should emergency vehicles need to enter the gates. This proposal will be drawn up and go out for public consultation within the next five weeks. A copy of the plans and the proposal for the project will be published in the Village Voice.

**Flooding:** With all the rain we have had, we are encouraged that the first bend in New Inn Road has held up well and no serious local flooding occurred other parts have suffered a little due to the deluge we have seen in the last few weeks,

**7. Village Hall:** Nothing to Report.

**8. Recreation Ground:**

**Use of the Recreation Ground:** There has been no further communication regarding this matter from Ashwell Accies or The Three Horse Shoes Cricket Club.

**Flooding:** The top area of the Recreation Ground is underwater and not useable.

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

**10. Allotments:** All the subs for the 24/25 season have been received. The installation of the new water catchment units is underway.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**Repairs to the War Memorial:** The start of this project is underway but has been delayed somewhat due to the bad weather. Nevertheless, when work commences it should take somewhere in the region of few weeks to complete.

**The War Memorial Clock:** A reply is awaited from Graham Newman as to when he will be able to commence work on the clock. This will now not be able to be start until after the repair work on the War Memorial is completed.

**The Waste Bin Contract:** Tom Tyson notified the meeting the contract commencing in May 2025 has been awarded to Veolia. There will be some changes to the collection cycle, though they are not likely to be implemented until late in the summer of 2025.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.