

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY 2025 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:** - Tom Tyson, District Councillor Three members of the public for the Marshfield Barn Planning Consultation.

**Apologies:** Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

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

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

**3. Planning:**

**Planning Consultations:** - 24/02635/S73 and 24/02747LBC The Old Bakery, Chapel Street, Hinxworth.

The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to “no objection” to these planning consultations.

**Planning Consultation;** - 24/02446/FP Marshfield Barn. A family from Hinxworth Place attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the application, primary concerns centred around water table and waste from the septic tank and where this would go. Other points were raised, but these were not Planning relevant to the current application or the Parish Council. The member of the public was advised to contact NHDC Planning Department and voice their concerns directly. Tom Tyson agreed to review the latest Planning Committee report regarding Marshfield Barn and the area and report back.

The Parish Councillors voted on the current application. “No objection” was agreed with a 4-1 majority. It must also be noted at the time of our vote, the web site had no public comments on it, being objection or supporting the application.

**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.

**The Precept 2025/26:** The Parish Councillors agreed to increase the annual sum by 2.6%

**5. Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

**6. Highways:**

**Speed Reduction Project in the High Street.** There is still no response from Hertfordshire County Council regarding the formal consultation for the extended speed limit at the church end of the High Street, even though the plan around this has now been received. This plan was included in the Village Voice before Christmas. The Parish Council still await a response from Steve Jarvis who was to consult with Hertfordshire Highways to ascertain the current position proposed dates.

**Francis Road:** Steve Jarvis confirmed that this part of the road is not owned by NHC, it there is unclear whether this area of land/road belongs Settle or a local resident, an action was taken to contact both to try and determine this

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

**8. Recreation Ground:**

**The Archery Club:** The annual contract the Archery Club has with the Parish Council will be increase 2.6% for the 2025/26 season the paperwork will be drawn up in the coming weeks.

**The Annual Playground Inspection Report 2024.** In the report there are a number of items that will require some attention but nothing urgent. The councillors have decided come the spring to do physical walk around and prioritise some points and improvements to the area.

**9. The Tennis Court and Recreation Ground:** The Parish Councillors agreed to review both of these areas in the Spring.

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

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:** Nothing to Report.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on the 6th February 2025..

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm