

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8th January 2026 AT 7.00 PM.**

Present:

**Mr N. Tiffin (Chairman).
Dick Cobb (Vice Chair)
Mr T. Dawson
Ian Williams
Tony Lloyd
Tom Tyson
Steve Jarvis**

Apologies: -

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 6th November were agreed. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Ian Williams.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:

2.1 Clerk – Our Clerk Wendy Kitchener has decided that she will resign from the role after many years' service. Wendy has been a rock for the Hinxworth Parish Council for more years than we can recall and her service to both the council and the village has been exceptional and much appreciated by all. We all wish Wendy well in retirement. As a result of this we are going to start our search for a new clerk in the coming month and if you are interested in applying for this please do so in writing to hinxworth.pc@gmail.com before our next meeting on the 5th Feb 2026. We plan to find a candidate for a start date of April 2026.

2.2 Laptop – The parish council have now secured a laptop for the council to store and record all records on – this laptop with associated software was procured for £754.00 and will be used by the new clerk when an appointment has been made.

2.3 Village Voice – The new Village Voice team are up and running and early signs are very good, we wish them well in the future.

2.4 War Memorial – The clock seems to be working well but we still have not been able to contact the clock man regarding future maintenance, we will make extra effort this month to do so.

2.5 Dog Fouling – We have had still some reports of owners not picking up after their dogs on the rec, we have resigned this and urge all owners to take responsibility for their pets whilst on the rec, however this space is used by non-villagers as well.

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance

All records are now up to date and these have been signed by the vice chair at the meeting.

We discussed the precept level for the next financial year and have all agreed on a percentage increase of 3%. We will inform NHC of this in the coming week.

5 Planning nothing to report

6. Highways:

The main drains in the high street have been cleaned although the side drains near Homefield have not been done, this will be investigated in the coming weeks.

We are still seeking replacement of some of the waste bins removed in 2025 and Tom Tyson will investigate what is happening.

The access to the Allotments across the Settle Land at the end of Francis road is getting worse. Settle was contacted and they said they would investigate and do something but this did not happen, we will remind them of their responsibility and also take this up with Philip Doggett at the council to try and put pressure on them to do some much needed repairs refurbishment as the weather will not help this over the coming months

7. Village Hall:

The Village Hall committee are close to sorting out the new floor in the hall and a decision on floor and timing should be available in the coming weeks.

8. Recreation Ground: the playground report has been done and the work that was done prior to this by David Eddell has helped this considerably, we have a few low risk items which we will look at in the coming months

9. The Tennis Court see above

10. Allotments: No News

11. Any Other Urgent Business: Nothing

12. The Date of the Next Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on the 5th Feb 2026

Dates for 2026 meetings are as follows:

5th Feb
5th March
9th April (APM)
7th May
4th June
2nd July
3rd Sept
1st Oct
5th Nov
3rd Dec

The meeting closed at 20.10 pm