

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd MAY 2024 AT 7.00 PM.**

**Present:**

**Mr N. Tiffin (Chairman).  
Mr T Lloyd.  
Mr T Dawson  
Mrs. E Oliver  
Mrs W Kitchener (Clerk)**

**Apologies: Richard Cobb (Vice- Chairman) Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor and Tom Tyson District Councillor.**

**1. The Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March were agreed by the Parish Councillors with the following amendment:-

**The Footpath behind the Church:** The Parish Councillors have notified the land owner who has closed the footpath temporarily to allow for a dangerous tree to be moved also due to very wet conditions.

The minutes were then proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Tony Dawson.

**2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.**

Nothing to report.

**3. Correspondence:**

**Application 24/00569/FP at Land Adjoining to Christy's Yard:-** The Parish Council has received correspondence from a Hinxworth resident regarding this application. This has been passed to the N.H.D.C. Planning Department who have provided a response detailing that the action taken would stand.

**Notification of Formal Regulations on Financial Conduct:** Noted by the Councillors.

**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.

**Parish Council Year End 2023/2024:** The figures of income and expenditure for the year were provided to the Councillors. These agreed with the bank statements. Therefore the AGAR exemption certificate for 2023/2024 (for Smaller Authorities with income of less than £25000.00 per annum) can now be completed and forwarded PKF Littlejohn LLL (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. The accountants are responsible for overseeing the Smaller Authorities (England).

**5. Planning:**

**Planning Consultations/Decision Notices:** Nothing to Report.

**6. Highways:**

**New Inn Road:-** It appears there is a problem with parking at the High Street end of New Inn Road. Parked vehicles do not allow for wide lorries/farm vehicles to pass without mounting the kerb alongside the wall. This has led to a tree being damaged and we have concerns over possible damage to the listed wall. Residents should bear in mind when parking on the road down there that large farm vehicles do need to pass and as the summer months approach this will be more frequent, please consider this to prevent damage to your vehicle and the surrounding landscape.

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

**8. Recreation Ground:** Ashwell Accies have made a request to the Parish Council for the use of the recreation ground. The Chairman has written to them to arrange a meeting to discuss further. A reply is awaited.

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

**10. Allotments:** The Parish Council has been notified one allotmentee has given up his plot. This has now been taken over by another enthusiast. Additionally Dick Cobb is awaiting quotes for the rain catchment equipment.

**11. Any Other Urgent Business:**

**The War Memorial Clock:** Again Graham Newman is to be contacted again regarding the servicing of the clock.

The Councillors thanked Tony Dawson who plans to hopefully attend to the flower beds/grass area at the War Memorial as the soil appears to be drying out.

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

The next Parish Meeting will take place at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. **There will be no meeting in June.**  
The meeting closed at 7.45pm.