

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Mr R. Cobb (Chairman)
Mr N Tiffin
Mr M. Wade
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Other person present:- Tom Tyson District Councillor.

Apologies:- Tony Lloyd Councillor, Steve Jarvis Hertfordshire County Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 3rd September were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Chairman Richard Cobb. Proposed by Mike Wade and seconded by Nick Tiffin.

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 Nick Tiffin and seconded by Mike Wade.

5. Planning: Nothing to Report.

6. Highways:

The Meeting with Hertfordshire Highways:- On September 14th the Parish Councillors had a very productive meeting with Steve Jarvis, County Councillor and Gary Henning, Hertfordshire Highways, to “walk the Village” to discuss various issues.

- Firstly the problem of the blocked gullies, most notably at Bury End. It was agreed these would now be registered on the Hertfordshire Highways “list” for clearing/digging out on a regular basis.
- The Parish Councillors are very keen to see a “Speed Chicane” installed between Francis Road and the county boundary. This would be a long term project due to obtaining the funding. It was therefore agreed with Steve Jarvis, County Councillor, that the Parish Council would be willing to fund 50% of a preliminary feasibility report. This would require consultation with all the relevant parties/authorities involved including Planning, Highways and the Police. Additionally more street lighting would be required, along with the extension of the 30 mph starting point. Then, according to the findings of the report, the project could move forward. Richard Cobb proposed at the meeting that the Parish Council should fund 50% of the preliminary feasibility report for the “Speed Chicane”. This was seconded by Nick Tiffin.
- The old speeding sign is to be removed.
- The grass verges/ vegetation in New Inn Road is overgrown. This was not discussed at the meeting as it was not so apparent at the time therefore Gary Henning is to be contacted again to ascertain Hertfordshire Highways policy on their cutting schedule.

Francis Road:- The Parish Council has received the plans and schedule of work from Hertfordshire Highways for the resurfacing of Francis Road. The dates are as follows:-Thursday 15th October to Saturday 17th October 7.30am to 6.00pm.

All the relevant information from Hertfordshire Highways will be notified to the residents of Francis Road prior to the work commencing.

7. Village Hall: To remain closed.

8. Recreation Ground: Two replacement large litter bins have been purchased. One for the recreation ground and one in the pub car park by the post box/notice board by the High Street. North Hertfordshire District Council is to be notified accordingly, when they are in place, with regard to the emptying of the bins.

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. Allotments: The annual rent for the allotments for 2020/2021 has been received. Licences for new allotmenters were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. All of the allotments are now occupied.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The Village Voice:- The legal responsibility for the Village Voice has been assigned to the Parish Council. The relevant paperwork will be put in place for this transfer prior to the next publication of the Village Voice.

The Astwick Turn central gap on the A1 (North and South carriageways) into New Inn Road:- It has come to the notice of the Councillors this crossing "for farm vehicles" is being used by private vehicles. As everyone is aware this is a very dangerous crossing and with such action could lead to a fatality as has happened in the past. Therefore anyone seeing a vehicle crossing in this way please try to obtain the registration number and notify the Hertfordshire Police.

Ashwell Patients' Group:- Wendy Kitchener advised the Councillors she has been assigned as a representative for Edworth on the Committee.

12: Date of the Next Meeting:- Thursday November 5th 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.