

Parish Council Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Mr R Cobb (Chairman), Mr N. Tiffin (Vice-Chairman), Mr A. Lloyd, Mr A. Dawson, Mr B. Higgins, Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Other Councillors present: Steve Jarvis, County Councillor. Tom Tyson, District Councillor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2022 were agreed by the Parish Councillors. Proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Tony Dawson.

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

3. Correspondence: Richard Cobb has received an email from Chris Braybrooke, NHDC Senior Planning Compliance Officer that was sent to Julien Mignomac entitled "Abuse of Conservation Land in Hinxworth". This email has also been circulated to residents in Christy's Yard. A copy of this letter is available on request.

4. Finance: Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Nick Tiffin and Tony Dawson.

5. Planning: Baytree Cottage, Chapel Street - 22/02016/FPH
Mole End, The Close - 22/02200/FPH

This Parish Councillors agreed their response was they had "no objection" to both of these applications.

6. Highways: Gully Clearing: Steve Jarvis reported these have now been cleared.

New Inn Road/Ashwell Road: Steve Jarvis reported he is in discussion with Hertfordshire Highways to ascertain if there is a schedule for the cutting back of the hedges and vegetation at the side of these roads and other areas which are overgrown. Basically, when and how often is this work carried out? He is awaiting a response.

Pothole: There is a large pothole at the junction of New Inn Road and the High Street. Dick Cobb is to follow up.

The Councillors thanked Steve for his help.

7. Village Hall: Nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground: Nothing to report.

9. The Tennis Court: The posts holding the nets in place require replacing. Dick Cobb has been notified of a Company, Network Sports, who can provide exact replacements. He will contact the Company.

10. Allotments: Water Availability: Dick Cobb has been in contact with Baldock Allotments Group Chairman. He was advised of some useful information which would be helpful to providing the water facility for the allotments. Dick will follow this up and arrange hopefully for the installation of a water facility for the Hinxworth allotments.

New Allotmenters: The new allotmenters licences have now been signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The Wooden Bench at the end of Francis Road and the High Street: Tony Lloyd reported back that the bench was beyond repair therefore he had to remove it. Tony will write a piece for the Village Voice outlining the situation and requesting ideas from the residents of Hinxworth for its replacement.

St Nicholas Church 700 Year Anniversary Celebration:

The Parish Councillors conveyed their best wishes for the event taking place on September 3rd. Dick Cobb will be helping out on the day by manning the loud speaker system.

Hinxworth Memorial Clock: Due to the recent hot weather it appears this has caused some distortion to the clock chiming wooden base which has led to the clock not chiming. Wendy Kitchener is to contact Graham Newman the person who maintains the clock annually to notify him of the problem.

The Defibrillator: The software requires updating. This will be carried out on September 8th when the current defibrillator will be dismantled, taken away for the update and a temporary replacement installed with the original being returned as soon as possible.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 6th October 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Wendy Kitchener (Clerk)

Garden House Hospice Bridal Fair

Taking place on Sunday 16th October, our Bridal Fair & Pre-Loved Fashion Show will see a diverse range of models parading second-hand wedding dresses, mother-of-the-bride outfits, menswear and childrenswear down the catwalk. The pre-loved wedding attire comes from donations made to our Bridal House shop in Hitchin.

Join our team and the Friends of Garden House Hospice Care at The Cloisters in Letchworth for this sustainable fashion show and wedding fair, where you can get tons of inspiration and start the planning for your big day! You will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle and win vouchers for a fitting and dress from Bridal House, as we visit an array of local exhibitors who will be displaying more wedding essentials.

The event runs from 11am to 3pm with fashion shows at 12pm and 2pm. Entry is Free!



The 22nd Ashwell Book Fair

This will take place on Saturday 1st October from 10.00am-5.00pm and Sunday 2nd October 1.30pm-4.30pm. Entrance £1.00, children under 16 free. A great selection of books to browse and buy for children and adults, both fiction and non-fiction. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes available.

Advent Windows - Your Help Please!

Can you spare some time to help organise this year's Advent Windows? It takes up hardly any time to co-ordinate and is a great way to meet people in the village. If you can help please email: villagevoice3@gmail.com. It will be great to keep this long-standing Christmas event going and we already have some dates filled!

St Albans Abbey Concert

St Albans Bach Choir with Sinfonia Verdi, conducted by Andrew Lucas on Saturday 12th November 2022. For further details go to: www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/music

Copy Date: Please send all copy/pictures for the November edition by October 20th. E: villagevoice3@gmail.com.

Goodbye Ma'am and Thank You, for Everything



As the horse drawn carriage carrying the queen's coffin to Westminster Hall slowly moved down Whitehall, it passed the Women of World War 2 National War Memorial. This huge, bronze monument stands to the north of the Cenotaph and pays tribute to the women of World War II. The gold lettering on it is said to mimic the front of wartime ration books. Around the outside, you can see 17 different sculpted uniforms and helmets. These uniforms represent hundreds of vital jobs undertaken by over 7 million women during the Second World War. However, when the war ended and the men returned to their jobs, women were forced to quietly hang up their uniforms and resign; they were expected to return to their lives before the war, often in more domestic roles.

The statue was unveiled by Queen Elizabeth II on July 9th 2005.

It was sculpted by John W. Mills, the world famous sculptor who has lived in Hinxworth for many years.

Wise Words by Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II addresses the nation during the coronavirus pandemic, 5 April 2020

"While we may have still more to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."

The Queen's 80th birthday speech at Mansion House, 15 June 2006

'As one gets older, birthdays seem to come round quicker; they are therefore less obvious excuses for wider celebration than personal moments to count one's blessings. As Groucho Marx once said: "Anyone can get old – all you have to do is live long enough."

Queen Elizabeth II Christmas Day broadcast, 1989

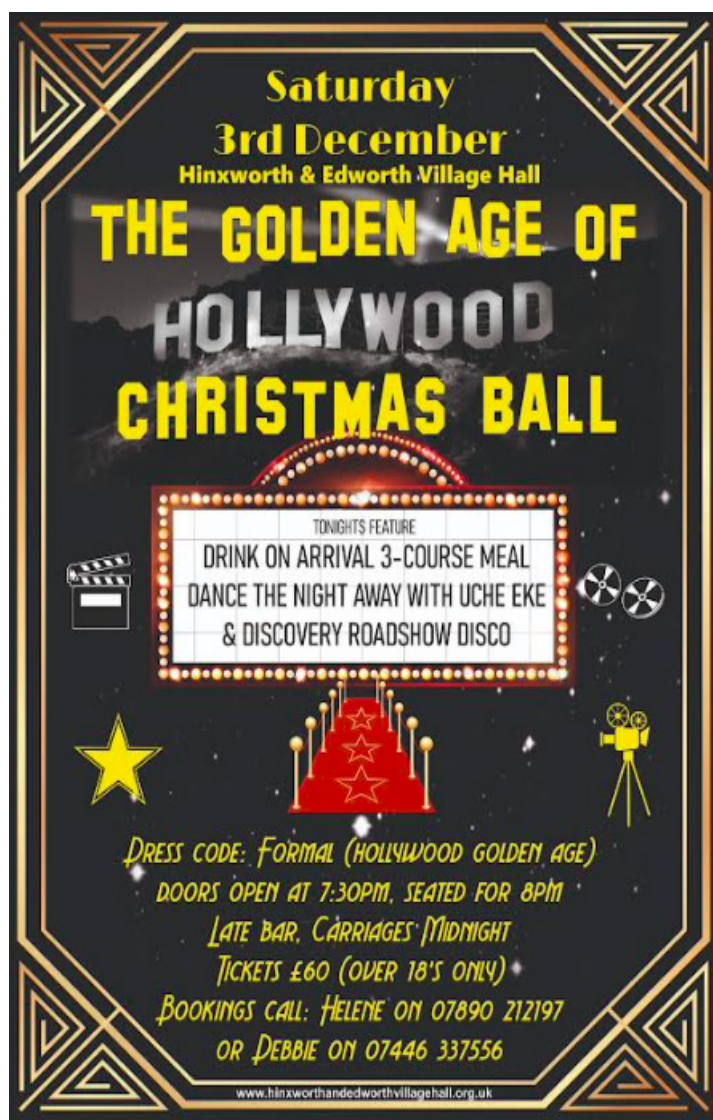
"You've all seen pictures of the earth taken from space. Unlike all of the planets in the solar system, earth glimmers green and blue in the sunlight and looks a very pleasant place to live"

A personal reflection...

We asked Russ Lewis to share some of his memories of Queen Elizabeth II. "Over time I have been honoured to have been involved with the Royal Family through my own and my fathers association and Service to Her Majesty. Jan and I were privileged to attend Buckingham Palace Cinema on several occasions and be present in Balmoral for the private welcoming back of Prince Andrew from the Falklands in September 1982, unwittingly taking a photograph of the Queen taking a Cine film of me (pictured right). Having access to the estate it was common to see 'the Boss' driving around in her Landrover. 1982 was also the birth of Prince William whom we met in his pram out for a walk on the Estate with his nanny and footman. In my own Police service I regularly escorted protected heads of state and dignitaries to audiences with her majesty at the Palace. Many fond memories. She will be sorely missed."



Article and photo submitted by Russ Lewis, see an additional photo shared on page 3



The Christmas Ball is Back!

On Saturday 3rd December the Village Hall Committee are hosting another Christmas Ball so, save the date!! It's been 4 years since the last Ball so if you have never been before, here are some photographs of what you've missed.....!



Church Roof Fund Donations

Financially the 700th celebration on Saturday 3rd September produced a sum of £528 net of expenses. A great effort by and thank you to those involved in organising the various events. Future donations can be made as follows: By cheque payable to "The PCC of St Nicholas Hinxworth" or easier to administer a direct payment to bank code 30-94-30 and account number 01065282. Post cheques to Peele Patch, The Close, Hinxworth, Baldock, SG7 5HS or drop them in my mail box. Gift Aid: If income tax has already been paid on donations, then the church can reclaim that tax from the Inland Revenue (HMRC) which increases the sum by 25%. In order to satisfy HMRC to do this I would need people to sign to that effect on a form. Please liaise with me to achieve this. alecstephenson@btinternet.com or call on 01462 742953.

Alec Stephenson, Church Treasurer

Hinxworth Bellringer Appeal

I would like to offer my upmost thanks to a Band of ringers from Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, Northern District who kindly gave Hinxworth a taste of how good bell ringing should sound at the opening of the church Bar-B-Q on 3rd September 22. The band consisted of Tenor: Bob Weedon (Rushden), 5th John Peverett conductor, (Royston) District Ringing Master, 4th Margaret Triste (Norton), 3rd Beverley Daly (Norton), 2nd Elizabeth Cranfield (Hitchin) District Secretary, Treble: Trevor Groom (Hitchin). The Quatre peal Rang was Cross Doubles and Grandsire Doubles the method chosen by the conductor to give significance to the occasion being 1322 changes the date the church was built. It was rang in 40 minutes.

Paul Watler (Contact number: 07790525201) Hinxworth bell ringer who would be happy to teach new ringers with view to getting Hinxworth bells rang on a more regular basis and to develop a pool of ringers that can be called on as and when needed.

Paul Watler

Church Services For October

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| Sun 2nd Oct | 09.15 | Family Service | St Nicholas, Hinxworth |
| Sun 9th Oct | 09.15 | Holy Communion | St Nicholas, Hinxworth |
| Sun 16th Oct | 09.15 | Holy Communion | St Nicholas, Hinxworth |
| Sun 16th Oct | 16.30 | Harvest Festival | St Vincents, Newnham |
| Sun 23rd Oct | 09.15 | Holy Communion | St Nicholas, Hinxworth |
| Sun 23rd Oct | 09.30 | BCP Communion | St Vincent's, Newnham |
| Sun 30th Oct | | No service | St Nicholas, Hinxworth |
| Sun 30th Oct | 10.45 | Benefice All Age Communion, All Saints | St Mary's, Ashwell |

There is also a short service of Evening Prayer at St Nicholas most Wednesday afternoons at 4pm, all welcome.

Memorial Service for Reggie Fair

The Fair family is holding a service in St Nicholas at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 18th October, to celebrate Reggie's life. All are welcome to join us, both for the service and also refreshments in The Three Horseshoes afterwards. However, for catering purposes we need to have an idea of the likely number of attendees, so it would be really helpful if people could let me know if they expect to be coming, either by e-mailing Janet on janetfair16@gmail.com, or Alex on alex@hollandgreen.co.uk.

Hinxworth and Edworth WI

After the summer break during August the WI met again at the beginning of September. As a mark of respect in view of the death of the Queen the members observed one minutes silence at the beginning of the meeting. Anki then started the meeting, recapping on the July garden meeting, reading out apologies from those members unable to attend and also announcing that Nicky Hunter was stepping down from the committee and indeed leaving the WI for the time being due to work and family commitments. Everyone said how sorry they were to hear this. She will be much missed by us all, not least the committee members as Nicky was in charge of the fixtures list for future meetings - a difficult and time consuming job but Nicky had a knack of getting a wide and eclectic mix of speakers for us. Best wishes to Nicky from us all. Jan Youngman then introduced to us the craft of felting. Felt is produced by matting, condensing and pressing (usually) woollen fibres together. Jan showed us how we could do this ourselves and go on to create all manner of things. For the meeting Jan had made a really cute little gingerbread man which would be lovely to hang on a Christmas tree. She showed us the process then got us all started on our own gingerbread men. Felting proved to be addictive and fascinating as our random pieces of wool started to take on the shape and feel of a felt gingerbread man. At the July meeting we were all challenged with filling and decorating a Smarties tube and during the course of the evening members voted on the best decorated and most filled tubes. Amazingly Viv had managed to get 100 items into her Smarties tube. The best decorated tube went to Chrsi - her tube was decorated as a palm tree on a beach along with fish and crabs swimming about. A lovely box of chocolate truffles was given to each of the two winners. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm.

Chrsi Hook



Pictured left, some of the submissions for the WI Smarties Challenge

Soup Lunch Update

It was lovely to have a Soup Lunch again after a couple of months off. Some wonderful soups were on offer along with a choice of puddings, tea or coffee and at only £4.00 excellent value too. Lots of people queued up which was great. A really good turnout - thank you. The next Soup Lunch will be on Friday 14 October 12.30 - 2pm. No reservations needed - just come along - everyone is welcome. See you on the 14th.

Chrsi Hook

Big Breakfast 2022

Due to repeated requests from local residents we are pleased to be holding our 2nd Big Breakfast at the Village Hall on Sunday 9th October 10 - 1. Prices are: £7.50 - Full Breakfast, £4.00 - Half portion cooked Breakfast, £4.00 - Continental Breakfast.

Tickets to be bought in advance. We will be selling door to door but if you require tickets before then please contact Hilary Perricone 07825 046640.

Janet Youngman

Memorial Bench

Eagle-eyed Village Voice readers may have noticed something missing on the High Street ... the memorial bench on the corner of Francis Road. The bench collapsed recently and, as it was beyond repair, it has been removed and disposed of. The bench was well used by walkers and families either to take a rest or just watch the world go by.

Now there is an opportunity for some public spirited person to purchase a new bench, perhaps with an inscription remembering a loved one. If this appeals to you, please contact any parish councillor, or ring me, Tony Lloyd, on 07484 811833 and we will start the ball rolling.

Tony Lloyd

The Three Horseshoes - New Menu Coming!

We will once again be having our monthly Pub Quiz in October. This will be on the 19th....come down to challenge your friends and neighbours!

Our new menu will be available soon - look out for this on Facebook and our Instagram Page.

Julie Methven



Picture shared by Russ Lewis. 'Queen Elizabeth II talking to King Charles III, Balmoral 1982.'

On The Beat



**Our Non -
Emergency
Number 101**

Herts residents lose £40k to Whatsapp scams

Hertfordshire residents have been targeted on WhatsApp by criminals pretending to be someone they know - typically their son or daughter. During August there were 28 reports of this scam in Hertfordshire, resulting in financial losses of £42k.

The criminals will usually begin the message with "Hello Mum" or "Hello Dad" and will say that they are texting from a different mobile number because their usual phone has been lost or damaged. Some say they accidentally dropped their phone down the toilet. They will then ask for money to purchase a new phone, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill. The criminal will then provide bank details for the payment to be made. This is a scam.



If you believe that you are a victim of fraud please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

to report. If a fraud is in progress or someone's life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

Visit: www.actionfraud.police.uk or www.herts.police.uk/protectyourmoney for advice

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

No Reported crimes of note