

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), E Bradbury, S Edgell, C Edwards, N Hunt, B Jones, R Morris, J Raymond and P Rochford

In attendance: 3 electors for part of the meeting; Ms N Villa and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bonner. District Cllr Haysey and PCSO Broad also sent their apologies.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

91. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

A letter from a resident not able to attend the meeting objecting to the erection of bollards between 36 and 52 Birch Green was handed over and read out. Two residents present also expressed their opposition to the erection of the bollards. The clerk added that he had received telephone complaints that two removals lorries had badly damaged the village green in the vicinity of 48 Birch Green. Cllr Rochford will investigate in case there is a health and safety hazard. The clerk will write to the two removals companies concerned stating that the parish council holds them liable for the repairs to the village green.

92. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2010 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

93. MATTERS ARISING

93.1 (Minute 81.1) Cllrs Hunt and Rochford will arrange to meet with the owner to agree the correct line for the fence at 11 Cole Green.

93.2 (Minute 81.2) Cllr Hunt is awaiting alternative quotes for pin kerbing.

93.3 (Minute 81.3) Cllr Rochford is awaiting quotes for suggested repairs for the play area.

93.4 (Minute 81.4) Coopers have attended to some of the tree work in Birch Green, Cole Green and Letty Green and will be attending to the other items.

93.5 (Minute 86) The chairman and vice-chairman will arrange to meet with Claire Sime of EHDC to establish what is involved in undertaking a parish plan.

All other matters had either been completed or were a separate agenda item.

94. FINANCE

94.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

94.2 No payments had been made since the last meeting.

96.3 RESOLVED that three payments: £96.58 to EHDC for the 2007 election expenses; £877.11 to Mr G Irwin for salary and expenses and £120.00 to Infoweb for annual website hosting be authorised.

95. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

RESOLVED that the budget for 2011/12 be adopted as drafted and that the precept be set at £10,400, the same as last year.

96. PLANNING

96.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

96.2 Noted that one application was still doing the rounds; also that the clerk had received one new application which had been passed to the chairman.

97. REPORTS

97.1 Crossings and Greens:

97.1.1 Noted that the contract with Coopers for grass cutting ends this year; Cllr Rochford to report back at the next meeting.

97.1.2 Noted that a bollard on the corner of Cole Green had been knocked over; Cllr Rochford will arrange for it to be reinstated.

97.2 Highways and Byways: Nothing to report.

97.3 Play Area: Noted that the play area was in good order.

97.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.

97.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report.

97.6 Panshanger Quarry: The next meeting of the next liaison group will be held on 17 March.

98. BOLLARDS ON BIRCH GREEN

RESOLVED not to install bollards between 36 and 52 Birch Green. The clerk will write to the resident who objected and reply to the points made.

99. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

RESOLVED that Ms Nina Villa be appointed clerk to the council with effect from 1 February. She and Mr G Irwin will liaise regarding a smooth handover.

100. CORRESPONDENCE

Information on a consultation on primary school expansion in the county was passed to Cllr Bradbury.

101. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

101.1 It was reported that two footpaths – one from Cole Green Way to B&T Motors on The Old Coach Road and one from Cole Green Way to Birch Green had been ploughed up and were virtually unusable. Also that a number of mature trees along the side of Deadfield Lane had recently been felled. The clerk was asked to report these to HCC Rights of Way unit.

101.2 This being the last meeting for the present clerk, Mr Irwin, members expressed their thanks for his work over the past years and the chairman presented him with a gift from members.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed

Dated