



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 19.00 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllrs Haidy Blake, Tommy Brennan, Gary O'Leary, Roger Morris, Barry Simkins

In attendance: Amanda Glew (Clerk), Cllr Linda Haysey, David McCabe Innovation & Regulatory Affairs Manager Tarmac and Mike Pendock Estates Manager Tarmac

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllrs Lizzer Bradbury, Shobha Edgell and Paul Rochford

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

62. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no Chairman's announcements.

63. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Pendock addressed the meeting. He explained that the 1981 agreement establishing a Management Committee as part of an S52 legal agreement to satisfy planning obligations relating to grant of mineral extraction rights. In 2003 a revised minerals restoration plan was granted consent, however, there is some inconsistency between the ROMPP and S52, although the S52 legal commitments remain unchanged. The long awaited (since 1982) Management Plan is about to be submitted to the County Council and there will be a consultation period. Mr Pendock described some aspects in the Plan. There will be three car parks in total. The quarry entrance will be the main entrance and should have parking for 150 vehicles. A small disabled car park is planned off the B1000 where current offices are located and the Thieves Lane car park will remain. The existing nature reserve will not be extended. The forest school will be moved from Garden Wood to a location to be confirmed. Work is to be done on the River Mimram and the large fence structure will be reduced. There will be a design standard for fencing and interpretation boards. Permanent toilet facilities and a refreshment kiosk are planned for the main car park. HPC will be provided with a copy of the plan for consultation. The Parish Council as part of the Friends of Panshanger Park are meeting Mike Pendock and Stuart Wykes on 20th February to discuss Panshanger Country Park.

The Chairman emphasised that it was very positive to see a plan finally produced. Both he and Cllr Haysey were concerned that no access to a car park from the B1000 and near the Stables, which already has a car park, may be a problem. Mr Pendock raised Highways safety issues, however, the chairman pointed out that access off the B1000 is safer than the current access at Thieves Lane.



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The 2015 outline planning application for importation of inert restoration materials is subject to the Section 106 agreement concerning new rights of way and other benefits including community use of an existing barn. The plan has routes stretching north to south and also east to west. Within 12 months there will be a new cycle route from Birch Green to Panshanger Park. Mr Pendock expects the plan to go before the March planning committee.

A grant may be available from the heritage funds (subject to Trust status) which could be used to restore the Oak Avenue. The barn at the new entrance has some heritage value, although currently undergoing a bat survey. It was noted that it could be very expensive to convert the barn.

The Chairman was interested to know how the Neighbourhood Planning Committee will be involved as it is keen to work with Tarmac as we did in saving the Lower Broadwater. Mr Pendock confirmed that liaising with the NP Committee was important to Tarmac.

Cllr Morris asked if the quarry liaison group will reconvene. Mr Pendock said there will be a new park liaison group.

64. **THE MINUTES**

There were no comments on the Minutes and they were signed.

65. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

66. **PLANNING**

(a) **Current Applications**

Planning ref: 16/00018/REFUSE 12 Foxdells Birch Green Hertfordshire. Planning Appeal.

Planning ref: 16/00013/REFUSE 12 Staines Green Hertfordshire SG14 2LN. Planning Appeal.

Planning ref: 3/16/2773/FUL 25 Chapel Lane, Letty Green Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Demolition of existing outbuilding. Construction of a new 5 bedroom house, double garage and driveway.

Planning ref: 3/16/2768/HH 38 Chapel Lane, Letty Green Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Two storey side extension.

Planning ref: 3/16/2758/HH 38 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Alterations to windows and doors on front and rear elevations.



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(b) Decisions on Outstanding Applications

Planning ref: 16/00018/REFUSE 12 Foxdells Birch Green Hertfordshire. Appeal dismissed 23/1/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2378/FUL 288 Hertingfordbury Road Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2LG. Granted with conditions 19/12/16.

Planning ref: 3/16/2727/PNHH 24 Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire. Prior approval is not required 26/1/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2606/LBC Cole Green House Cole Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NL. Granted subject to conditions 16/1/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2605/FUL Cole Green House Cole Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NL. Granted subject to conditions 16/1/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2629/HH 30 Woolmers Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NU. Granted subject to conditions 17/1/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2580/FUL Joseph Rochford Nursery The Old Coach Road Staines Green Hertford Hertfordshire. Granted subject to conditions 23/1/17.

(c) E Herts Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning

The Chairman confirmed that the comments from HPC had been submitted. Cllr Linda Haysey confirmed that all submissions should now be available on the online portal. The Chairman undertook to check that the HPC submission is there. Cllr Haysey explained that the timetable is the last week of March for compilation of comments before submitting to the Inspector. She expects there to be an early hearing in July. For information the Stevenage enquiry (examination in public) is going on at the moment. Welwyn Hatfield will have their planning meeting at a similar time to East Herts.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Planning Committee has been on hold subject to our Local Plan submission and further work on East of WGC and Panshanger Park. The next meeting will now be arranged by the Clerk for March.

67. STANDING ITEMS

(a) Works Programme

HPC is awaiting another quote on the works to Birch Green trees.

The Clerk to check whether the Birch Green playground equipment is on the asset register and also whether there would be any resale value for it. Cllrs Simkins/Blake/O'Leary will examine the equipment again and report to the next meeting.



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(b) Greens

Following a telephone call from Letty Green resident Mrs Lester, the Vice Chairman will assess whether there is a problem with the builders working at 24 Letty Green parking their vehicles/equipment on Village Green.

(c) Highways

The Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Blake met with Martin Sears on 17th January. The Clerk will now arrange a meeting between Parish Councillors, the school and Cllr Ken Crofton regarding signage and budget.

(d) Quarries

There was a meeting at the County Council on 17th January to follow up to the enforcement work at Waterhall and Bunkers Hill.

For Bunkers a planning inspectorate hearing is scheduled for 23rd April.

On Waterhall the proposals for contours have been rejected and it will now be going back to the original plan. Cllr Haysey confirmed that this site had been badly monitored over the last 7 years but HCC are in the process of issuing enforcement in legally watertight ways.

Cllr Blake alerted the meeting to the potholes in the road outside BP Mitchells and also to the poor condition and mess outside B&T garage on the Old Coach Road. Cllr Haysey undertook to ask the environment agency to become involved and confirm which planning authorities are involved. Large BT Salvage vehicles loads are continuing to drive through Birch Green. The Clerk will arrange a meeting to include Cllrs Blake and O'Leary when we have more details from Cllr Haysey.

(d) Panshanger Park

Dealt with above.

68. FINANCE

(a) Financial Statement

The financial statement and summary were received.

(b) Payments Due

Cheques Issued			Amount	Chq No
08-02-17	AgileMix	Website	120.00	246
08-02-17	A Glew	Salary Jan/Feb	592.50	247
08-02-17	DCK Beavers	Mthly payroll Jan/Feb	60.00	248
08-02-17	A Glew	Expenses Jan/Feb	105.23	249



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Other Payments

LGPS	Pension	January	94.99	BACS
LGPS	Pension	February	94.99	BACS
LGPS	Pension	Backdated due	1007.22	BACS

Receipts

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(c) Pension

It was agreed to approve back payment of the Clerk's pension to the start of employment on 28th September 2015.

69. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Simkins reported that the owners of Cole Green House support the Greens & Crossings Committee decision to reinstate the track across the Green back to grass. It was agreed to ask Cllr Rochford as well as Frank Cooper & Son to quote for this work. Peter Oakenfull might know someone else who could quote. It is possible there might be a grant available for Greens work through Groundwork. Cllr Simkins will provide a map.

70. AOB

Cllr Simkins reported that the hole Thames Water had filled in at Cole Green has reappeared. The Clerk will ask Thames Water to deal with the hole again.

The J Wheatley Memorial Oak was discussed at the recent Greens & Crossings Committee meeting.

The Clerk was asked to request land registry documents for 49 Birch Green as a boundary map is required. It was noted that completed risk assessments are still awaited for Staines Green and Letty Green. Clerk will send a reminder and blank forms.



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Cllr Morris reported that he is pleased with the work on the Staines Green well arranged by Cllr Rochford. He thought some work now needed to be done on the brickwork and maybe it would be possible to request funding for this from the heritage lottery. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

Cllr Blake said that a low bridge sign is needed at the Birch Green Bridge. Two small signs have been put up by residents themselves. Clerk to discuss this with Rosemary Chatindo, Highway Locality Officer Contact.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the gardens at Beechleigh, which raised over £1,000 as an NGS Open Garden in 2016, has won a National Garden Design award. The Clerk was asked to write a congratulations letter from the PC to Mrs O'Leary.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The Clerk and Cllr Brennan conducted the quarterly bank reconciliation.

Chairman _____ Dated _____

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th April 2017