

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 June 2009 at 7.55pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), D Bonner (from item 27), E Bradbury, C Edwards, B Jones, J Raymond and P Rochford

In attendance: One elector (for part of the meeting) and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Edgell and District Councillor Haysey; Cllrs Bonner and Hunt expected to arrive late.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

23.1 Richard Herbert reported that a map showing the definitive parish boundary should be on the website before long.

23.2 Members confirmed that they were happy for Mr Herbert to carry out repairs to the basketball ring and back board in the play area.

23.3 Mr Herbert mentioned that the Scout Group would be looking for new premises from 2015 and asked if members knew of alternative sites in the parish; none came to mind at the time.

24. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

25. MATTERS ARISING

25.1 (Minute 9.1) Cllr Hunt is reviewing the papers relating to the registration of title in the village greens.

25.2 (Minute 9.2) Cllr Rochford is still in discussions with J Dass regarding the state of the war memorial.

25.3 (Minute 14.2.1) Cllr Lester to obtain information on stopping up highways.

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

26. FINANCE

26.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

26.2 RESOLVED that one payment, which arrived after the payments list was prepared, to Coopers for £476.10 for grass cutting be authorised.

27. PLANNING

An update on planning applications was received and noted.

28. REPORTS

28.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report

28.2 Highways and Byways:

28.2.1 The clerk was asked to chase Highways for replacement of the chevrons in Birchall Lane.

- 28.2.2 The clerk was asked to report that the Letty Green sign in Station Road had been defaced and the other Letty Green sign had been removed.
- 28.3 Play Area: It was reported that the play area was in good order. The RoSPA inspection report was awaited.
- 28.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.
- 28.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report.
- 28.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.
- 28.7 Panshanger Quarry: Nothing to report. It was noted that the councillors' visit to Panshanger was reported in Lafarge's Hertfordshire Newsletter.
29. INTERNAL CONTROLS
It was agreed to bring this item forward in case Cllr Hunt arrived meanwhile.
- 29.1 RESOLVED that the statement of internal controls be adopted as drafted.
- 29.2 RESOLVED that Karen Murphy be appointed internal auditor for 2009/10.
30. RISK ASSESSMENTS
Deferred until next meeting.
31. PIN KERBING
Deferred until next meeting.
32. DRIVEWAY 16-22 BIRCH GREEN
Deferred until next meeting. Cllr Rochford was asked to prepare a quote for the work. He will liaise with Cllr Hunt regarding the specification.
33. WAYLEAVE AGREEMENT

RESOLVED that the wayleave agreement with HCC for lighting at Birch Green be retrospectively approved and signed by Cllrs Lester and Bonner.
34. CORRESPONDENCE
Nothing of note.
35. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
- 35.1 The Chairman informed members that the East End Green Residents Association had applied for a grant to improve East End Green Way. The Association would confirm the specification for the work with the Parish Council before it was undertaken.
- 35.2 The Chairman reported that he had been informed by County Councillor Hammond that HCC had been successful in its High Court challenge to the East of England Plan.
- 35.3 The clerk reported that District Councillor Haysey had offered to enquire as to what would involved in attempting to have Hertingfordbury village returned to the parish. Members agreed this offer should be accepted.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm

Signed

Dated