

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 March 2009 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

Before the meeting a presentation was given on plans to redevelop Cole Green Works by a team led by Mr D Mousley. One elector was present for this presentation.

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), E Bradbury, C Edwards, N Hunt, B Jones, R Morris and P Rochford
In attendance: the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner, Edgell and Raymond, and district councillor Haysey.

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

129. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

130. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

131. MATTERS ARISING

131.1 (Minute 117.1) Cllr Hunt is reviewing the papers relating to the registration of title of the village greens.

131.2 (Minute 117.2) Cllrs Hunt and Rochford to arrange to meet with J Dass regarding the state of the war memorial.

131.3 (Minute 120.1) Cllr Rochford indicated that the proposed works would be in the order of £1,100. It was therefore necessary to obtain 3 quotes for the works.

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

132. FINANCE

132.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

132.2 RESOLVED that one payment, £874.33 to Mr G Irwin for 4th quarter salary and expenses be authorised.

133. PLANNING

133.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

133.2 RESOLVED that the council had no objections to the application for an electricity generation plant at Waterhall Quarry. The clerk to respond accordingly.

134. REPORTS

134.1 Crossings and Greens: It was reported that significant erosion of the village greens has taken place on the triangle at Munns Farm due to vehicles entering and leaving the site. The clerk was asked to write to the assistant agent to Hatfield Estates to ask them to repair the damage and to erect wooden bollards to prevent future erosion.

- 134.2 Highways and Byways: Noted that Woolmers Lane was in a particularly poor state of repair.
- 134.3 Play Area: Noted that there were some wet leaves near the hedge. Cllr Rochford to arrange their removal.
- 134.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.
- 134.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: There appeared to be some confusion over one funding request.
- 134.6 Greens Car Park: No progress to report. Noted that a further letter had been received from one of the school governors asking about the status of the car park. The clerk to respond.
- 134.7 Panshanger Quarry: The next liaison group meeting is on 9 June. The members' visit to Panshanger on 4 April will start at 9.30 prompt.
135. RISK ASSESSMENTS
- Nothing further to report. Cllr Hunt to let the clerk have copies of all assessments for circulation to members.
136. COLE GREEN WORKS
- It was agreed that the parish council was broadly in favour of the proposed redevelopment of Cole Green Works as it considered housing to be more appropriate than the existing commercial use of the site.
137. CORRESPONDENCE
- 137.1 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's Core strategy issues and options consultation to be circulated.
- 137.2 HCC's Minerals development plan site selection methodology consultation to be circulated.
138. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
- Aside from the chairman preparing an annual report of the activities of the parish council for the past year there were no other arrangements to be made for the Annual Parish Meeting.
139. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
- 139.1 Several concerns regarding revisions to the B&T Motors planning application were discussed. Although out of time the clerk will see if these comments may be submitted.
- 139.2 Cllr Rochford informed members that six oak trees had been planted on Cole Green to commemorate Meg Fewkes.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed

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