



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs T Brennan, B Jones, S Edgell, H Blake, K Barden, E Bradbury.

Gail Johannes, 1 elector and the Clerk: Tom Brindley

107. In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman the clerk called for nominations from the floor. Being duly nominated and supported Cllr Bradbury took the chair.

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs C Edwards, G O'Leary, P Rochford, had given reasons for non-attendance which were accepted by the council.

109. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

109.1 The chairman reminded members that in accordance with the council's code of conduct, any declarations of interest should be made immediately prior to an item being discussed.

110. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

110.1 Gail Johannes addressed regarding the diversion of the footpath at Farthings Hall and asked the council to support the diversion route around the perimeter of the adjacent field.

111. PREVIOUS MINUTES

111.1 The minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2013 were accepted with the following amendments:

- Typographical corrections in items 99 and 106.
- Addition of an item relating to Play Area inspections.

111.2 The Chairman was authorised to sign the amended minutes as a true record.

112. MATTERS ARISING

112.1 All items completed except:

112.2 (78.3, Farthings Hall footpath diversion). After discussion Members **RESOLVED** to support the diversion route around the perimeter.

112.3 (78.2, 30 Letty Green) Mr R Lester who lives near the property had advised the clerk that the building was now occupied and interior work was taking place. The clerk was asked to write to the occupier advising that there was no vehicular crossing. It was also noted that vehicles were parking on the byway blocking the path to refuge vehicles.

112.4 (97.1) In light of further correspondence received from Mr Hunt and the recent advice from the council's legal advisor, Paul Clayden, members **RESOLVED** to set up a standing working party to consider any future applications for repairs and additions to crossings on the village greens. It was hoped that this working party could build up a knowledge base on the complex legislation concerning village greens.

It was suggested that Cllrs Barden and Rochford along with the clerk would serve and that Mr Hunt would be asked to join the working party. The Greens Crossing Working Party would have no delegated powers, but could make recommendations to council.

112.5 (81) Village sign. A grant of £1000 had been received from Cllr Bryan Hammond's County Council locality budget. The clerk had still been unable to contact a suggested local supplier. Cllr Edgell advised she knew of a potential local supplier. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should pursue suppliers and place an order within approved financial limits.



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112.6 (106.2) The clerk had tried to place photos of the litter pick on the web site but could not find a suitable page. Members agreed to look at the website and report back to a future council meeting with suggestions for changes.

113. APSE PADDOCK COMMUNITY ORCHARD TRUST (APCOT)

113.1 After a short discussion the council **RESOLVED** to support the application from APCOT to register a parcel of land as an entry on the EHDC List of Assets of Community Value.

114. FINANCE

114.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

114.2 It was **RESOLVED** that two payments be authorised:

- Clerk's expenses £32.12
- infoWEB for web site hosting £120.00

115. PLANNING

115.1 Members noted the refusal of planning application LPA 3/12/2078/FP 24 Birch Green.

115.2 Members noted the invitation for a representative to attend a site meeting at Birchall Lane, Cole Green: Ref 3/12/1867/CM. Cllr Brennan volunteered to attend.

115.3 Members agreed to make the East Herts Council Local Plan a standing agenda item.

116. REPORTS

116.1 Crossings and Greens:

- a. Cllr Edgell reported further deterioration in the surface at East End Green. The clerk advised that the contractor will complete repairs when the weather is more suitable.
- b. Cllr Barden reported a depression had appeared in the ground at Letty Green, possibly an old well.

116.2 Highways/Byways:

- a. The clerk had set up an account for members to report faults using the County Council website.
- b. Cllr Brennan reported that a tree branch had fallen near 288 Hertingfordbury Rd.
- c. The number and depth of pot holes in Birch Green was noted.
- d. The debris and pot holes left by Affinity Water following the recent water pipe repairs was noted.

116.3 Play area: Nothing to report

116.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report

116.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report

116.6 Panshanger Quarry: Nothing to report

116.7 Car Parking In Birch Green: Cllr Brennan had attended a meeting with Cllr B Hammond who is investigating why this project is not progressing.

117. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- The Groundworks Herts Annual Review.
- Letter from Douglas Tonks Ltd advising a substantial increase in payroll fees.
- All other correspondence had been circulated by email.



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118. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

118.1 Cllr Brennan had noted several errors in the electoral roll. The clerk will advise EHDC Democratic Services.

118.2 All members requested a map showing the parish boundaries.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Signed

Dated

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th February 2013