

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 November 2010 at 8.00pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

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

In attendance: 4 electors and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Cllr Haysey sent her apologies.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

66. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

66.1 Concerns were expressed over the possible use of a field in Birch Green which had been sold in April this year. A letter sent to the clerk has not been received. On receipt it would be copied to all members.

66.2 Concern was expressed that the proposed new Hertford library opening times did not coincide with the times of buses to and from Birch Green. It was suggested that the library be open 9-12 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays so people using public transport have a chance of using the library. The clerk will take this up with County Cllr Hammond.

66.3 Noting the clerk's resignation thanks for his work for the parish were expressed by the residents of Foxdells, Birch Green.

67. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2010 be confirmed and signed by the chairman with the additional item: 63.2 – It was noted that a number of overgrown trees in Birch Green need attending to.

68. MATTERS ARISING

68.1 (Minute 57.1) The clerk has still to write and thank Mr Dass for repairing the war memorial.

68.2 (Minute 57.2) Cllrs Edwards and Rochford have still to meet with the owner to agree the correct line for the fence at 11 Cole Green.

68.3 (Minute 57.3) Cllr Hunt is still trying to make contact with the contractor regarding pin kerbing. He will obtain a couple more quotes.

68.4 (Minute 57.4) Cllr Rochford has arranged for contractors to provide costings for suggested repairs for the play area.

68.4 (Missing item 63.2) Coopers will be attending to the overgrown trees in Birch Green.

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

69. FINANCE

69.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

69.2 No payments had been made since the last meeting.

69.3 RESOLVED that two payments: £25.00 donation to the Royal British Legion ~~Irwin~~ under s.137 of

the 1972 Local Government Act and £486.45 to Coopers for grass cutting be authorised.

70. PLANNING

70.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted. It was noted that 50 Chapel Lane was missing from the list.

70.2 RESOLVED that the council has no objections to the applications at 10 Station Road, Letty Green and 54 Birch Green.

71. REPORTS

71.1 Crossings and Greens: Noted that residents had repaired East End Green Way using road planings; the result appears to be a good surface although this was done without prior approval of the council which would have preferred hogging to have been used.

71.2 Highways and Byways: Nothing to report.

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

71.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.

71.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: As reported at the last meeting there had been 6 recent grants.

71.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report. It was decided that this item should be removed from future agendas.

71.7 Panshanger Quarry: As reported at the last council meeting, the next liaison group meeting will be on 2 December.

72. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Lester will speak with District Cllr Haysey regarding her suggestion that the parish council undertake a parish plan.

73. 2011 MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the draft calendar of meetings for 2011 be adopted. The clerk to notify the school.

74. CLERK'S RESIGNATION

The clerk's resignation was formally accepted and it was noted that he will be leaving at the beginning of February. It was agreed he would contact other local clerks to see if any wanted to take on another parish and to advertise the vacancy in the HATPC weekly newsletter and the parish magazine.

75. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk handed out an HATPC invitation to "Let's Talk" meetings in Ware and Woolmer Green and a consultation paper from HCC on the waste delivery framework.

76. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

76.1 Members were urged to respond individually to the East Herts LDF consultation via the EHDC website.

76.2 Noted that a plot of land at EEG has recently changed hands and has been fenced off; residents are keeping their eyes open for any developments.

76.3 Noted that a large oak tree at Cole Green is in need of cutting back; Coopers will be attending to it.

76.2 An update to the EEG risk assessment to be discussed at the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm

Signed

Dated