



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs C Edwards, G O'Leary, P Rochford, T Brennan, B Jones, S Edgell, H Blake, K Barden, R Morris, E Bradbury

In attendance: 1 elector, District Cllr L Haysey and the clerk: Tom Brindley

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

74. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded of:

East Herts Local Plan meeting 28th November at Wallfields, Hertford.

Welwyn Hatfield District Council Core strategy consultation was open.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

76. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

76.1 Mrs Wendy Hampton addressed the council requesting a new sign for Letty Green. Mrs Hampton presented a petition signed by 40 electors.

77. MINUTES OF MEETING 10th OCTOBER 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2012 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

78. MATTERS ARISING

78.1 (62.2) Following advice from Paul Clayden (Local Council Advisory Service) it was **RESOLVED** to grant a temporary licence for ambulance and ?? vehicles to cross the green to 66 Birch Green.

78.2 (62.2) Following advice from Paul Clayden (Local Council Advisory Service) it was **RESOLVED** to grant licence to allow the occupier of 32 Letty Green to extend the existing crossing to 30 Letty Green.

78.3 (62.3) Farthing Hall footpath diversion. The clerk had written to Nicholas Maddex but was still awaiting a reply.

78.4 (64.1) The clerk's appraisal was carried out on 14th November and performance was deemed satisfactory with all objectives met.

78.5 (64.2) The school had agreed that the school hall could be used for refreshments for Remembrance Sunday.

78.6 (68.1.2) LPT3 Inter Urban Route study. The clerk was asked to resend the link to the county website.

78.7 (68.2) Play Area. The new see-saw seats are now installed. Cllr Rochford will complete repairs to swing this month.

78.8 Tree pruning at Staines Green. Due for completion this month.

79. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the council meets the eligibility test for use of the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011).



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80. APCOT

Cllr O'Leary advised that APCOT planned to make a formal request to East Herts Council for the field adjacent to Beechleigh farm/Old Coach Rd to be listed as an Asset of Community Value in line with the provisions of the Localism Act (2011).

81. VILLAGE SIGN AT LETTY GREEN

81.1 Following the request from electors and the petition received, members agreed to further investigate options for two signs, one approaching from Cole Green and one from the Lower Hatfield Road.

81.2 Mrs Hampton passed over a quote. Members suggested a local carpenter who might be able to provide a more competitive quote.

81.3 It was **RESOLVED** to seek quotations for two signs and to seek out grants.

82. FINANCE

82.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

82.2 It was **RESOLVED** that three payments be authorised:

- Clerk's expenses £29.57
- F Coopers for grass cutting £594.00
- Donation of £25 to the Royal British Legion following supply of a wreath. (Using the General Power of Competence).

Cllr Blake left the meeting at 8.55

83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

83.1 The decisions in the planning report were noted.

83.2 3/12/1830/FP 44 Chapel Lane, Letty Green Members objections on the grounds that, taken with existing extensions, this development would disproportionately alter the size of the original dwelling.

83.3 3/12/1867/CM Members asked for more time to understand the implications of this revised application.

83.4 Members were advised that the planning appeal for a traveller site on land at the Old Coach Rd reconvened on 5th November and was now complete awaiting the inspector's recommendation.

84. REPORTS

84.1 Highways and Byways:

84.1.1 The clerk was asked to recirculate the link to the HCC website accessing the LTP2 Urban route consultation.

84.1.2 It was reported that a mattress had been fly-tipped near the bridge leaving Letty Green to the B158.

84.2 Play areas:

84.2.1 The seesaw is back in service with new seats and a repainted beam.

84.3 Water Hall Quarry: Cllr Brennan had attended a meeting of the Beam and Mimram catchment area management planning group which was looking for projects to fund. Cllr Brennan suggested that a Biodiversity Officer from the Environment Agency and a Hydrogeologist from Affinity could offer project management support on the restoration. Cllr Rochford agreed to raise at the next Water Hall Quarry liaison meeting.

84.4 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report.

84.5 Panshanger Quarry: Cllr O'Leary had contacted Mike Pendock but was still waiting for a meeting



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date.

84.6 Car parking in Birch Green:

84.6.1 Following a reorganisation James Barton has left Herts Highways. The clerk was asked to contact Herts Highways again and invite a representative to the next meeting.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence had been circulated. The clerk circulated various leaflets and brochures received.

86. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

86.1 Cllr Morris asked for a copy of the letter sent to the bus company regarding re-routing of the 641.
The chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Signed

Dated

Next Meeting Wednesday 12th December 2012