



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 7.30 pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs C Edwards (Chairman), G O'Leary, E Bradbury, T Brennan, H Blake, B Simkins, B Jones, P Rochford, R Morris

In attendance: C Cllr K Crofton, D Cllr L Haysey, three residents and the clerk, Tom Brindley

139. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Edgell

140. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents of Birch Green asked if there was any progress on granting of new crossings. The chairman said that advice from counsel was expected soon and that an update would be given at the next meeting.

141. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were reminded that declarations of interest should be made immediately prior to an item being debated.

142. **MINUTES OF MEETING 12TH MARCH 2014**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

143. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 143.1. The clerk advised that he had received an updated electoral register and that members needed to apply in writing to receive a copy.
- 143.2. Cllr Rochford advised that it was too late in the season to do any work on the pond and that Peter Oakenful will produce an updated report later in the year. Cllr Blake noted that eight greater crested newts, one with eggs, had been observed.
- 143.3. Cllr Rochford agreed to supply an estimate for repairs to Cole Green following damage by an RAC recovery vehicle.
- 143.4. Cllr Blake advised that highways contractors had inspected the hedge adjacent to the Old Coach Road but did not have the correct equipment and left the hedge uncut.
- 143.5. C Cllr Crofton agreed to investigate additional signage to address the problem with vehicles using the road through Birch Green and being forced to reverse from the low bridge.

144. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The agenda was agreed as:

- 1. Minutes of 2013 APM
- 2. Parish Council Chairman's report
- 3. East Herts District Plan
- 4. Questions from Public

145. **FINANCE**

- 145.1. The financial report to 31st March 2014 was noted.
- 145.2. One payment was approved. See attached list.



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145.3. The arrangements for the internal and external audit were noted.

146. **WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014-15**

146.1. Members considered what projects they wanted in the 2014/15 Work Programme. The following projects were suggested:

- Birch Green Pond
- New notice boards at Staines Green and East End Green and refurbished notice boards at Birch Green, Cole Green and Letty Green
- Car parking outside shop
- Drainage at East End Green and Letty Green including culvert inspection and clearing
- Phase 2 tree work from 2013 arboricultural survey
- Woodland at East End Green

146.2. Projects for the 2014/15 work programme were agreed.

147. **PLANNING**

147.1. The planning report was noted.

Members considered two planning applications:

3/14/0316 38 Chapel Lane. Members resolved not to object.

3/14/0342 14 Cole Green. Members resolved not to object.

148. **EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN**

148.1. Cllr O'Leary reported on a meeting he had attended on the East Herts Draft District Plan.

148.2. The Local Plan Working Party agreed to meet on Tuesday 15th April. It was agreed that all members could attend.

148.3. Members noted that none of them had received the leaflet supposedly sent out by East Herts District Council and thought that none of their neighbours had received it.

148.4. District Councillor Haysey commented that the land east of WGC had Green Belt protection which would remain until a supplementary Development Plan Document, defining the significant infrastructure requirements, was adopted.

148.5. Cllr Blake noted that the draft plan included reference to Panshanger Park, which was a requirement under existing Panshanger Quarry planning conditions imposed by the County Council and is not linked to future housing development. Any implied link should be removed.

149. **REPORTS**

149.1. Crossing and Greens:

- a. The clerk reported that owners of 12 Cole Green were now ready to sign the crossing licence.

149.2. Highways:

- a. Hatfield Estates had completed repairs to the fence along The Old Coach Road.
- b. Cllr Brennan reported that the Old Coach Rd sign near the Hertingfordbury junction was missing.
- c. Footpath 8 Farthing Hall. The county has agreed to the diversion route as recommended by the Parish Council.
- d. Highways had advised of a temporary closure order for Hertford Road.



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149.3. Play Area:

- a. Excessive movements in the play area goal posts. Cllr Rochford asked for the details of the supplier.
- b. The hedge around the play area needs repair work.
- c. The small gate has been damaged.

149.4. **Water Hall:** Planning permission had been refused and an appeal was expected.

149.5. **Walter Wallinger Charity:** Next meeting is 28th April.

149.6. **Panshanger Quarry and Country Park:**

- a. It was reported that part of the park was officially opened 31st March.
- b. Lafarge had withdrawn its planning application and a revised application with more detail on park restoration was expected.
- c. The Friends of Panshanger Park had cleared the Mary Purver path from Hertingfordbury to Panshanger Park.

149.7. **Car Parking at Birch Green:**

- a. The line painting was now rescheduled for 11th April. Concern was raised as to potential damage to greens while cars were unable to park on the road.

150. **CORRESPONDENCE**

150.1. All relevant correspondence had been circulated to members.

151. **MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

151.1. The clerk had received a request from Hatfield Estates for them to present a report to the May council meeting. It was agreed to request this be delayed until June as the May agenda was full.

151.2. The clerk was asked to contact Glyn Day for an update on enforcement action at the field known as Land adjacent to the Old Coach Road, as only about one third of the hard standing had been removed.

151.3. Cllr Edwards reported that BT was asking residents of Cole Green to find £25k in order to upgrade the cabinet to broadband.

151.4. County Cllr Crofton reported on a meeting he had held with the school head regarding a Solar dome linked to the Forest Schools project.

The meeting closed at 09.17 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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Payments Approved

Payments due

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
T H Brindley	Expenses	22.85	1.75	24.60
Totals		22.85	1.75	24.60