

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 December 2010 at 8.00pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), S Edgell, N Hunt and B Jones

In attendance: 4 electors for part of the meeting and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner, Bradbury, Edwards, Morris and Rochford. District Cllr Haysey and PCSO Broad also sent their apologies.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

79. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

79.1 The council was asked to consider erecting bollards between 36 and 52 Birch Green to stop vehicles crossing the village green and causing a hazard to pedestrians. This will be considered at the next meeting

79.2 Members were informed that the 380 bus service from Letty Green and Birch Green to Hertford was safe from cutbacks although the issue of the bus times and Hertford library opening times was still uncertain.

80. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2010 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

81. MATTERS ARISING

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

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

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

81.4 (Minute 68.4 and 76.3) Coopers will be attending to the overgrown trees in Birch Green and in Cole Green (or Letty Green).

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

82. FINANCE

82.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

82.2 No payments had been made since the last meeting.

82.3 RESOLVED that two payments: £602.78 to Coopers for grass cutting and £165.00 to LCAS for annual legal advice be authorised.

83. PLANNING

83.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

- 83.2 There were no outstanding applications.
84. REPORTS
- 84.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report. The clerk to check with Cllr Rochford when Coopers grass cutting contract ends.
- 84.2 Highways and Byways: Nothing to report.
- 84.3 Play Area: Noted that the play area was in good order.
- 84.4 Waterhall: An update had been received from HCC and a liaison meeting is due to be held in the new year.
- 84.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: At a meeting last Tuesday it had been decided to diversify the charity's investments.
- 84.6 Greens Car Park: To be removed from future agendas.
- 84.7 Panshanger Quarry: A meeting of the next liaison group had been held on 2 December. Cllr Lester has asked for a few acorns from the Panshanger Oak to grow on.
85. RISK ASSESSMENTS
- RESOLVED that the updated risk assessment for East End Green be adopted.
86. PARISH PLAN
- Cllr Lester will speak with District Cllr Haysey regarding her suggestion that the council undertake a parish plan.
87. CORRESPONDENCE
- Cllr Hunt took the school transport consultation paper to pass to Cllr Morris.
88. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
- 88.1 The chairman reported that he and Cllr Hunt had met earlier with a candidate for the clerk's post and would be recommending their appointment at the January meeting.
- 88.2 Noted that the council would be agreeing a budget and setting the precept for 2011/12 at the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm

Signed

Dated