

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 September 2009 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), E Bradbury, C Edwards, N Hunt, B Jones, R Morris and P Rochford

In attendance: 4 members of the public and PCSO Karen Broad (for part of the meeting) and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bonner.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

52. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

52.1 Richard Herbert reported that he had completed the replacement of the basketball backboard for which members expressed their thanks.

52.2 There were lengthy discussions on the parking problems in Birch Green. It was noted that the police are now taking an active interest. One of the school's initiatives was to try and encourage more cycling although the lack of a cycle shed is inhibiting this. The clerk was asked to contact the district and county councillors to ask if their grants could be used for this purpose.

53. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

54. MATTERS ARISING

54.1 (Minute 40.1) Cllr Hunt has completed reviewing the papers relating to the registration of title in the village greens. He and the clerk will get together to complete the application.

54.2 (Minute 40.2) Cllr Rochford is still in discussions with J Dass regarding the state of the war memorial.

54.3 (Minute 40.3) Cllr Lester is to obtain information on stopping up highways.

54.4 (Minute 43.1.2) Cllrs Hunt and Rochford will agree suitable wording and obtain a suitable plaque commemorating the planting of the Millennium oak on Cole Green.

54.5 (Minute 46) Cllr Rochford will effect a temporary repair on the driveway at 16-22 Birch Green, filling holes with planings.

54.6 (Minute 47) Cllr Rochford will instruct contractors to effect all appropriate medium-risk issues identified in the RoSPA play area report.

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

55. FINANCE

55.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

55.2 RESOLVED that one payment made since the last meeting, £476.10 to Coopers for grass cutting be approved.

55.3 RESOLVED that three payments: £550.85 to Coopers for grass cutting, £155.25 to BDO for external audit and £40.00 to Land Registry for voluntary registration of the village greens be

approved.

56. PLANNING

56.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted. Several members attended a presentation by Riversmead on their planned redevelopment of 70/72 Birch Green on 28 July.

56.2 The council's response to the retrospective application to increase landfill levels at Southfield Wood would be forthcoming.

57. REPORTS

57.1 Crossings and Greens:

57.1.1 The clerk reported that he had written to the owner of 11 Cole Green regarding a new boundary fence encroaching on the village green and read a reply received from the owner. The council considered the reply unsatisfactory and asked the clerk to write back asking again for the fence to be moved or for a convenient date and time to meet with Cllrs Hunt and Rochford.

57.1.2 It was reported that water company officers had been investigating water leaks in the area and suggesting they would be digging up the village greens if leaks were found.

57.2 Highways and Byways:

57.2.1 The clerk to ask Highways to have the polo club signs around Letty Green removed as the club has now closed.

57.2.2 It was reported that an oak tree in Deadfield Lane needed cutting back; Cllr Rochford will arrange for this to be done.

57.2.3 It was reported that two footpaths between Letty Green and Birch Green had been ploughed up.

57.2.4 Noted that St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury will be closed 21-23 September with diversions through Letty Green and Cole Green.

57.3 Play Area: Nothing to report.

57.4 Waterhall: Nothing further to report.

57.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: There is a meeting next week; one application.

57.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing further to report.

57.7 Panshanger Quarry: Nothing to report except that Cllr Lester had some photographs of the orangery.

58. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllrs Lester, Hunt and Jones are to undertake a review of the risk assessments for the greens and report back to the next meeting.

59. PIN KERBING

Cllr Hunt has drafted a letter to those householders in Birch Green whose drives will have pin kerbing. He will pass this together with a list of properties to the clerk to send.

60. VILLAGE GREENS

The clerk reported that he had tracked down the contractor who had erected a gas monitoring unit and a column for a solar panel at Letty Green and had their assurance that it would be removed and

the village green reinstated. This is unlikely to happen for a few weeks.


61. REMEMBRANCE DAY

Members confirmed their collection areas for this year's poppy collection. The clerk will notify Eric Vince.

62. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note.

63. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- 63.1 It was reported that the footway at Staines Green needs clearing of debris from the entrance to Bury Farm to nd; the clerk to report to Highways. Cumberland Green footway also needed further attention.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Signed

Dated