

**Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 December 2008 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green**

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PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), D Bonner, E Bradbury, S Edgell, B Jones and P Rochford

In attendance: the clerk, Mr G Irwin, and for part of the meeting 2 electors.

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Edwards, Hunt, Morris and Raymond.

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

87. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

87.1 Concern was expressed at the state of the green by the antique shop in Birch Green which is used for the parking of two vehicles. It was explained that parking on the greens was illegal and that the parish council could not do anything that might encouraging parking.

87.2 It was agreed that the website should go live. Members expressed their thanks to Richard Herbert for all his work and to Cllr Bradbury. The clerk was asked to notify the parish magazine editor of the website.

88. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2008 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

89. MATTERS ARISING

89.1 (Minute 75.1) The clerk is still awaiting news from Ann Maidment regarding the request to use of Gascoyne Cecil lands as access for car parking at Birch Green.

89.2 (Minute 75.2) Cllr Hunt has still to meet with the owner of 25 Birch Green.

89.3 (Minute 75.3 ) Cllr Hunt has prepared a specification for pin kerbing; this is to be circulated to members.

89.4 (Minute 75.4) Little further progress had been made made regarding registration of title of the village greens. Cllr Hunt is to review the papers.

89.5 (Minute 75.5) A further response is awaited from EDF Energy Networks.

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

90. FINANCE

90.1 The financial statement was received and noted. Noted that there had been no payments made since the last meeting.

90.2 RESOLVED that a donation of £25 to the British Legion be made under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and a payment for annual subscription to Local Councils Advisory Service for £165 (not listed on the payments schedule) be approved.

90.3 RESOLVED that membership of the CDA for Herts should not be renewed and that the invoice for £30 not be paid.

91. PLANNING

An update on planning applications was received and noted.

92. REPORTS

92.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report.

92.2 Highways and Byways: Nothing to report.

92.3 Play Area: Nothing to report.

92.4 Waterhall: It was noted that a new cell had been opened up.

92.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Noted that two payments have been made since the last trustees' meeting.

92.6 Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.

92.7 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.

92.8 Panshanger Quarry: Nothing to report. The next liaison group meeting is on 13 January. It was agreed that Cllr Lester would try to arrange a visit for councillors on 4 April.

93. EAST END GREEN WAY

Noted that Cllr Rochford has repaired to recreational standard several holes in East End Green Way. The chairman will reply to the letter from Hertingfordbury Preservation Society.

94. RISK ASSESSMENTS

The risk assessments for East End Green and Birch Green have been updated but need to be circulated. Some of the works identified have now been undertaken.

95. WEBSITE

RESOLVED that the council offers to pay £200 this year and £100 in future years for the development, maintenance and hosting of the website.

96. POLICIES

RESOLVED that the equal opportunities policy, health and safety policy and recruitment policy be adopted as drafted.

97. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

RESOLVED that the revised model publication scheme be adopted and the guide to information be approved as drafted.

98. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported that Graham Scarborough had resigned as the parish Poppy Appeal organiser; he has found a replacement in the person of Eric Vince. The clerk has written to thank Graham for his 13 years of service.

99. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

99.1 It was noted that Margaret Clarke had spent some considerable time and effort cleaning the bus shelter at Birch Green. The clerk was asked to write and thank her.

99.2 The clerk was asked to write to the residents in the vicinity of 51 and 53 Birch Green to ask for their cooperation in ensuring vehicles were not parked on the village green.

- 99.3 The clerk was asked to write to J Dass regarding the state of the war memorial.
- 99.4 The clerk was asked to contact HCC rights of way unit advising that the concrete blocks and the gate at the end of Deadfield Lane at its junction with the A414 needed repositioning again.
- 99.5 The clerk was asked to email EHDC environmental services department regarding the non-return of brown bins to property boundaries in Letty Green.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed

Dated