



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 19.00 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllrs Haidy Blake, Lizzer Bradbury, Gary O’Leary, Roger Morris

In attendance: Cllr Linda Haysey, Amanda Glew (Clerk), David McCabe Innovation & Regulatory Affairs Manager Tarmac, Mr Peter Oakenfull, Mr Andrew Taylor Projects Officer CMS, Mr Peter Newson, Mr Martin Jack, Mrs Magda Atkins and seven other local residents.

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllrs Shobha Edgell, Barry Simkins, Paul Rochford and Tommy Brennan.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

57. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

58. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Most of the local residents attending were interested to hear about the future of the Birch Green playground. The Chairman was pleased to see such huge support for the playground and explained that the Parish Council has invested in the playground over the years. The letter sent to The Friends of the school was to test the support for the playground and the Parish Council has been thinking of other ways the playground land could be used for the wider benefit of the community. The Chairman particularly wanted to reassure everyone that the intention is not to decommission all the playground equipment. The Parish Council are actively looking into grants that may be available. Residents may be involved in discussions of future use of the whole area around the playground to see how it can provide amenity for children and adults. Cllr Blake suggested that a working party might be formed to paint the equipment and asked whether there were any villagers willing to be involved. Several residents expressed interest in helping. A new more modern litter bin is about to be purchased and installed. It was noted that Cllr Haidy Blake voluntarily kindly empties the two playground bins on a regular basis. One piece of equipment, the “spinner”, no longer works and will be removed.

Martin Jack confirmed that lorries are still causing a problem through the village and the Clerk was asked to arrange the meeting to discuss the matter with Cllr Rochford. Neither Mr Jack nor Mr Newson have had any update on Water Hall Quarry and in particular the date of the appeal. Mr Jack asked whether the Parish Council were aware that a group are trying to reinstate the airfield at



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Panshanger and are asking for support. He asked what opinion the Parish Council has of this. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

59. **MINUTES**

The minutes were amended on page 3 to include Cllr Blake in the playground meeting.

60. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Andrew Taylor from the Countryside Management Service spoke to the meeting about the Cole Green Way. The 5 year management plan will start next year. The briefing document contains broad objectives. There have already been some comments back. CMS will be arranging an onsite event during the next phase and may arrange for a guided walk. The Chairman thought the focus was on using the Cole Green Way as a commuting route and confirmed that the Parish Council would not want the route to be hard surfaced. He acknowledged there are drainage issues but it should retain its rural nature. Cllr Blake said she does not feel safe using the route on her own and questioned whether the police ever attend incidents. Cllr Blake also commented on time taken to remove fly tipping. The Chairman asked how this path connects with the other path networks. Mr Taylor confirmed that the feedback deadline will be flexible for the Parish Council and was interested in the possibility of bringing together interested groups in a community led session.

61. **PLANNING**

(a) **Current Applications**

Planning ref: 3/17/2098/LBC Mansion House Woolmers Park Track North From Lower Hatfield Road within Woolmers Park Letty Green Essendon. Regularisation of the construction of retaining walls incorporating plant and storage rooms; construction of pergola between Woolmers Park and bathing pavilion; construction of steps, gate piers and installation of gates. No comments.

Planning ref: 3/17/2169/HH 6 Cole Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NN. Erection of new ancillary accommodation building. Comments made re inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

Planning ref: 3/17/2201/HH 36 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Proposed single storey side extension incorporating a glazed entrance. No comments.

Planning ref: 3/17/2324/FUL Cole Green Works Cole Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NL. Redevelopment of site and change of use to provide 3 dwellings, 2 live-work units and 4 offices - revised scheme to that approved under LPA ref: 3/14/2036/FP. Developer asked to remove the Leylandi trees.



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Planning ref: 3/17/2272/VAR Lafarge Aggregates Unadopted Track South From Hertford Road to Panshanger Stables Panshanger Hertford Hertfordshire. Variation of Condition 3 (This permission shall be for a limited period only, expiring 2 years from the date of this decision) of planning permission 3/15/1052/FUL, Change of use of land to Forest School and erection of ancillary structures (retrospective). Same comments as before will be re-submitted.

(b) **Decisions on Outstanding Applications**

Planning ref: 3/17/1665/HH 20 Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NZ. Demolition of rear out buildings. Refuse 25/9/17.

(c) **East Herts Local Plan**

The Chairman confirmed the EHDC & WHBC Local Plan Inspector hearings have commenced.

A joint session between EHDC & WHBC Local Plan Inspectors is to be scheduled to discuss developments East of WGC, but no date has been fixed as yet. The Chairman has written re HERT 3 developments off Thieves Lane and will be speaking at that hearing on 7th November. The Ecology Report commissioned by the Parish Council has been submitted to both Councils and to both Inspectors as part of the information to be considered.

(d) **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee**

Awaiting EHDC & WHBC Local Plan hearings re specific sites in the locality.

62. **STANDING ITEMS**

(a) **Works Programme**

Playground. A meeting has been arranged tomorrow morning between the playground manufacturer Fenland and Cllr Haidy Blake and the Clerk. Magda Atkins (local resident) will also attend.

Mike Wilkinson. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Wilkinson and confirm that the Parish Council is happy with his proposal for Deadfield Lane works.

Peter Oakenfull. The Wednesday Group has agreed to clear the Birch Green pond. The right period for this work will be from January to February. The pond has a good population of Great Crested Newts. Mr Oakenfull will write a brief management plan for the pond.



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(b) Greens

Wheatley Oak Tree. It was agreed to refund Mrs Joan Wheatley for the cost of her purchasing a replacement oak tree.

Broken Len Rose Seat in Foxdells. It was agreed to replace the bench and the Clerk will ask Cllr Simkins and HCC where to source one that is suitable.

The grass cutting schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

Deadfield Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the new resident of 30 Letty Green to remind them not to park on the Green. They can be referred to the Greens Policies on the website.

(c) Highways

Nothing to report.

(d) Quarries

The Clerk was asked to write to HCC to ask what is happening regarding the Water Hall Quarry Enforcement Appeal.

(e) Panshanger Park

The Parish Council has now received an invitation to join the Heritage Group. It was agreed that the Parish Council representative will be Cllr O'Leary. Tarmac has also suggested a regular liaison meeting with the Parish Council. It was agreed that, subject to the involvement of the Parish Council in the next Heritage Committee meeting as promised, then Cllrs O'Leary, Simkins and Morris will meet with Mike Pendock to discuss what the objectives of the liaison group/meetings would be.

(f) B&T Motors

The Clerk will continue to try and arrange the planned meeting for Cllrs Blake and Simkins.

63. FINANCE

(a) Financial Statement

The financial statement was received.



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(b) Payment of Accounts Due

Hertingfordbury Parish Council Monthly Accounts Summary:

Cheques Issued			Chq No
11-10-17	Frank Cooper - grass	1006.80	284
11-10-17	Data Protection - registration	35.00	285
11-10-17	DCK Accounts - payroll Oct	30.00	286
11-10-17	Clerk Salary - October	300.04	287
11-10-17	Clerk Expenses – October	82.49	288

Other Payments			
LGPS	Pension – September	87.45	BACS
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Receipts		
12-09-17	Conservation Society – benches etc	266.46
29-09-17	Precept	6273.00

(c) Audit

The Clerk will prepare the budget and circulate the papers for Councillors attention.

64. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Panshanger Aerodrome to be discussed further.

65. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk will ask the school for access and a key for the Remembrance Day service. As Cllr Rochford will not be able to attend the service the Clerk will ask Cllr Rochford to pass his equipment to Cllr Blake.

The letter from Marian Craig (Chelgate) to the Outdoor Recreation Workshop at the Homestead Court Hotel on 31st October was circulated.

Playground bin. Cllr Blake to speak to Cllr Simkins regarding where to best site the new bin.

Peter Oakenfull asked if the Parish Council would be interested in the parish being involved in an Orchards East initiative which will aim to promote and replant orchards in the local area.

Staff appraisal for the Clerk to take place when the meeting with Cllr Rochford has been arranged re lorries.



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Magda Atkins expressed interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk will forward her the necessary information.

The dates for the February and April 2018 Parish Council meetings need to be rearranged as access to the hall will not be possible during the school holidays.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

In Cllr Brennan's absence it was not possible to conduct the quarterly bank reconciliation.

Chairman _____ Dated _____

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2017