



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2017 AT 19.00 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllrs Haidy Blake, Tommy Brennan, Shobha Edgell, Gary O’Leary, Roger Morris, Paul Rochford

In attendance: Amanda Glew (Clerk), Cllr Linda Haysey, David McCabe Innovation & Regulatory Affairs Manager Tarmac, Mike Pendock Estates Manager Tarmac and residents Steven Phillips and Nicky Gordon

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllrs Lizzer Bradbury, and Barry Simkins

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no Chairman’s announcements.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steven Phillips of East End Green explained that he was attending the meeting on behalf of Rowena Ward who was away. Mrs Ward had made contact with the Parish Council through a website enquiry on 15th March. She wanted to bring attention to the noise and low altitude of planes that fly over the parish, particularly during the summer months. Most aircraft come from Luton, but also from Heathrow, London City and Stanstead. The problem has become considerably worse since an air flight corridor change Luton Airport made in August 2015. Mr Phillips explained that Oliver Heald MP and both local newspapers are supportive. Kate Harrison a Public & Environmental Lawyer has recently become involved. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would be happy to offer its support and suggested that Mr Phillips and Mrs Ward should forward a package of information. Mr Phillips agreed to do this as soon as he hears further from the Solicitor. Cllr Linda Haysey will speak to the Environmental Officer at the District Council.

Mr Phillips also discussed the email correspondence he has had with Cllr Paul Rochford regarding the maintenance of East End Green track. Cllr Rochford believes the track is in reasonable condition at the moment; however, Mr Phillips would like a plan of future works to the track. The Chairman asked whether a longer term solution should be found and suggested that this is looked at by the Greens & Crossings Committee. Mr Phillips said that it was possible that residents may be willing to offer financial assistance.



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David McCabe gave some updates to the meeting. There has been an increase in crime such as fly tipping as well as theft from offices and lead from the roof of The Stables at Panshanger Park. He is looking forward to the County Show on 27/28th May and confirmed Tarmac will be in attendance.

5. **THE MINUTES**

There were no comments on the Minutes and they were signed.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

7. **PLANNING**

(a) **Current Applications**

Planning ref: 3/17/0311/FUL 58 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA.
Replacement of detached dwelling.

Planning ref: 3/17/0326/HH 56 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA.
Demolition of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Erection of 2 storey rear extension.

Planning ref: 3/17/0379/HH 12 Foxdells Birch Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2LS. Two storey side extension. Insert new first floor front and rear windows and new ground floor front window.

Planning ref: 3/17/0640/FUL Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School Birch Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2LR. Demolition of the existing single storey building. New single storey building and external covered play area. The Chairman was concerned that this application might lead to an increase in the number of pupils at the school but was reassured to see that the new building was only for replacement of pre-school provision facilities and would not increase the overall school roll.

Planning ref: 3/17/0789/HH 26 Cole Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NL. Proposed single storey and two storey extensions with balcony and proposed detached double garage.

Planning ref: 3/17/0879/PNHH 13 Foxdells Birch Green Hertford. Single storey rear extension. Prior notification.

HCC Application re-consultation. Panshanger Quarry Panshanger Lane Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2NL. Application for the importation of inert restoration materials via a proposed new access off Panshanger Lane to restore phases F and H, together with the creation of a network of permissive paths and development of existing old barn for community use and amendments to planning



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application site boundary to include new cycle track from Birch Green to link to Country Park at Panshanger Quarry, Panshanger Lane, Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG14 2NL.

Mike Pendock explained that the public benefit will be the restoration of the historic barn and provision of pathways which will effectively expand the footprint of the park and create some access points from the Old Coach Road. Under the Section 106 agreement a donation of £200,000 has been made to form a heritage fund. The barn is located by the Haul Road and currently has bats nesting. Quarry traffic will not be using that road once extraction has finished. Cllr Blake questioned why the proposed cycle route does not follow a straight line across the field and Mike Pendock understood that it is to do with farming of the land. The Chairman confirmed he would also prefer it to go straight. Cllr Blake would not agree with any car park being positioned by the Old Coach Road and questioned what sort of gate will be installed to the path. Mike Pendock accepts this could be a problem and that the gate design will be crucial in order to discourage motor bikes etc. The Chairman queried that if a path is not legally dedicated it could be withdrawn in the future. Permitted rights of way do not give the public any long term right of use. Mike Pendock explained that the east/west and north/south paths will be full public rights of way. He confirmed that the importation will start straight after extraction finishes. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council is broadly supportive of this application, subject to the suggested amendments and will comment within the 7 day deadline and also present at the forthcoming HCC Development Control Committee meeting.

(b) Decisions on Outstanding Applications

Planning ref: 3/16/2773/FUL 25 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Refuse 27/2/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2768/HH 38 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Refuse 21/2/17.

Planning ref: 3/16/2758/HH 38 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Granted 22/2/17.

Planning ref: 3/17/0311/FUL 58 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Refuse 7/4/17.

Planning ref: 3/17/0326/HH 56 Chapel Lane Letty Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2PA. Granted 7/4/17.

Planning ref: 3/17/0397/HH 12 Foxdells Birch Green Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 2LS. Granted 12/4/17.

(c) E Herts Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning

The East Herts Local Plan has now been approved by the full committee and the next stage is for it to go before the Inspector. The Secretary of State has appointed Christine Thorby as the Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate to carry out the independent examination. No date has yet been set but



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Cllr Haysey thinks September is probable. This stage normally lasts about 3-4 months. Groups can make representations before the Inspector. Certain sites cover two council boundaries eg Birchall Garden Suburb. Cllr Haysey says they will be looked at as being two separate entities and that the timing for Welwyn Hatfield's independent examination will be similar to East Herts. She expects the examination to be webcast and held at Wallfields.

The most recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning group was on 8th March and another meeting will need to be scheduled before September. Cllr Haysey and Mr McCabe both offered to attend. The Chairman confirmed that an ecological assessment has now been commissioned. Cllr Haysey confirmed that all sites have to submit a master plan before planning approval is given. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has some concerns with Tarmac eg the Cole Green tip. Mr McCabe does not view the tip as a problem. The Chairman feels the Neighbourhood Planning group is challenged because not all information is being made available to the public. Mr McCabe agreed that not all reports are in the public domain but would be happy to engage with the process and attend NP Meetings. Cllr Haysey said that other NP groups have developers involved. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan was published in February.

8. **STANDING ITEMS**

(a) **Works Programme**

The Chairman confirmed that half of the work on the Birch Green tress and hedges had now taken place. The remainder will be done after the breeding season.

The quote from Barry Simkins Quality Home Improvements for work to the Staines Green well was agreed as it was substantially cheaper than the quote received from Between Time. It was noted that the Clerk has applied for a Tesco bags of help grant and should hear soon if this will go forward to the public.

(b) **Greens**

A quote has been received for repairs to the Cole Green track but this will be expensive and is not budgeted for. Tarmac has a landfill community grant but the track may not fit the criteria. Groundwork will be able to provide more information on this. To be put on the agenda for the next Greens & Crossings committee.

It was agreed that it was reasonable for the track at East End Green to be repaired to recreational use standard and that it might be worth considering make it a no through road/route for motor vehicles. This should also be put on the agenda for the next Greens & Crossings committee meeting.

(c) **Highways**

It was noted that the speed on the Old Coach Road will stay at 40 mph. Cllr Blake reported that a car, registration KN51 LKC, has been deposited on the T junction with the Hertingfordbury Road. The Clerk was asked to report it.



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Bill Tilley Team Leader Planning Enforcement has confirmed that he is dealing with the B&T Garage site.

(d) **Quarries**

The Clerk was requested to ask Peter Newson and Martin Jack whether there was any update given at the recent Waterhall meeting and also to ask Brian Owen for a copy of any notes.

(d) **Panshanger Park**

The Management Plan has been put forward as a draft. A meeting on 20th February meeting suggested the opening of some areas and access routes by Easter and other work, but this was not achieved. No liaison groups are currently operating and Mike Pendock confirmed that one will be restarted. A heritage committee is being set up and the Parish Council are due to be invited to be members of this committee through agreement with Tarmac.

9. **FINANCE**

(a) **Financial Statement**

The financial statements for April 2017 and for the year 2016/17 were received.

(b) **Payments Due**

Cheques Issued			Amount	Chq No
19-04-17	SLCC	Subscription	78.00	256
19-04-17	Parish Online	N Planning	57.60	257
19-04-17	HAPTC	Subscription	376.70	258
19-04-17	DCK Beavers	Payroll	60.00	259
19-04-17	A Glew	Salary	297.24	260
19-04-17	A Glew	Expenses	30.40	261

(c) **Annual Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 was signed and it was agreed to appoint Helen McCash to carry out the internal audit.

10. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

A date for the next Greens & Crossings committee needs to be arranged. It was noted that the next litter pick is due to take place on 29th April.



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11. AOB

An incident of fly tipping on Letty Green was complained about by four residents. This was reported to East Herts by the Clerk and has been removed.

A letter from John Grubb Chair of Governors of the school was received. He was requesting that the Parish Council review the previous decision not to grant a pedestrian crossing across village green to access the preschool and swimming pool. It was noted that the Parish Council are not permitted to legally provide crossings over Village Green. The Clerk will reply on this basis.

The Clerk has been in communication with Beatrice Ramsey, Rural Estates Manager, at Gascoyne Cecil regarding the repair of the fencing at Cole Green. She suggested that contact is made again in October/November when it may be possible to allow for this in the budget planning. This can be put on the agenda for the next Greens & Crossings committee meeting.

Cllr Morris reported that the Staines Green village sign was being repaired by Cllr Rochford's company as it had been knocked over by a car.

Michelle Keeley, a resident, has requested the Parish Council install some picnic benches at the playground. This will be put on the agenda for the next Greens & Crossings committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

The Clerk and Cllr Brennan conducted the quarterly bank reconciliation.

Chairman _____ Dated _____

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of HPC to be held on
Wednesday 10th May 2017