

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 19.30 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

Present: Cllr. G. O'Leary (Chair)

Councillors: G. O'Leary, T. Brennan, B. Simkins, R. Morris (part), S. Edgell (part), H. Blake, L. Bradbury

In attendance: Cllr Lynda Haysey, Amanda Glew

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nina Villa, Cllr P. Rochford, Cllr R Morris for being late as stuck on M25

2. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

Amanda Glew the new Clerk to the Council was introduced and recommended for appointment. The appointment was unanimously supported.

2. CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

Confirmed no candidates have come forward and will advertise again in Sept.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Shobha Edehill (East End Green track). Gary O'Leary (school planning application).

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

6. MINUTES

Minutes for 8th July confirmed.

7. MATTERS ARISING

None – all considered to be part of the agenda

8. New Bus Service

Thanks were given to Haidy and Roger for their part in the Bus Consultation. HB attended 4 meetings and although initially it looked difficult the 641 Bus has now been re-routed to go along The Old Coach Road through Birch Green and Cole Green. There is a temporary bus timetable at Birch Green. The bus will go between Hatfield and Broxbourne 6 times a day and 5 times in the reverse direction. The price was £3.90 return from Birch Green to Hertford Town Centre and is reported to now be £2.40 now. HB has placed a note in the Parish Magazine and has written to UNO to thank them for redirecting the bus along The Old Coach Road.

9. WORK PROGRAMME: 2015 - 2016

To include grants budget, Greens Maintenance, East End Green Trees, Staines Green Trees, Village Notice Boards and preventative measures to stop parents driving over the green outside the school.

10. FINANCE

HMRC have been paid although the situation has still to be resolved.

Annual accounts have been submitted via BDO

Cheques for payments outstanding were issued to B Simkins, Coopers for 3 invoices, Nina Villa for salary and expenses

Finance Papers were not received by all Cllrs prior to meeting. Cllrs requested these please be forwarded in advance of the meeting in future.

Cllr Simkins submitted £9.42 expenses claim for boundary maps folders.

11. PLANNING

BP Mitchell planning: It was noted that there were many objections to this application but that the final decision was still to be made. Gary to check. Final decision due 24/09/15

Bunkers application was refused.

38 Letty Green, 30 Letty Green, 16 Birch Green have all been granted but with conditions.

New applications:

Path for access to the school from The Old Coach Road, which councilors supported, Farthing Hall Stables conversion of existing large stables to three dwellings and small stable to a single dwelling. Details had not been received by Cllrs. LB to circulate to Cllrs for comment asap.

Panshanger Estate has two outstanding applications, inert material importation of 960,000 M3 and the Forest School which is retrospective

12. EAST HERTS LOCAL PLAN & NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Two items need considering: the broad areas for development and village hierarchy. PBA Associates have undertaken a detailed East Herts Green Belt assessment. East of WGC was considered to have low suitability for development from a Green Belt perspective. These considerations will be taken into account by the District Plan Executive Planning Committee which has its next meeting 10/09/2015. There are a further 3 meetings of this committee this year with a view to submit their findings towards the end of the year with their proposal for the next stage of the consultation.

The village hierarchy document needs updating as the bus route has changed and the library service is soon to stop in our villages. The assessment numbers for Birch, Cole, Letty Green are inaccurate.

15. GENERAL REPORTS

a. Crossings & Greens:

Cllr Simkins showed the committee the Village Green Boundary Maps: Village Greens Audit: Licenses & Easements: He will prepare these for a full presentation for the villages (RM Arrived 21:00)

a. Highways & Byways:

- i. Tommy wrote to Highways to inform them of the flooding of drains on the Old Coach Rd beside the school in Birch Green after the recent rains. Gary will write to Ken Crofton on the issue.

b. Play Area

- i. The report indicated a few items that needed addressing. Paul to action

c. Walter Hall Quarry

- i. Nothing reported

d. Walter Wallinger's Charity

- i. Shobha was waiting for confirmation of any applications after the recent meeting

e. Panshanger Quarry & Panshanger Country Park

- i. Nothing reported

16. AOB

Wheatley memorial oak has died – It was decided a replacement should be planted. Paul to suggest a suitable option with discussion with Mrs Wheatley

Taxi parked in Birch Green – Barry has been trying to find the owner of the taxi to request it is removed from the road as it has a SORN on it.

18/09/2015 Rural Parish Conference - held in Braughing Village Hall

Tommy suggested a letter be written to Queen Elizabeth II to congratulate her on her long reign. TB to write letter

Chairman_____

Dated_____