

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), E Bradbury, C Edwards, S Egdell (until item 84.3), N Hunt and P Rochford

In attendance: 2 electors the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones and District Cllr Haysey.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

79. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

An objection was raised to the proposed pin kerbing in Birch Green which led to a discussion about the on-going parking problems. The clerk was asked to write to Highways asking again for yellow lines along Birch Green and to copy to Mr & Mrs Davis at 26 Birch Green.

80. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

81. MATTERS ARISING

81.1 (Minute 68.2) J Dass has responded that he cannot attend to the war memorial until spring. It was agreed that Cllr Lester would obtain a quote for the work from a stone mason approved by East Herts Council's Conservation Officer.

81.2 (Minute 68.3) Cllr Lester has still to obtain information on stopping up highways.

81.3 (Minute 68.5) Cllr Rochford will instruct contractors to effect all appropriate medium-risk issues identified in the RoSPA play area report.

81.4 (Minute 68.6) Cllr Edwards is to speak to the owner of 11 Cole Green this Friday.

81.5 (Minute 68.7) Cllr Rochford will arrange cutting back an oak tree in Deadfield Lane.

81.6 (Minute 74) The clerk was asked to write to thank the Rev Alan Stewart for conducting the Remembrance Day service, along with others for their part in the poppy collection.

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

82. FINANCE

82.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

82.2 RESOLVED that one payments: £939.55 to Coopers for grass cutting be approved.

83. PLANNING

83.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

83.2 Noted that a response to the application at 36 Chapel Lane was due shortly.

84. REPORTS

84.1 Crossings and Greens: It was reported that the dust cart is driving across the village green at Cole Green.

84.2 Highways and Byways: Nothing to report.

84.3 Play Area: Cllr Rochford reported that the play area was okay.

84.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.

84.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report.

84.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.

84.7 Panshanger Quarry: Nothing to report.

85. RISK ASSESSMENTS

RESOLVED that the revised risk assessments for the greens undertaken by Cllrs Lester, Hunt and Jones be adopted.

86. 2010 MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the proposed calendar of meetings for 2010 be adopted. The clerk to check the availability of the school.

87. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note.

88. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

88.1 Cllr Hunt reported that he had ordered a plaque for the commemorative oak.

88.2 Noted that the Transco erection on Letty Green had still not been removed; the clerk to chase.

88.3 The clerk will prepare a draft budget for members to consider over the Christmas break, the precept to be set at the January meeting.

89. CLERK'S SALARY

89.1 RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the following item the public and press be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw. Two electors left the meeting.

89.2 RESOLVED that the clerk be awarded the nationally agreed increment for SCP 20 backdated to 1 July, and that his quarterly allowance be increased, a figure to be agreed at the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm

Signed

Dated