



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.30 pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs C Edwards (Chairman), T Brennan, H Blake, S Edgell, B Simkins, B Jones, P Rochford, R Morris

Three residents and the clerk, Tom Brindley

127. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs G O'Leary, E Bradbury

128. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

128.1. Mr. Stephen Phillips addressed the council and asked if the council was going to fund the East End Green repairs as previously agreed. The chairman advised that the payment was on the schedule for this meeting at that the council had agreed to a two year maintenance trial.

128.2. The RFO stressed that invoices for any VATable work must be issued in the name of the council.

129. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

129.1. The launch of FTTC broadband in Hertingfordbury and Birch Green had taken place on Friday 28th February 9.00. Efforts to bring broadband to Letty Green and Cole Green were ongoing but no date had been set BT had estimated the cost at £25k.

129.2. Members were reminded that declarations of interest should be made immediately prior to an item being debated.

130. **MINUTES OF MEETING 12TH FEBRUARY 2014**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

131. **MATTERS ARISING**

131.1. The clerk advised that EHDC was printing the new electoral roll w/c 17th March and that he would supply a copy to each member.

131.2. The tree blocking the footpath at Maitland Wood had been cleared.

131.3. The council's insurance had repudiated the claim for a fallen tree at Cole Green.

132. **WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013-14**

132.1. Members agreed that a written report was required detailing work on the pond. Cllr Rochford agreed to contact Peter Oakenfull.

132.2. Progress on the 2013/14 work programme was noted.

133. **FINANCE**

133.1. The financial report to 28th February 2014 was noted.

133.2. Five payments were approved. See attached list.

133.3. It was **RESOLVED** to remove ex-councillor Barden and to add Cllr Simkins as bank signatories.



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134. PLANNING

134.1. The planning report was noted.

(3/14/0035/FP). 9a Woolmers Lane. Members had been approved.

135. EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN

135.1. The clerk had received three copies of the East Herts Draft District Plan.

135.2. It was noted that the plan now showed tightly drawn village boundary for Birch Green, Letty Green and Cole Green as group 2 villages.

135.3. Members noted that the area shown as East of WGC was a broad area of land intended for development later in the plan period (post 2025).

135.4. The District Plan Working Party will meet after the public meeting in Tewin on 7th April.

136. REPORTS

136.1. Crossing and Greens:

- a. Cllr Rochford advised that he would examine the culvert near 38 Letty Green, once the water table had returned to normal levels.
- b. Cllr Rochford had inspected the Oak Tree near the pond and reported there was no immediate danger but that he would monitor the situation.
- c. Cole Green. An RAC vehicle had damaged Cole Green. The clerk had made a claim on the RAC's insurers and a loss adjuster was due to meet Cllr Simkins on site to assess damage.
- d. Cllr Simkins asked about the track across Cole Green near 2 Cole Green. Members thought this may have been a long standing track that had been uncovered by the recent rains. Cllr Rochford agreed to grass over the track.

136.2. Highways:

- a. Members reported the gulleys by the school had been cleared.
- b. Fly tipping had been noted in Birchall Lane. Member thought this was on Hatfield Estates land. The chairman agreed to raise this with the Alex Wynn, Hatfield Estates manager.
- c. Cllr Blake had been advised that the hedge adjacent to the Old Coach Road would be cut back by highways.
- d. Cllr Brennan reported that the Old Coach Rd sign near the Hertingfordbury junction was missing.
- e. Cllr Rochford reported an increasing problem with vehicles using the road through Birch Green and thought this was caused by satellite navigation systems not recognizing the low bridge. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Crofton to see if additional signage could be installed.
- f. Members reported a situation where a coach serving the school could not pass because of parked vehicles.

136.3. Play Area:

- a. Members **RESOLVED** to sign the completion certificate requested for works carried out by FLP.
- b. Excessive movements in the play area goal posts. Cllr Rochford agreed to seek a remedy.

136.4. **Water Hall:** Nothing to report.

136.5. **Walter Wallinger Charity:** Next meeting is 28th April.

136.6. **Panshanger Quarry and Country Park:** Cllr Blake reported that the Friends of Panshanger Park would meet 31st March, 10.00 a.m. at The White Horse, Hertingfordbury.



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136.7. **Car Parking at Birch Green:** The signs announcing road closure to enable yellow line painting had been posted but members reported that the works are now delayed.

137. **CORRESPONDENCE**

137.1. All relevant correspondence had been circulated to members.

138. **MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

None.

The meeting closed at 09.12 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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Payments Approved

Payments due

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
T H Brindley	Expenses	51.57	2.14	53.71
Tonks	Payroll	886.95	0.00	886.95
Tonks	Admin	19.50	3.90	23.40
NB Contracting	Greens Maintenance	500.83	74.17	575.00
Mr Michael	Greens Maintenance	110.00	12.26	122.26
Totals		1,568.85	92.47	1,661.32