

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 February 2008 at 8.00pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), D Bonner, S Edgell, C Edwards N Hunt, B Jones, R Morris, P Rochford and J Raymond

In attendance: 1 elector (for part of the meeting) and the clerk, Mr G Irwin

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bradbury and from District Councillor Haysey.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

116. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr Tommy Brennan attended to say that he had been invited to enter Birch Green into the Village of the Year competition this year, which he is happy to do. Councillors thanked him for undertaking this.

117. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2008 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

118. MATTERS ARISING

118.1 (Minute 104.1) Cllr Rochford will speak to the owner of the land adjoining Deadfield Lane once the present work is complete.

118.2 All other matters had either been actioned or were separate agenda items.

119. FINANCE

A financial statement was received and noted.

120. PLANNING

120.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted. Noted that a letter of opposition had been sent in response to application 3/08/0038, in accordance with standing order 76A.

120.2 RESOLVED that the clerk compose a response to the appeal by SQ Environmental reiterating all the points of opposition.

121. REPORTS

121.1 Crossings and Greens:

121.1.1 Noted that the green by the war memorial was in a poor state due to vehicles driving on the green.

121.1.2 Noted that cars had been parking on the green by the B&B in Birch Green; the clerk to write pointing out that cars must not be parked on the green.

121.2 Highways and Byways: Cllr Bonner reported that he had met with HCC solicitor Janet Briscoe and that some progress is being made towards identifying the areas of village green lost as a result of building the Cole Green bypass and exploring the possibility of an exchange of land to bring the area of highway now grassed over into village green status.

121.3 Play Area: Nothing to report.

121.4 Waterhall: Nothing further to report.

121.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report; the next meeting is in April.

121.6 Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.

121.7 War Memorial: Nothing to report.

121.8 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note.

123. GREENS MAINTENANCE

Three quotations had been sought but only two had been received, from Frank Cooper & Sons in the sum of £5251.00 and from Fusion Landscaping & Maintenance in the sum of £5280.00.

RESOLVED that the clerk be authorised to accept the quotation from Frank Cooper.

124. LETTER FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

RESOLVED that the clerk reply to a letter from the churchwarden of St Mary's Hertingfordbury to the effect that the council is happy to allow the use of Letty Green for an animal service on 25 May, and that it has no objections in principle to the erection of a marquee on the greens provided it is consulted on the proposed siting, colour and size of marquees.

125. EDGING OF WAYS ACROSS GREENS

Agreed that this be carried forward to a future meeting.

126. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

126.1 The footpath at Cole Green along the southern side are overgrown and in need of clearing back; the clerk to report this to Highways.

126.2 The clerk was asked to report graffiti in the bus shelters to EHDC.

126.3 Cllrs Hunt and Jones informed members that they would be unable to make the next meeting and tendered their apologies.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed

Dated