

# **HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Rochford, G O'Leary, T Brennan, B Jones, E Bradbury, K Barden, S Edgell, R Morris (arr 7.50)

In attendance: 4 electors and the Clerk: Tom Brindley.

## **118. Appointment of Chairman**

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, the clerk called for nominations to chair the meeting. Cllr Jones nominated Cllr Rochford, all present indicated agreement and Cllr Rochford took the chair.

## **119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Lester and C Edwards

## **120. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

120.1 The chairman proposed and it was RESOLVED to suspend standing order 29J to allow members to speak more than once in debate.

## **121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **122. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

122.1 Members of the public were invited to ask questions and make suggestions regarding the business of the meeting.

122.2 Mrs J O'Leary spoke about a conversation she had had with District Councillor Malcolm Alexander who had suggested the Parish Council or a community group, requested East Herts Council to use its CPO powers to purchase land for use relating to health and well being. The clerk explained that a similar conversation had been held by him with East Herts officers and that the Parish Council had debated this but needed to see more public demand. Any development that required buildings was unlikely to meet planning regulations.

122.3 The Chairman advised that the council would reconsider this at its next meeting and welcomed public input.

122.4 Mrs Dawn Clarke asked that the council agree to residents installing dropped kerbs to facilitate off-street parking. This would require vehicles crossing the green.

122.5 Cllr Rochford advised that under current legislation, the council was not permitted to grant such easements. This was the current law and Mrs Clarke was advised to approach her Member of Parliament.

122.6 Mrs Dawn Clarke asked what the council could do regarding movement of cones placed to prevent vehicles blocking the junction from Birch Green to The Old Coach Road.

122.7 It was explained that the cones had no legal status. The clerk was asked to refer the matter of parked cars blocking visibility to East Herts Council and to raise with Hertfordshire Highways at the next liaison meeting.

122.8 Ms Haidy Blake asked why individual council members had not written to the planning inspectorate. The chairman advised that councillors were bound by the council's response but that individual councillors were free to respond as members of the public.

## **123. MINUTES OF MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012**

Accepted as a true record.

## **124.MATTERS ARISING**

124.1 The clerk had started work on the Trespassers Flow chart but the work was complex and he hoped to present a draft to the March meeting.

124.2 All other actions had been completed or were covered by agenda items.

## **125. FINANCE**

125.1 The financial statement was received and noted.(attached)

125.2 It was **RESOLVED** that one payment be authorised;

- The clerk for expenses incurred: £54.60

125.3 Cllr Rochford had received a query from Coopers regarding an invoice for work in December. The clerk advised that no invoice had been received and that he would write to Coopers asking them to resubmit.

## **126.PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

126.1 Planning application The Old Coach Road had been refused by East Herts Council. An appeal had been lodged, and the appeal has been joined with the appeal against enforcement action.

### **126.2 Hertfordshire Waste and Recycling Framework**

126.2.1 The council considered the consultation on land allocations for Waste and Recycling. The existing site at Birchall Lane was being proposed.

126.2.2 It was **RESOLVED** to write commenting on the need to control lorry movements and ensure appropriate conditions for wheel washing etc. were included in any subsequent planning application.

## **127.REPORTS**

127.1 Crossings and Greens:

Nothing new to report

127.2 Highways and Byways:

127.2.1 The clerk reported on the action list received from the area engineer.

127.2.2 The clerk was waiting for a date from Herts Highways for the next meeting with.

127.2.3 Hertfordshire Highways had advised that fault reporting cards were no longer being printed. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk write to Herts Higways asking for these cards to be reinstated with the correct telephone number as many residents did not have access to the web.

127.2.4 The clerk was asked to contact Herts Highways and find out when the remaining part of The Old Coach road would be resurfaced (From Birch Green to Hertingfordbury).

127.3 Play areas:

Cllr Rochford was still trying to source the correct shackle..

127.4 Water Hall Quarry

Nothing to report.

127.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity

The charity's current solicitor, Robert France is leaving.

127.6 Panshanger Quarry:

Nothing to report.

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127.7 Car parking in Birch Green

Cllr O’Leary has a meeting with the head teacher scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

### 128.CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk circulated a booklet received from CPRE and NALC on Neighbourhood Planning. All other correspondence received had been scanned and circulated by email.

### 129.MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

None

130.It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public under Standing Order 68.

### 131.ARBORICULTURAL TENDER

131.1 The Clerk presented the results of the tender for Arboricultural work.

131.2 Two responses had been received and evaluated. The scores were:

- PR Newsom 82.78%
- Custom Cutters 98.46%

131.3 It was **RESOLVED** to award the tender for arboricultural work to Custom Cutters.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Signed

Dated