



Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th April 2013 at 8.00 pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs Edwards, O'Leary, Rochford, Barden, Brennan, Morris, Jones, Edgell, Blake, Bradbury
2 electors and the clerk, Tom Brindley.

136. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

137. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

138. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were reminded of the code of conduct regarding declarable interests.

139. **MINUTES OF MEETING 13TH MARCH**

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

140. **MATTERS ARISING**

(124.1) 30 Letty Green

The clerk had looked through the archives. A letter from a previous clerk stated that there was no copy of the original licence granted to 32 Letty Green.

Paul Clayden, LCAS, had further clarified his legal advice and agreed that best practice had recently changed to allow the granting of licences where there was no clear detriment to the community recreational use of village greens.

(124.2) Greens Crossings Working Party

Ex-parish council vice-chairman Mr N Hunt has agreed to join the working party. The inaugural Greens Crossings Working Party meeting had been set for 17th April.

(130.3) Possible development at Foxdells

Riversmead Housing Association had been invited to attend but felt that there was nothing more they could add to the consultation already held in March. The clerk was asked to write to Riversmead raising concerns regarding the impact on existing residents and asking for the evidence of parish need as required in East Herts Local Plan saved policy OSV3.

(135) Letty Green Signs

The signs had been ordered. Herts County Council highways department had been contacted regarding permission to install on the highway.

(131.1) East End Green

It was agreed that if the contractor cannot complete the works by the end of April 2013 an alternative solution will be sought.

141. **EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN**

Nothing to report.

142. **FINANCE**

142.1. The financial report, including the end of year account balances was noted.



142.2. One payment was approved: Clerk's expenses £11.60

142.3. The audit was set for June. Notice of public opportunity to inspect accounts will be displayed from 22nd April.

143. **PLANNING**

143.1. No new applications or decisions received.

144. **REPORTS**

144.1. **Crossing and Greens:** Nothing to report.

144.2. **Highways**

- a. Munns Farm. Still waiting action from Hatfield Estates.
- b. The fallen tree in Hertingfordbury Lane removed.
- c. The pot hole near the school had been repaired.
- d. Missing road sign at Staines Green reported and added to the highways department action lists..

144.3. **Play Area:** ROSPA inspection scheduled for May.

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

144.5. **Walter Wallinger Charity:** Meeting on April 17th, Cllr Edgell to attend

144.6. **Panshanger Quarry:** Nothing to report.

144.7. **Car Parking at Birch Green**

Parking control works are included in the 2013/14 highways budget.

Allowing some residents of Birch Green a licence to cross the green would alleviate some parking issues.

It was suggested that the school was asked to consider opening the staff car park for use by hirers of the swimming pool.

145. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Audit details received from BDO. All other correspondence had been circulated by email.

146. **MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

146.1. The grass in front of 12 and 14 Cole Green had been cut by the contractor. This section is normally cut by the residents.

146.2. It was felt that there was a general increase in litter throughout the parish. The Hertingfordbury Preservation Society has a litter pick scheduled for June 2013.

146.3. Cllr Blake reported that there was a national campaign to leave grass areas uncut to encourage biodiversity. Cllr Rochford agreed to look into the possibilities, perhaps with strips along hedgerows.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____