



## HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

**PRESENT:** Cllrs C Edwards, G O'Leary, P Rochford, T Brennan, B Jones, S Edgell, H Blake, K Barden, R Morris (8:30),  
In attendance: 4 electors and the clerk: Tom Brindley

### 58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr E Bradbury, Cllr Morris advised he would be late. District Cllr L Haysey

### 59. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded of:  
HAPTC Sustainability conference, 12<sup>th</sup> October.  
Code of Conduct training 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October  
The chairman proposed to take item 10.a Crossings and Greens immediately following item 4.

### 60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Edgell declared an interest in item 13 East End Green repairs.

### 61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 61.1 Mrs Elliot-Hughes addressed the council requesting permission to construct an access to her father's house at 66 Birch Green.
- 61.2 Mr R Grover addressed the council asking permission to extend the current crossing to 30 Letty Green to give access to 32 Letty Green.

### 62. Crossings and Greens

- 62.1 The council discussed the applications for new greens crossings. The clerk explained that legal advice he had received was that the council could not grant any new permissions even if it were minded to.
- 62.2 Members expressed sympathy with the position of both applicants but could not accede to their requests. The clerk was asked to write to Mr P Clayden, under the council's LCAS subscription, for additional legal advice.
- 62.3 **Footpath at Farthing Hall.** Following a letter received from Peter Newson on behalf of the Hertingfordbury Conservation Society, the clerk was asked to write in support of the rerouting proposals. Members stressed the need for a permanent right of way, not a permissive footpath.

### 63. MINUTES OF MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

### 64. MATTERS ARISING

- 64.1 The clerk's appraisal was set for 18:30 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Cllr Edwards' house.
- 64.2 The clerk was asked to seek permission from the school to use the school hall for refreshments for Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Edwards agreed to be the key holder.

### 65. STANDING ORDERS

- 65.1 The clerk advised that as the Standards Board was now defunct, the wording regarding referrals should change to refer to the District Council Monitoring Officer.



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65.2 It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised standing orders.

### 66. FINANCE

66.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

66.2 It was **RESOLVED** that four payments be authorised:

- Fenland Leisure (Online Playgrounds) £113.04
- Clerk's expenses £45.60
- F Coopers for grass cutting £932.40
- ICO £35

### 67. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

67.1 The decision in the planning report were noted.

67.2 3/12/1578/FP Lyes Grove. Members raised no objections.

67.3 3/12/1608/CM Land off Cole Green Lane

It was **RESOLVED** not object to the application but to make observation regarding the impact of lorry movements on the road surface and to recommend additional Section 106 monies be secured to cover on-going maintenance.

67.4 3/12/1670/AD Advertising hoardings at roundabout on A414 Cole Green.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds that the adverts would a distraction to drives on a dangerous junction and would have an adverse visual impact in a rural setting.

67.5 Planning Appeal: land off Old Coach Rd

67.5.1 Members were advised that the planning appeal for a traveller site on land at the Old Coach Rd reconvened on 27<sup>th</sup> September but was still not completed and will meet again on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

67.5.2 The council had been advised of a new report showing a large community of Greater Crested Newts in the village pond, adjacent to the site. It was **RESOLVED** that the council bring the report to the attention of the planning inspector.

### 68. REPORTS

68.1 Highways and Byways:

68.1.1 The clerk had requested a meeting with the area engineer but was advised that contact should be made via the County member.

68.1.2 Members were invited to consider the LTP2 Urban route consultation, which would be discussed at the November meeting.

68.1.3 Letty Green road sign. A request had been received from Wendy Hampton asking for a sign at Letty green, similar to those at Cole Green and Birch Green. Members were advised that the current signs were installed by the county when the bypass was built. Any new sign would require funding and highways planning permission. Members **RESOLVED** that they would need to see wider support before the request could be pursued.

68.2 Play areas:

68.2.1 The seesaw arm had been removed for repainting and will be fitted with new seats.



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- 68.2.2 The shackles received do not fit. Cllr Rochford to contact the suppliers direct.
- 68.3 Water Hall Quarry: Nothing to report
- 68.4 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September agreed a single grant and also to make awards twice yearly. It will seek to advertise the availability of grants in the parish magazine..
- 68.5 Panshanger Quarry: Liaison meeting postponed. Cllr O'Leary to contact Mike Pendock for new date.
- 68.6 Car parking in Birch Green:
- 68.6.1 Cllr O'Leary and other residents had received a letter from James Barton,, Herts Highways, detailing proposals for traffic regulations to prevent parking at school pick up and drop off times. The clerk had not received a copy.
  - 68.6.2 Members were broadly in support of the proposals and clerk was asked to invite Mr Barton to a future meeting to discuss the proposals.
  - 68.6.3 Members requested that any line be of the minimum width to reduce the visual impact in a rural location.

### 69. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been previously circulated.

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

- 70.1 The phone box in Letty Green was damaged. Clerk asked to write to BT.
- 70.2 Trees at Staines Green need the canopy raising. Cllr Rochford agreed to take action.
- 70.3 Mr Evans had asked that the APCOT proposals not be on the October agenda but was now requesting the council discuss them at the November meeting.

### 71. Exclusion of Press and Public

Members RESOLVED to exclude the press and public in accordance with Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) act 1960 s. 1, on the grounds of commercial confidentiality.

### 72. East End Green repairs

- 72.1 Cllr Edgell left the meeting having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 72.2 Quotations for the repair of the crossing at East End Green were considered.
- 72.3 It was agreed to accept the quotation from Ladkarn to do a limited fill of the pot holes be accepted.
- 72.4 It was resolved to seek a grant from Cllr Hammond's county locality budget to undertake more substantial repairs.
- 72.5 Members noted the residents' request to keep the crossing as unroad like as possible to discourage use by though traffic.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed

Dated

**Next Meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012**