

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8TH JULY 2015 AT 19.30 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

Present: Cllr. G. O'Leary (in the Chair)

Councillors: G. O'Leary, T. Brennan, B. Simkins, R. Morris, P. Rochford

In attendance: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nina Villa, Cllr Shoba Edgell, Cllr Haidy Blake, Cllr Lizzer Bradbury

2. CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

Confirmed no candidates have come forward and will advertise again in Sept.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bus consultation – Discussions on going regarding possible re-routing of 641 to replace the 388

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Paul Rochford declared an interest in the Scout Hut development

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

6. MINUTES

Minutes for 10th June confirmed with minor amendments.

7. MATTERS ARISING

EastEnd Green track repairs

£900 spent to date. Council resolved to spend additional £300-£400 needed to dress the surface in order to reduce dust. This will complete the current work.

It was noted that the Council has no current plans for further modifications to the track and that East End Green will be assessed as part of the ongoing Greens Crossing Committee work taking note of resident suggestions.

Lodge Gates Lamp Post

Cllrs noted the new lamp post installation at Lodge Gates bus stop and Cllr Simkins resolved to write a thank you note to Cllr Ken Crofton.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

Council was not provided by Clerk with copy of 2014 Work Programme for the discussions. Some new suggestions were discussed for further consideration:

- i. Clearing Footway of Old Coach Road between Cole Green & Birch Green
- ii. Clearing Footway between Staines Green & Hertingfordbury Hill
- iii. Clearing/Cutting back hedges between Bury Farm & No.1 Staines Green
- iv. General maintenance & Coppicing of Maitland Wood
- v. Birch Green Sign repair
- vi. Dead Field Lane needs to be made easier to walk on

These will be discussed at Sept meeting along with review of 2014/15 Work Programme to agree 2015/16 programme

9. FINANCE

Nina Villa to determine if £1500 owed to HMRC could be classed as an “odious” debt. It was resolved that is we are incurring HMRC interest charges we should clear the debt as soon as possible.

No Finance Papers were received from Clerk in advance of meeting. Council requested d these please be forwarded in advance of the meeting in future.

Cllr Simkins to submit £90 expenses claim for boundary maps obtained from HCC Archives.

10. PLANNING

BP Mitchell planning objection was noted as sent

No objections have been received or were raised to existing applications.

East Herts Local Plan & Neighborhood Plan: To be covered at September meeting following further discussions with East Herts DC by Cllr O’Leary

15. GENERAL REPORTS

a. Crossings & Greens:

- vii. Village Green Boundary Maps:** Cllr Simkins has obtained the legal tithe maps of 1968 illustrating all village green boundaries that fall under HPC jurisdiction.
- viii. Village Greens Audit:** Cllrs O’Leary & Simkins had performed one audit using these maps on Birch Green. The Greens Committee to discuss further Greens audits and actions plans at 14th July meeting.

- ix. **Clayden Advice:** Cllr O'Leary met with Mr Clayden at Open Spaces Society AGM and received some guidance which will be shared at next GCC meeting.
 - x. **Licenses & Easements:** Clerk Villa to please compile and supply to the GCC a list of licenses and easements issued to date
 - xi. **New England Nursery:** BT Open Reach application to cross green – Clerk to provide an update on correspondence with BT Open Reach to determine scope of work and proposed siting and scale of joint box.
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- b. **Highways & Byways:**
 - i. Nothing reported
 - c. **Play Area**
 - i. Nothing reported
 - d. **Walter Hall Quarry**
 - i. Nothing reported
 - e. **Walter Wallinger's Charity**
 - i. Nothing reported
 - f. **Panshanger Quarry & Panshanger Country Park**
 - i. LaFarge Liason meeting recognized by Mike Pendock as needing re-instatement.
 - ii. Sunday 12th July 11am to 3pm open access to the Great Oak, Water Wheel and Country house footings – All are welcome.
 - g. **Car Parking at Birch Green**
 - i. Funding for the school access gate and internal path funding has been agreed by school governors.

16. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Wheatley memorial oak has died – Cllr Simkins volunteered to remove it however this will not be undertaken until a suitable replacement is found and ready for planting

Chairman_____

Dated_____

