Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 October 2009 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (from item 67; Chairman), E Bradbury, C Edwards, N Hunt, R Morris and P Rochford

In attendance: 1 elector and District Cllr L Haysey and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

Cllr Hunt in the chair.

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner, Edgell and Jones, and from PCSO Broad.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

66. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that subject to amendment of minute 63.1 to read 'from the entrance of Bury Farm to opposite Mayflower Place' the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Cllr Lester arrived and took the chair

67. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

A letter on behalf of the residents of 19-21 Birch Green requesting that part of the village green outside the antiques shop where parked vehicles have damaged the green be paved was read out. The clerk to reply that being village green it cannot be paved and that parking on the village green was a criminal offence.

68. MATTERS ARISING

- 68.1 (Minute 54.1) The papers relating to the registration of title in the village greens will be submitted to Land Registry shortly.
- 68.2 (Minute 54.2) Cllr Rochford is still in discussions with J Dass regarding the state of the war memorial.
- 68.3 (Minute 54.3) Cllr Lester is to obtain information on stopping up highways.
- 68.4 (Minute 54.5) Cllr Rochford will effect a temporary repair on the driveway at 16-22 Birch Green, filling holes with planings.
- 68.5 (Minute 54.6) Cllr Rochford will instruct contractors to effect all appropriate medium-risk issues identified in the RoSPA play area report.
- 68.6 (Minute 57.1.1) Cllr Edwards will speak to the owner of 11 Cole Green.
- 68.7 (Minute 57.2.2) Cllr Rochford will arrange cutting back an oak tree in Deadfield Lane.
- 68.8 (Minute 59) The clerk will be writing to residents whose drives are to have pin kerbing in about a fortnight's time.

All other matters had either been completed or were a separate agenda item.

69. FINANCE

69.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

69.2 RESOLVED that two payments: £476.10 to Coopers for grass cutting and £848.15 to GR Irwin for 2nd quarter's salary and expenses be approved. It was agreed that the clerk should be paid for two additional hours for work in relation to stopping the Transco works on Letty Green.

70. EXTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED that the external auditor's opinion on the annual return be received. Noted that no issues had been found.

71. PLANNING

- 71.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.
- 71.2 Noted that there was no time to get a response on the recent B&T Motors application given the clerk's holiday.
- 72. REPORTS
- 72.1 Crossings and Greens: Noted that Morrisons (for EDF) were working at Letty Green.
- 72.2 Highways and Byways: Noted that part of St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury will be closed for up to 6 days sometime between 9 November and 31 March.
- 72.3 Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 72.4 Waterhall: Nothing further to report.
- 72.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Cllr Morris reported that there had been two applications.
- 72.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing further to report.
- 72.7 Panshanger Quarry: Nothing to report.

73. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllrs Lester and Hunt are to undertake a review of the risk assessments for the greens and report back to the next meeting.

74. REMEMBRANCE DAY

It was confirmed that all arrangements for this year's poppy collection and Remembrance Day service were in hand.

75. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note.

76. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- 76.1 The chairman asked that thanks be recorded to Cllr Haysey for the excellent and useful drinks evening on 22 September.
- 76.2 Cllrs Bradbury and Edwards reported that the district council's information evening for parish councillors had been very useful and informative.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed Dated