

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM IN HERTINGFORDBURY
COWPER SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C. Edwards, in the Chair

Councillors: O'Leary, Rochford, Jones, Morris, Bradbury, Brennan, Mrs Edgell, Mrs Blake, Mrs Barden

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mrs Linda Haysey, East Herts District Council

Mr Tom Brindley, former Parish Clerk

Ms Nina L. Villa, Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to speak

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no formal announcements but reminded the Members that they should make any Declarations of Interest if any arise during the meeting.

MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2014 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign the same.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Members sought an update on the latest situation regarding the Dog Training which was ongoing at East End Green. Cllr Mrs Haysey stated that she had visited the site and advised the occupants that they may need to apply for change of use for the land and that they should contact East Herts Council Planning Service for advice. This will be followed up after Christmas. It was noted that dog training is happening there every day.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Council would continue to meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month with the exception of August.

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15

It was noted that the Contractor was currently installing the posts for the new noticeboard in Birch Green and that keys would be held by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rochford for his assistance in this matter.

It was also noted that the clearance work to the pond was due to take place shortly.

FINANCE

The Council expressed its concern regarding the work that had recently been carried out to the surface of the track at East End Green. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor and state that the Council would not be authorising additional work and that a more suitable solution is required. The Council will review this further at its meeting in February 2015.

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) The Financial Statement be received and noted
- b) The schedule of payments made since the last meeting be noted and approved
- c) The Council approve the payment of accounts due.
- d) The Council approve the draft budget for 2015/16 which will be subject to final review and agreement at the next meeting.

PLANNING

The Council were made aware of one application (3/14/2036/FP) which it considered briefly. The Clerk was asked to circulate the reference number to all Councillors so that they could study it in further detail.

EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN

The Council asked for an update on the District Plan. Cllr Mrs Haysey advised that several meetings had recently taken place and that the plan is due to be considered by East Herts Council in March before being submitted to the inspector for approval.

GENERAL UPDATES/REPORTS

- a) Crossings and Greens – The Council considered a letter from a resident of Staines Green regarding repairs. It was agreed that the residents are responsible for maintenance but that permission of the Council would be required before any works were undertaken and some guidance would need to be provided with regards to an acceptable surface (i.e. Tarmac would not be appropriate or acceptable). The Council expressed a preference for a shingle finish with a sustainable urban drainage system. The Clerk was asked to convey this to the resident.
- b) Highways, Footpaths and Byways – ‘no waiting’ signs had appeared outside the school on Birch Green. It was noted that permission for this had not been sought from the Council and that ground rent may be payable. The Clerk was asked to contact Ringway to discuss.
Footpath – it was noted that the Staines Green to Hertingfordbury and the B&T Motors to Cole Green footpaths still need to be cleared. It was also noted that the street lamp in Cole Green had not yet been replaced.
- c) Play Area - Nothing to report
- d) Water Hall Quarry - Nothing to report

- e) Walter Wallinger's Charity - Nothing to report
- f) Panshanger Quarry and Park - Proposals due for opening in December
- g) Car Parking in Birch Green - It was noted that East Herts Council had funded a new parking enforcement officer to assist in combating parking outside schools across the District and hoped to visit each school at least once per month.

CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

A variety of correspondence was received and noted.

MATTERS TO NOTE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

The next parish litter pick would take place on 10th January.

The Clerk would post agendas on the noticeboards in future.