

**Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 December 2009 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green**

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PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), E Bradbury, C Edwards, B Jones, R Morris and P Rochford

In attendance: the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Edgell and Hunt, and from District Cllr Haysey. Cllr Morris apologised for his absence at the November meeting.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

92. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

93. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

94. MATTERS ARISING

94.1 (Minute 81.1) Cllr Lester would obtain a quote for the work from a stone mason approved by East Herts Council's Conservation Officer.

94.2 (Minute 81.2) Cllr Lester has still to obtain information on stopping up highways.

94.3 (Minute 81.3) Cllr Rochford will instruct contractors to effect all appropriate medium-risk issues identified in the RoSPA play area report.

94.4 (Minute 81.4) Cllr Edwards has spoken to the owner of 11 Cole Green. She and Cllr Rochford will arrange a time in the new year to agree the correct line for the fence.

94.5 (Minute 81.5) Cllr Rochford will arrange cutting back an oak tree in Deadfield Lane.

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

95. FINANCE

95.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

95.2 There had been no payments made between meetings.

95.3 RESOLVED that three payments: £25.00 to Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath, to be paid under s137; £201.25 to Coopers for grass cutting and £165.00 to LCAS for annual legal advice service be approved.

96. PLANNING

96.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

96.2 The clerk was asked to write to HCC regarding the Southfield Wood application supporting the comments made by Hertingfordbury Conservation Society.

97. REPORTS

97.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report.

97.2 Highways and Byways: It was reported that one of the no through road signs at Staines Green was missing; the clerk to report this.

97.3 Play Area: It was reported that the play area was okay.

97.4 Waterhall: The next liaison meeting is to be held on 15 December.

97.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: It was reported that 3 applications had been received since the last meeting.

97.6 Greens Car Park: It was reported that some progress is being made.

97.7 Panshanger Quarry: The next liaison meeting is to be held on 8 January.

98. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Nothing to discuss.

99. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note.

100. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

100.1 The clerk tabled a draft budget for members to consider over the Christmas break, the precept to be set at the January meeting.

100.2 Noted that Cllr Raymond last attended a meeting of the council on 10 June. RESOLVED that the reason for his absence be approved.

100.3 Noted that LaFarge would be undertaking extensive tree work on the Panshanger estate in later January/early February which would involve the closure of the B1000, Panshanger Lane and Thieves Lane.

101. CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED that the matter of the clerk's quarterly allowance be postponed to the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed

Dated