



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 7.30 pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs C Edwards (Chairman), E Bradbury, T Brennan, G O'Leary, H Blake, S Edgell, B Simkins
The clerk, Tom Brindley.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The council accepted apologies from Cllrs B Jones, P Rochford, R Morris and D. Cllr L Haysey

89. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

90. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 90.1. Members were reminded that declarations of interest should be made immediately prior to an item being debated.
- 90.2. The chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and offered them mulled wine and mince pies.
- 90.3. Crossing at 12 Cole Green. The chairman agreed to take an urgent item regarding transfer of the licence for a crossing at 12 Cole Green.

91. MINUTES OF MEETING 13TH NOVEMBER

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

92. MATTERS ARISING

- 92.1. (51) TREE PLANTING, BIRCH GREEN: The chairman has a CD of photographs of the tree planting. Mrs D Vigus had discovered that the tree planted on Cole Green in 1937 commemorating the coronation of Edward VIII, was planted Lady Desborough and the tree planted to commemorate the 1953 coronation by Lady Desborough's granddaughter, Mrs Julian Salmond.
- 92.2. One of the Letty Green signs had been installed on Parish Council land at the approach from the Lower Hatfield Road. The sign near the Cowper Arms was awaiting agreement from Herts Highways. It was agreed to hold an official unveiling at 12:00 noon on Saturday 18th January.
- 92.3. All other actions were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

93. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013-14

- 93.1. **Play Area.** The new mini-soccer goal posts had been installed but may be a bit loose in the ground.
- 93.2. The progress on the 2013/14 work programme was noted.

94. BUDGET

- 94.1. The clerk presented an updated draft budget. It had been confirmed that East Herts Council would continue to pay the New Homes Bonus in 2014/15 and that 50% of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant would be received.

95. FINANCE

- 95.1. The financial report to 31st November 2013 was noted.



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95.2. Four payments were approved: see attached list.

96. PLANNING

96.1. The planning report was noted.

96.2. (3/13/2155/MA) Minor amendment 9A Woolmers Lane. Members raised no objections.

96.3. Enforcement at Land off the Old Coach Rd, Birch Green. The clerk was asked to write to EHDC asking what enforcement action was being taken.

97. EAST HERTS LOCAL PLAN

97.1. The East Herts draft plan had been delayed by a month.

98. REPORTS

98.1. Crossing and Greens:

- a. The Greens Crossings Working Party meeting was postponed until Cllr Edwards had received advice from a lawyer specialising in greens crossings.
- b. The insurers had repudiated the claim for liability regarding tree T1 on the Cole Green list which had blown down in the storm of 23rd October. The clerk was instructed to ask Mr Michael for a quote for replacement of three fence panels and four concrete posts for which the council would consider making a voluntary contribution, as repairs would improve the visual amenity of the green.
- c. The clerk advised that the safety inspections for greens were overdue. Members agreed to carry out the inspections once the clerk had circulated the forms and the previous year's observations:
 - i. Cole Green: Cllrs Catherine Edwards and Barry Simkins
 - ii. East End Green: Cllr Shoha Edgell
 - iii. Birch Green Cllrs Gary O'Leary and Haidy Blake
 - iv. Letty Green: Cllrs Paul Rochford and Lizzer Bradbury
 - v. Staines Green: Cllr Roger Morris would be asked

98.2. **Highways:** It was noted that the hedge alongside the Old Coach Road at Cole Green had been cut back but the hedge near the site designated, Land Adj To The Old Coach Rd at Birch Green was overgrown and causing a safety obstruction. The clerk was asked to contact Herts Highways asking for the hedge to be trimmed.

98.3. **Play Area:**

98.3.1. The clerk had obtained a quote for refurbishment. This was higher than expected and Cllr Rochford had marked the list with items the council could undertake itself.

98.3.2. Members **RESOLVED** to waive the procurement rules to allow the clerk to place an order for repairs as the work was of a specialist nature.

98.4. **Water Hall:** Nothing to report.

98.5. **Walter Wallinger Charity:** Next meeting is April.

98.6. **Panshanger Quarry:** A liaison meeting had been called for 19th December 2013.

98.7. **Car Parking at Birch Green:** The Traffic Regulation Order for restriction of parking had been published.



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99. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the correspondence received.

100. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- 100.1. **War memorial** An incident of anti-social behaviour near the war memorial was reported. A wreath had been damaged and litter strewn along The Old Coach Road. The chairman agreed to report to the police.
- 100.2. **Police Locality Meetings** Cllr Brennan asked if these meetings were being held, as he hadn't received an invite for some time, but he had heard there had been one in August..

The meeting closed at 09.20 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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Payments Approved

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>CQ</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
Local Council Advisory Service	Legal advice	400057	182.00	0.00	182.00
T Brindley	Clerk's X's	400058	48.39	1.77	50.16
Tonks	Admin	DD	19.50	3.90	23.40
Tonks	Clerks salary	DD	886.95	0.00	886.95
Totals			1,136.84	5.67	1,142.51