

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 January 2008 at 8.00pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lester (Chairman), D Bonner, E Bradbury, S Edgell, N Hunt, B Jones, P Rochford and J Raymond

In attendance: 1 elector (for part of the meeting) and the clerk, Mr G Irwin

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Edwards and Morris and from District Councillor Haysey.

101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

102. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

- 102.1 It was reported that the works undertaken on behalf of Three Valleys Water at the corner of Foxdells, Birch Green, had not been reinstated properly; the clerk was asked to write.

103. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2007 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

104. MATTERS ARISING

- 104.1 (Minute 88.2) Cllr Rochford will speak to the owner of the land adjoining Deadfield Lane once the present work is complete.

- 104.2 All other matters had either been actioned or were separate agenda items.

105. FINANCE

- 105.1 A financial statement was received and noted.

- 105.2 RESOLVED that one payment, £1149.73 to GR Irwin for salary (including back pay) and expenses be approved.

106. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

RESOLVED that the draft budget for 2008/9 be approved and that the precept be set at £9,900.

107. PLANNING

- 107.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted. Noted that two planning applications received within the past week would be responded to in accordance with standing order 76A.

108. REPORTS

- 108.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report.

- 108.2 Highways and Byways:

- 108.2.1 It was reported that the surface of footpath 9 is a trip hazard; the clerk would report this to Rights of Way.

- 108.2.2 Cllr Bonner is to meet with Janet Briscoe, HCC solicitor, on 18 January regarding the transfer of land at Cole Green in relation to the A414 bypass when some village green was lost to create the new road.

108.3 Play Area: Nothing to report.

108.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.

108.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report.

108.6 Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.

108.7 War Memorial: Nothing to report.

108.8 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.

109. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing of note.

110. RISK ASSESSMENT

Noted that a format for the risk assessment has been agreed and that Cllrs Lester and Hunt would carry out the assessment in the spring.

111. EDGING OF WAYS ACROSS GREENS

A rough estimate for pin kerbing had been obtained; the cost being £20 per metre laid. For edging the 7 worst drives this would amount to approximately £5,000 to £6,000. Agreed that Cllr Hunt would obtain formal estimates for the works for consideration at a future meeting.

112. PARISH WEBSITE

Agreed that Cllr Bradbury would attend training with HAPTC to develop a parish website.

113. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

113.1 Noted that the 7.5 tonne weight restriction sign on the road to Letty Green off the B158 had gone missing; the clerk to report this to Highways.

113.2 Noted that a tree from Orchard House property had fallen across the green at Letty Green; the clerk was asked to write.

113.2 Cllr Bradbury informed members that she would be unable to make the next meeting and tendered her apologies.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed

Dated