

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

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

In attendance: PCSO K Broad and colleague for the first 3 items, and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner, Hunt and Morris.

103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

104. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

Karen Broad reported that there had been just one recent crime in our area, a burglary in Bayford on 17 December where the burglars had effected entry through the conservatory at the rear of the property.

105. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2009 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

106. MATTERS ARISING

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

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

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

106.4 (Minute 94.4) 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.

106.5 (Minute 94.5) 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.

107. FINANCE

107.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

107.2 There had been no payments made between meetings.

107.3 RESOLVED that two payments: £967.18 to Mr G Irwin for salary and expenses, and £117.50 to Infoweb for annual website hosting service be approved. Agreed not to subscribe to CDA for Herts.

108. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

RESOLVED that the budget for 2010/11 be approved and that the precept be set at £10,400 (an increase of £500).

109. PLANNING

109.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

- 109.2 RESOLVED that the council object to the proposed development at 70/72 Birch Green on the grounds of (a) removal of a large tree, (b) the building line is too far forward and (c) the increase from 2 to 4 properties in the Green Belt. Concern was expressed about parking and vehicle movements during construction but this is not a planning issue.
- 109.3 RESOLVED that the council objects to the proposed redevelopment of Poplars Green Bridge on the basis that it would mean the loss of 19th century heritage.
110. REPORTS
- 110.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report.
- 110.2 Highways and Byways: The clerk reported that he had received notification of road closures of B1000 25-29 January and Panshanger Lane 1-3 February.
- 110.3 Play Area: It was reported that the play area was okay.
- 110.4 Waterhall: The next liaison meeting is to be held on 15 December.
- 110.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: It was reported that 3 applications had been received and were rejected.
- 110.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.
- 110.7 Panshanger Quarry: The liaison meeting on 8 January was postponed until 19 January.
111. CORRESPONDENCE
- Nothing of note.
112. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
- 112.1 The lights at B&T Motors are still causing complaints; the clerk will chase HCC for a response.
- 112.2 It was reported that there is a blocked and overflowing gulley at the bottom of Chapel Lane, Letty Green, near its junction with Pipers End.
- 112.3 The clerk reported that the registration of title of the village greens had gone through successfully; he has yet to collect the papers from Land Registry.
113. CLERK'S SALARY
- RESOLVED that the clerk's quarterly allowance be discontinued and that his salary be increased to SCP 23 with effect from 1 January 2010.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Signed

Dated