

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 8.00pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

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

In attendance: 27 electors and PCSO K Broad for part of the meeting; District Cllr L Haysey and the clerk, Mr G Irwin.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rochford declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 being the applicant for a planning application to be discussed.

53. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

Residents raised a number of questions regarding and objections to the planning application for Rochfords Nursery on land to the north and south of The Old Coach Road, Birch Green, which lasted over an hour. A show of hands indicated 1 in favour, 22 against, 4 abstentions.

54. ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED that agenda item 8 be brought forward.

Cllr Rochford left the room.

55. PLANNING

55.1 An update on planning applications was received and noted.

55.2 RESOLVED that the council objects to the application for Rochfords Nursery on land to the north and south of The Old Coach Road.

Cllr Rochford rejoined the meeting.

56. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2010 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

57. MATTERS ARISING

57.1 (Minute 44.1) The clerk has still to write and thank Mr Dass for repairing the war memorial.

57.2 (Minute 44.2) Cllrs Edwards and Rochford have arranged to meet with the owner to agree the correct line for the fence at 11 Cole Green.

57.3 (Minute 44.3) Cllr Hunt is still trying to make contact with the contractor regarding pin kerbing.

57.4 (Minute 47.3) Cllr Rochford has still to obtain costings for suggested repairs for the play area.

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

58. FINANCE

58.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

- 58.2 No payments had been made since the last meeting.
- 58.3 RESOLVED that three payments: £854.49 to Mr G Irwin for salary and expenses, £158.63 to BDO for annual audit and £1049.28 to Coopers for grass cutting be authorised.
59. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S OPINION
The auditor's opinion was received; it was noted that there were no matters giving cause for concern.
60. REPORTS
- 60.1 Crossings and Greens: Nothing to report.
- 60.2 Highways and Byways: An oral report was received; Cllr Bonner has received an unsupportive letter from HCC's solicitor regarding the stopping up of former highways land at Cole Green.
- 60.3 Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 60.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.
- 60.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: An oral report was received; noted there had been 6 recent grants.
- 60.6 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report.
- 60.7 Panshanger Quarry: Noted that the next meeting will be on 2 December.
61. REMEMBRANCE DAY
Noted that everything was in hand.
62. CORRESPONDENCE
Nothing of note.
63. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
The clerk was asked to copy Mr O'Leary's letter opposing the Rochfords planning application to all members.



The chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm

Signed

Dated