



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2015 AT 19.00 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllrs Gary O’Leary (Chairman), Barry Simkins, Tommy Brennan, Shobha Edgell,
Paul Rochford

In attendance: Amanda Glew (Clerk), Martin Jack and Peter Newson (parishioners)

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Haidy Blake, Lizzer Bradbury and Roger Morris

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

38. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman drew attention to the earlier start and new schedule of meeting dates.

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents Messrs Jack and Newson attended the meeting to state their concern about the inaction of HCC to address breaches of planning control at Waterhall Quarry. An email received earlier that day from Chay Dempster was read out by the Clerk. The meeting felt that this was still not giving any firm commitment on what action will be taken. It was noted that the Ombudsman has now been informed and once a reference number has been given HCC will have a set time to respond. In the New Year Messrs Jack and Newson will arrange a site tour for HPC Councillors and Cllr Ken Crofton will be invited. HPC will also consider writing a formal complaint to HCC.

East End Track is showing signs of wear and tear following the recent repair. This may be due to refuse lorries turning.

40. THE MINUTES

There were no comments on the minutes for the previous meeting.

41. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

42. PLANNING

(a) Current Applications

A public path order has been made to divert part of Hertingfordbury Footpath 8 from a line through the garden and tennis court of Farthing Hall, to a line around the southern boundary of the tennis



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court. HPC has until 30th December to make any representations or objections. The Clerk will re send the email to Councillors.

Planning ref: 3/15/2381/HH 29 Woolmers Lane, Letty Green for a detached garage with storage over. Cllr Rochford commented on the scale of the development compared to the original dwelling size.

No objections were raised.

Planning ref: 3/15/2347/HH Thorpe Cottage, 14 Cole Green for two storey side extension and porch. The Vice Chairman agreed to view the site and speak to neighbours.

(b) Recommendations on Outstanding Applications

B&T Motors. HPC have no comment.

Tarmac – Inert Material Importation over 10 years. The decision has been deferred and is to be discussed by the Development Control Committee, HCC on Dec 17th. It was noted that no additional Section 106 money has been offered by the company. The Country Management Plan is expected from Tarmac by end of December.

BP Mitchell planning. No decision issued. Tarmac may be objecting. Gascoyne Cecil, WGC Society and other groups have been approached re a Judicial Review application. The Chairman has been given a contact at the solicitors which dealt with the New Barnfield incinerator plant. There will be 6 weeks to respond from the date of a decision being made. Need to enquire as to whether there is a case to challenge the decision and which groups might fund an initial challenge. There might need to be a HPC sub committee formed to decide how to respond. HPC could enquire about the original consultation process on the allocation of the BP Mitchell waste site and whether the site categorization will change. It was noted that there seems to be considerable development activity on the site at the moment.

(c) E Herts Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning

East Herts Local Plan. A solution is needed to Hertford's traffic. HCC will put forward a possible solution to A414 and Hertford congestion next autumn. Some Hertford development within the current A414 scope can be made at Thieves Lane (Hertford 3 site), north of Hertford near Sele (300 properties) and the Birchall Garden Suburb development.

Village Hierarchy. HPC villages have all been scored and it was noted that the adjustments requested by HPC have yet to be made. Cole and Letty Green should be Category 3 and Birch Green Category 2.

HPC Neighbourhood Plan. HPC have made an application which should be approved in February. Implementation will be led by HPC and involve the Vice Chairman and Cllr Brennan. Communication will be made to all parishioners, a community meeting will be arranged and HPC will write to all landowners and developers to promote awareness and form a steering group. Grants can be applied for from E Herts. The Chairman will provide copies of a booklet on Neighbourhood Planning Guidance. There will need to be a meeting in between the bi monthly meetings of HPC to progress.



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43. STANDING ITEMS

(a) Works Programme

It was agreed to allow for the following items in the works programme for this financial year:

Notice boards - £125 each (Staines Green, Letty Green, Cole Green, East End Green)

Play equipment - £500

For the year 2016/17:

Village signs - £250

Wells- £400 per well (Cole Green and Staines Green)

Letty Green bollard removal - £1000

Tree survey - £1000

Tree works - £2000

(b) Greens

The meeting resolved to adopt the policies and these will be posted on the website.

30 Letty Green. Cllrs O'Leary, Simkins, Rochford, Morris and the Clerk met at the site on Tuesday 8th December to assess the condition of reinstatement of the Village Green. The findings have been communicated to the Councils solicitors.

(c) Highways

Cllr Ken Crofton has requested sites for a Gulley Dig Out programme. HPC agreed to put forward the gulley opposite Birch Green School, by the bus stop in Birch Green on south side and also to the west of Birch Green in the dip.

44. FINANCE

(a) Financial Statment

The financial statement was received although it was noted no bank statements had been received recently by the Clerk.

(b) Payments Due

Cheques for payments outstanding were issued to DCK Beavers (payroll provider), Longmores Solicitors (greens), Royal British Legion (donation), Information Commissioner (registration as data controller) and the Clerk (3 months salary, expenses and purchase of a filing cabinet).



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(c) **Budget Options**

It was resolved to adopt budget A on the paper circulated and to increase the precept by the Clerk's employer pension contribution, this will amount to approx. 2% of the precept.

(d) **Sector Led Body for Audit Procurement**

It was agreed that HPC would not be "opting out" of the new arrangements.

(e) **Pension**

HPC resolved to allow the Clerk to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

45. **AOB**

Cllr Brennan requested whether the total of the poppy day collection was known yet.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

Chairman _____

Dated _____