

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 26 October 2011 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

PRESENT: R Lester (chairman), C Edwards, R Morris, S Edgell, T Brennan, G O'Leary, B Jones and P Rochford, K Barden, E Bradbury

In attendance: About 14 electors and the Clerk: Tom Brindley.

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Hunt.

67. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

69. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 69.1 Members of the public were invited to ask questions and make suggestions regarding the business of the meeting.
- 69.2 A request was made for the council to lobby EHDC on the provision of traveller's sites. The chairman agreed to raise this in a meeting planned for Friday 4th November, with Simon Drinkwater.
- 69.3 A member of the public reported seeing travellers near the New England nursery and advised that the owner had been informed.
- 69.4 A request was made for the council to discuss with EHDC the use of Section 77 of the PO&CJ Act.

70. GREENS PROTECTION

- 70.1 The chairman read out items of correspondence from electors: Brenda Smith, Michael Lynn, Dawn Clark, Ian Cutmore, Nick Hunt.
- 70.2 Regarding Mr Hunt's letter, the chairman explained that the fence was not a full enclosure, was a temporary measure and that this was the same fence that had been used several years previously.
- 70.3 The clerk presented his report on protection options.
- 70.4 Cllr Brennan raised the issue of the missing padlock from the damaged gate at Maitland Wood. It was also observed that the gate to the playground did not have a lock.
- 70.5 It was RESOLVED that the clerk should instigate repairs to the gate and purchase a new chain and padlocks for both gates, if possible with the same key.
- 70.6 In response to a question regarding difficulty implementing protection measures, Cllr Rochford advised that wet weather would make illegal occupation harder.
- 70.7 It was RESOLVED to leave the temporary fence at Maitland Wood in place until wetter weather and that the clerk should write to Mr Hunt explaining this decision.

71. GREENS PROTECTION WORKING PARTY

- 71.1 The council considered the setting up of a Greens Protection Working Party.
- 71.2 It was RESOLVED that:
 - 71.2.1 the council establishes a Working Party to investigate the options and risks on an area by area basis.
 - 71.2.2 the Working Party co-opt members of the public as appropriate.

- 71.2.3 the Clerk serves on the Working Party.
- 71.2.4 the Working Party presents interim reports to the November and December Council meetings and reports its findings at the January meeting.
- 71.2.5 the Working Party concentrates on Birch Green as its first priority.
- 71.2.6 the Working Party adopts the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix C of the clerk's report.
- 71.2.7 a budget of £100 be allocated to the Working Party.
- 71.2.8 a budget of 30 hrs of the clerk's time be allocated to the Working Party.
- 71.3 The following councillors and electors were appointed to serve on the working party:
Cllrs: Edwards, Morris, Edgell, Barden and O'Leary. Ms B Smith, Mr S Davis, the Clerk.
Cllrs Rochford and Lester would advise the working party as required.
- 71.4 The clerk was asked to invite Mr N Hunt to join the working party.
- 71.5 The clerk was asked to call the first meeting of the working party for Wednesday 2nd November.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Signed

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