

Minutes of the meeting of Hertingfordbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 7.30pm in Hertingfordbury Cowper JMI School, Birch Green

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

In attendance: the clerk, Mr G Irwin

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner, Edgell and Edwards.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21. ELECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

22. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2008 be confirmed and signed by the chairman as a correct record subject to an amendment to record the fact that District Councillor Haysey attended the latter part of the meeting.

23. MATTERS ARISING

23.1 (Minute 9.1) Cllr Rochford will speak to the owner of the land adjoining Deadfield Lane now that the work is complete.

23.2 (Minute 14.1) Cllr Hunt has met with the owners of 29 Birch Green but has still to speak to the owner of 25 Birch Green.

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

24. FINANCE

24.1 The financial statement was received and noted.

24.2 There had been no payments made since the last meeting.

24.3 RESOLVED that one payment be authorised: £972.90 to Coopers for grass cutting.

25. PLANNING

An update on planning applications was received and noted.

26. REPORTS

26.1 Crossings and Greens: A risk assessment had been carried out for East End Green (see item 29), and it was agreed to erect a sign at either end of the green warning drivers to take extra care. Cllr Hunt will prepare a specification for pin kerbing.

26.2 Highways and Byways: Noted that Staines Green footways had now been cleared but those at Cumberland Green were still outstanding.

26.3 Play Area: Cllr Jones reported that the play area was in good state but on two occasions a load of old clothes had been deposited in the wheelie bin. The annual inspection report was imminent.

26.4 Waterhall: Nothing to report.

- 26.5 Walter Wallinger's Charity: Nothing to report.
- 26.6 Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
- 26.7 War Memorial: Nothing to report.
- 26.8 Greens Car Park: Nothing to report. The chairman had attempted to contact Lafarge for an update without success and will continue trying.
27. 8 LETTY GREEN
- The clerk reported that a request for an easement from the proposed purchaser's solicitor at 8 Letty Green, that solicitors were presently obtaining declarations suggesting that the current driveway had been in use for over 40 years.
- RESOLVED that the council agrees in principle to grant an easement at 8 Letty Green provided legal advice confirms that the council has the power to do so and that the purchaser's solicitors give an undertaking for costs; that the clerk be authorised to obtain necessary legal advice from Paul Clayden and liaise with Cllr Hunt; that if legal advice confirms that an easement may be granted the easement be signed by Cllrs Lester and Hunt.
28. RISK ASSESSMENT
- RESOLVED that the draft risk assessment for East End Green be adopted.
29. CORRESPONDENCE
- 29.1 The clerk tabled an invitation from the University of Hertfordshire to a "charrette" – an urban planning workshop. This was noted by members.
- 29.2 An email from the clerk to Hertford Town Council suggesting that the area for the "Hertford in Bloom" competition be extended to include the parish was discussed and in principle agreed. The clerk was asked to find out what would be involved. Cllr Rochford would be happy to judge entries within the parish.
- 29.3 The clerk tabled a letter expressing concern at developments at Woolmers Park; it was agreed to copy to all members for discussion at the next meeting.
- 29.4 All other correspondence had been dealt with.
30. MATTERS TO NOTE OR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
- 30.1 The clerk was asked to arrange for EHDC to sweep the lanes at Birch Green.
- 30.2 It was noted that broken cars were being parked overnight in the front of the site at B&T Motors in contravention of planning permission; members would attempt to obtain photographic evidence.
- 30.3 Thanks were expressed to Cllr Rochford for the refurbishment of the wooden signs at Cole Green, Birch Green and Staines Green. Cllr Rochford reported that he would be arranging for the graffiti on the bus shelters to be cleaned shortly.
- 30.4 The clerk was asked to report to Herts Highways a blocked gulley on the hill between the Cowper Arms and Letty Green.
- 30.5 Noted that Hertingfordbury Preservation Society intends to provide a memorial bench to Meg Fewkes and was considering where to site it. It was agreed that to the south of the war memorial would be a suitable place.

30.6 Cllr Bradbury reported that she had prepared a mock-up for most pages of the website for which she was congratulated; she will circulate this to all members and is currently investigating a suitable hosting service.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed

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