



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 11TH JULY 2018 AT 19.00 IN HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllrs Haidy Blake, Shobha Edgell, Roger Morris and Paul Rochford

In attendance: Amanda Glew (Clerk), Peter Branford, Clive Dookerhan, Jane Dookerhan, Amanda Murray, Rosemary Collins, Carolyn Cade and Jim Coppard

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllrs Gary O'Leary, Barry Simkins, Lizzer Bradbury and Magda Atkins

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

26. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Paul Rochford agreed to chair the meeting.

Jim Coppard addressed the meeting. He explained that he has been a local resident for over 25 years. He is a regular cyclist and walker as well as an allotment holder. He has more time available now and would like to join the Parish Council in order to give something back to the community. Jim was proposed as a Councillor by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Blake, co-opted onto the Council and welcomed to the meeting.

27. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Dookerhan spoke to the Council about the traffic problems through Birch Green. Parking and pollution are a severe problem and there are too many heavy lorries driving through the village. Parking on the Greens is a continual problem as is the speed of many of the cars. Bad parking causes poor visibility for drivers; a particular problem is pulling out from Foxdells onto Birch Green and also the bus has trouble driving along the road. Mr Dookerhan feels that school parents are frequently extremely inconsiderate with their car parking. Additionally the parking on the Old Coach Road is also a problem and there should be more communication between the school and local residents. In particular it would help if residents were informed when a function is on. Pollution from the ice cream van parked outside the school is also a problem.



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One particular car has been left parked at 1 Foxdells for a considerable time. A house owned by Network Homes at 69 Birch Green has 12 cars. Cllr Blake said that she had checked on these cars and they are all taxed and the police would not be interested. This house also has 9 dogs.

The Chairman explained that often sat nav causes large lorries to drive through the village and he continues to inform drivers they should not do this. He also explained that Cllr Simkins is in discussion with Highways and Cllr Ken Crofton to improve signage. He noted there is also a problem with lorries from the developer in Chapel Lane.

Mr Dookerhan queried why the parking regulations are not enforced. Cllr Blake explained that she has spoken to the parking official (May 2018 Minutes).

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to East Herts explaining the problem and in particular the health and safety issue. The Clerk will also write to Network Homes bringing their attention to the number of cars, dogs and the general poor maintenance of the property. It was noted that it is difficult for local residents to complain themselves to Network Homes as they have to give their home address.

Cllr Rochford explained that the hedgerows were originally planted by East Herts, however, there does now need to be a review. The Clerk will speak to Coopers to check when the next hedgerow cut is due.

The Clerk will also contact the Head Teacher of the school to ask whether the notice board has been removed.

28. **MINUTES**

The Minutes were agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Rochford and seconded by Cllr Blake.

29. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Simkins to be asked whether he will be organising a distribution of Greens crossing licences to new residents. Cllr Blake has asked Tommy Brennan whether he would like a tea party to mark his long service to the community but he has declined.

30. **PLANNING**

(a) **Current Applications**

Cllr Coppard thanked Cllr O'Leary for his letter regarding 44-58 Chapel Lane.



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Planning ref: 3/18/1324/OU Land Between 38- 42 Chapel Lane Letty Green Outline planning for the creation of 1 no. dwelling, garage and associated access and parking. Carolyn Cade gave a brief background regarding this application. Cllr Coppard commented that it seemed an obvious opportunity for infill. It was agreed HPC would not comment.

Planning ref: 3/18/1403/FUL Hertingfordbury Cowper Jmi School Single storey extension. No comment.

Planning ref: 3/18/1404/LBC Hertingfordbury Cowper Jmi School Single storey extension. No comment.

(b) Decisions on Outstanding Applications

Planning ref: 3/18/0706/HH 20 Letty Green Demolition of rear outbuildings. Erection of two storey side extension (amended scheme to previous submission 3/17/1665/HH). Refused 22/5/18.

Planning ref: 3/18/0725/FUL 288 Hertingfordbury Road Demolition of dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling. Refused 12/6/18.

Planning ref: 3/18/0972/FUL Land Opposite 44 - 58 Chapel Lane Letty Green Construction of a new house, garage and driveway, with new landscape planting. Refused 21/6/18.

Planning ref: 3/18/1006/HH 38 Letty Green Ground floor rear extension and first floor rear and side extension (Renewal of planning permission 3/15/0832/HH). Granted 26/6/18.

Planning ref: 3/18/1051/FUL First Letty Green Scout Hall Pipers End Demolition of scout hut and stores. Erection of 1 no. 3 bedroomed dwelling with associated parking and landscaping. Granted 2/7/18.

Planning ref: 3/18/1107/HH 29 Birch Green Erection of practice golf net - 3m x 3m x 3m to stand on a concrete base - 3.2m x 4.0m. Granted 4/7/18.

Planning ref: 3/18/1089/HH 30 Woolmers Lane Letty Green Conversion of, and extension to, the existing garage to create an annex, including demolition of an existing garden store. Refused 5/7/18.

(c) East Herts Local Plan

Nothing further to report at this point.



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(d) **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee**

A date to be agreed for the next meeting of the Committee.

31. **STANDING ITEMS**

(a) **Works Programme**

Two quotes have been received for work to the Cole Green track and oak tree removal which will be discussed at the next meeting. A further oak tree on Cole Green needs to be removed as well as crown lifting along Birch Green. The plaque from Tesco Bags of Help will be passed to Cllr Simkins for placing on the Cole Green well. There was no further information on the litter bin for the play area.

(b) **Greens**

The Clerk will complete and return the form for the Tree Preservation Orders to be placed on the field maples at East End Green. The P3 grant to fund work to Letty Green byway 20 has been agreed and the Clerk will forward bank details to Groundwork.

(c) **Highways**

The Clerk was requested to find out what regulations there as regards an ice cream van parking near the school. The Clerk was also requested to contact Cllrs Ken Crofton and Linda Haysey for their advice on the Birch Green parking problems.

(d) **Quarries and Waste Facilities**

Nothing further to report.

(e) **Panshanger Quarry and Panshanger Park**

Nothing further to report.

(f) **B&T Motors**

Nothing further to report.



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32. FINANCE

(a) Financial Statement

The financial statement was received.

(b) Payment of Accounts Due

Hertingfordbury Parish Council Monthly Accounts Summary:

Cheques Issued			Chq No
11-07-18	Frank Cooper	1740.00	320
11-07-18	Clerk Salary – June/July	611.38	321
11-07-18	DCK Accounts - payroll June	30.00	322
07-02-18	Clerk Expenses	54.30	323
Other Payments			
LGPS	Pension – June	89.19	BACS
LGPS	Pension – July	89.19	BACS
Receipts			
11-07-18	Playground donation	843.41	
11-07-18	VAT refund	2150.81	

(c) Update Signatories to Co-operative Bank Accounts

Updated signatories were received from the Councillors present.

(d) To Consider opening of new deposit Account at Nationwide

To be discussed at the next meeting.

(e) General Data Protection Regulation

To be discussed at the next meeting.

(f) New Homes Bonus

Nothing further to report.



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33. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items.

34. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Morris queried how regularly the ditches are cut and Cllr Rochford confirmed that this happens once a year. Cllr Blake reported that an ash tree by the field to the west of 12 Birch Green (SG14 2LP) had sheered a large piece off and was now dangerous. She has reported this to Highways and the Clerk was asked to also report. The hedge there is also overgrown. Cllr Edgell queried why responsibility for the East End Green risk assessment had been removed from her. The Clerk requested a date be set for an appraisal.

Dates for 2019 meetings will be set at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman _____ Dated _____

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018