



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 19.00 ON 13th October 2021 HERTINGFORDBURY SCHOOL BIRCH GREEN.

Present. Cllrs Paul Rochford (Chairman) Haidy Blake, Ruth McDonald, Roger Morris, Niki Gordon .
Public: Martin Jack , Mr. and Mrs Davies, Mr and Mrs Gary , Mr. Christopher Maunder Taylor.

1 **Apologies For Absence:** Cllr Gary O’Leary. Clerk Katie Eyre
Apologies not approved by majority of council for Gary O’Leary’s absence.

2 **Declarations of Interest:**

- 2a No declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
- b No written requests for dispensations for declarable interests

3 Minutes were approved and signed off for meeting 8th Sept 2021

4 **Clerks Report:**

Defibrillator update - This is ready for fitting, the electrician will arrange to connect it to a power source.

5 **Public participation:**

Residents of Beechleigh and 6 Birch Green are concerned about the appearance and safety of the area around Birch Green pond. They requested that this area should be tidied up and made a feature of the area. Cllr Rochford explained that advice would be obtained from Peter Oakenfull the local naturalist concerning newt habitat. Also advice from Maydencroft , a local company that undertakes work that specialises in these areas.

6. **Correspondence:**

Lisa Herbert – community puzzle/games request. It was decided that the clerk will write to say that the PC has no objection to this and would be very pleased if Lisa Herbert arranged this. Cllr Rochford was unsure where this could be accommodated because there is no suitable place such as a phone box or a weatherproof bus shelter.

FOHCPS – School sign. Cllr McDonald would contact the school to ask for design and size and this will be considered at the next meeting.

Birch Green pond - see above in public participation.

Website will be updated by the clerk

7 **Items outstanding**

7a BGreen Store - no objection to the request for table top sales for fundraising

b Letter of complaint to be sent to enforcement and environmental health by the clerk

c Tewin Parish Council - clerk will research letters received and respond concerning land for development in the Tewin area.

d Footpath diversion – Beechleigh still waiting for consultation document

e Grotto Wood – Martin Jack will ask Peter Newsom to forward the email to the clerk from Christopher Laine from English Heritage Society. Discussion is ongoing about preserving the area.

Celebration of Olympic medallist - this is due to be held at Hertingfordbury School at 9.15 21st October 2021, to be confirmed.

Meeting dates for PC in school hall – ongoing discussions with the Head Teacher and Cllr Ruth McDonald.

Tommy Brennan Bench - Cllr Ruth McDonald confirmed that Magda Atkins will organise a crowdfunding for a bench.



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8 Public Notices Occasional closure of Chapel Lane

9 **Employment Committee:**

Katie Eyre – confirmed appointment of Clerk and RFO

10 **Finance:**

Cllr Paul Rochford will upload outstanding bill amounts onto the bank account ready for authorisation.

11 **Planning:**

No comments for current planning applications

Panshanger Park car park application – Clerk to request an extension to the closing date which will be discussed at next meeting

12 Greens working party will meet Wednesday 20th October 2021

13 **Items for consideration**

Cllr Rochford will organise the repair of the playground fence.

Cllr Morris will contact Michael Charlton at Tarmac to remind him about cutting the hedges on The Old Coach Road

Walter Wallinger Trust – the trustees have agreed to buy 2 laptops to give to Hertingfordbury Cowper School for the use of students with additional needs

Panshanger Park – no update

Remembrance Sunday – Christopher Maunder Taylor will arrange to contact all relevant people who organise the service. Cllr Blake has asked Cathy Edwards to organise the PC wreath. In view of Covid precautions there will not be refreshments in the school hall this year.

Recruitment of parish councillors – Cllr Gordon will set up a working party to discuss how this can be done.

Mobile phone for clerk – further research is ongoing

Payroll company change – further information required from clerk

Speed Limit Signs – to be discussed at a later meeting

Items for next meeting

Playground rubbish bins

Dog waste bins

Speeding traffic in the area

School car parking – discussion with reference to an earlier request for a meeting with school trustees from clerk Richard Taylor

Greens working party

Recruitment of new councillors

Next Meeting – 10th November 2021 7pm

Meeting closed 8.40pm