



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH MEETING

HELD AT 19.00 ON 11th May 2022 AT COWPER HALL, HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER PRIMARY SCHOOL BIRCH GREEN HERTFORD

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Rochford (Chairman), Haidy Blake, Mark Hutton, Ruth McDonald, Roger Morris, Niki Gordon

In attendance: 3 members of public, Katie Eyre (Clerk)

Absent: Cllr Bostock, Cllr Linda Haysey (EHDC), Cllr Ken Crofton (HCC)

1. **Apologies For absence** received and approved
2. **Minutes of meeting** Held Wednesday 14th April 2021 were considered and approved. signed by Chairman.
3. **Chairmans Report**

CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT 11TH MAY 2022

The challenges presented by Covid have continued to disrupt life for the past year, with councillors attending training courses via zoom and PC meetings being held in greenhouses as the school hall was not available. The new Clerk resigned at the beginning of May and the assistant Clerk's term of office ended at the end of May: this left us without a Clerk for 4 months. We are indebted to Councillor Niki Gordon for stepping in to help during this period. In September, Katie Eyre was appointed as our new Clerk, and she has already shown great commitment and enthusiasm. We began the year with 7 councillors and following 2 resignations, the Parish Council co-opted 2 members. We are now actively encouraging residents to consider serving on the Council through a leafleting campaign to every household. Plans have been announced concerning the Birchall Garden Suburb development and members of the Council attended a meeting with Tarmac to hear about the proposals. Members were also able to attend zoom meetings on planning run by E Herts District Council and further courses run by HAPTC. The Greens Working Party, chaired by Nick Hunt, has been very active. We now have 'no parking' signs to protect grass areas, new bollards and repairs to fences and gates. We are gradually developing a working understanding of the problems concerning parking. In April, a reception was held at Birch Green school attended by Councillor Mark Hutton. It was a much-delayed event to honour local resident Jonathan Coggan, a Para Olympian Gold medal winner. The award was presented by the Mayor of Hertford, Councillor Bob Deering. A defibrillator was installed on the wall of the B Green Store. This was jointly financed by one of the Parish Councillors and the Parish Council. Sadly, following the closure of the store, the defibrillator will have to be re-located. We were all sorry to see the store close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Victoria and Carly for their hard work and support for the community. One of the Birch Green bus shelters has now been converted into a 'Fun Stop' lending library by some parishioners as a facility for the community. Trees have been planted in honour of the Queen's Jubilee and a wildflower meadow has been sown at the eastern end of the Old Coach Road. This effort has been supported by a local resident and the EHDC. Thanks must go to the litter picking group and to the stalwarts who regularly attend meetings and update the PC on Water Hall and Grotto Wood. We also want to thank our contractors who do such a good job on the grass cutting. Thanks, are also due to the parish HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL councillors who give



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their time so generously and to our local councillors Linda Haysey and Ken Crofton who help us through a myriad of problems. We urge all residents to read the recruitment leaflet and to consider standing for the Parish Council. Items on the list for the coming year include efforts to deal with traffic and parking, a change in emphasis on planning issues, a clean-up in Maitland wood and the replacement of benches there, the installation of new notice boards and of course the Queen's Jubilee Street party on the 5th June.

Paul Rochford.
Chairman Hertingfordbury Parish Council.

4. **Questions from Residents**

Member of public spoke of planning proposed in East End Green. This has been outlined under planning on minutes for annual parish council meeting.

Chairman _____ Dated

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