



HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**HELD AT 19.00 ON 14th FEBRUARY 2024 AT COWPER HALL,
HERTINGFORDBURY COWPER PRIMARY SCHOOL, BIRCH GREEN,
HERTFORD**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Rochford (Chairman), H Blake (Vice-Chairman), S Bostock & R Morris.

In attendance P Evans (Acting Clerk) plus two members of the public and EHDC Cllrs B Deering.

2023-2024-73 -**Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr N Gordon. Cllr L Clarke was not present, and no apologies were received.

2023-2024-74- **To receive declarations of interests** – None.

Pecuniary interest was declared by Cllr S Bostock on agenda item 2023-2024 - 71b as he is the owner of the property.

2023-2024-67 -- **To adjourn the meeting for members of the public to address the Committee (if any) in accordance with Standing Order 1d.**

Cllr P Rochford suspended standing orders and invite the members of the public present to address the council. The members of the public present spoke regarding agenda item 2023-2024-80. They gave some background information regarding the deceased. They added that on reflection they would prefer a tree rather than a bench that would need maintenance by the council. They were asked questions for clarification. Cllr P Rochford suggested that they discussed this matter next which was agreed,

EHDC B Deering did not wish to address the council other than to say that, should the council agree to the planting of the tree, that this was a good gesture.

Cllr P Rochford then resumed standing orders.

2023-2024-76 **To receive and approve the minutes of meeting Wednesday 10th January 2024.**

These were approved by the council and signed by Cllr P Rochford.

2023-2024-77 **Clerks Report**

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The Clerk



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was asked to put the letter from Affinity Sutton on the website. He was also asked to send letters of thanks to the organisers of the recent litter pick in the village and the White Horse public house who had provided refreshments.

2023-2024 – 78 **Financial**

- a) To note financial report for receipts and payments up to end of January 2024.

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

- b) To confirm the payments to be made for the next month.

- (i) Clerks Salaries -- £1,034.89
- (ii) ICO Annual Fee -- £40.00
- (iii) LGPS – Pension for Clerk -- £65.48

It was then.

Resolved that these payments are agreed and will be paid by DD.

- c) To receive the Financial Statements for Qtr. 3 – Oct-Dec23.

This paper had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr P Rochford stated that he will ensure that the tree surveys are carried out before the year end. There was also a discussion regarding the noticeboards, and it was suggested that as the signs were ready, that the council approach R Dawes to erect them. The report was then noted.

- d) To review the budget for 2024-25.

Following last month's decision on the budget members agreed to review each line. It was suggested that the Highways, Noticeboard funds are moved to tree felling.

2023-2024-79 -- **To consider a request to use Birch Green 2nd May 2024 as part of a charity cycle ride.**

The request from 'Young Lives V's Cancer' had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was a short discussion before it was

Resolved to allow Young Lives V's Cancer to use Birch Green on 2nd May 2024.

2023-2024-80 -- **To consider a request to place a bench, with a plaque for a deceased resident on Cumberland Green.**

This request had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was some discussion before it was;



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Resolved that Cllr P Rochford liaises with the family to source a tree that would be planted on Cumberland Green and a simple plaque erected next to it, both items will be funded by the resident's family.

2023-2024-81) To consider the following planning applications.

- a) 3/24/0044/FUL – 80 Birch Green -- PROPOSAL: Change of use of outbuilding from residential to commercial cattery (sui generis use)

Resolved – object.

(i) This is a business premises in a small property which is surrounded by similar properties and is not in keeping with the area.

(ii) There is insufficient parking available for business clients as there is limited parking in the village already.

(iii) Access to the land is by way of land owned by a Housing Association, which will only allow access/egress not parking on it.

(iv) There is a question that on the D&A statement it states that the waste products from the business will be placed in the domestic waste bins which is unacceptable as it is business waste, therefore provision must be made in the plans for the location of a commercial bin.

- b) 3/23/0795/FUL -- Land Adjacent to St Johns Church Chapel Lane Letty Green -- PROPOSAL: Erection of a five-bedroom detached dwelling with new vehicular access way. Installation of Heat Pump and erection of bike shed.

Resolved – Object

(i) This is infill in the Green Belt.

(ii) This is overdevelopment of the property in a Green Belt site.

(iii) This application will affect the openness of the Green Belt as well as lead to the destruction of wildlife habitats.

Decisions from East Herts District Council

- c) 3/23/2052/FUL -- Orchard Cottage Pipers End -- Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling. – **Granted.**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____