



# HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Clerks Report July 2024

### **Clerks Report – update on previous resolutions**

2023-2024-87 -- **To consider appointing Open Spaces Landscape Architects to assess the condition of the trees owned by the council for a cost of £1,690.00.**

*Resolved to appoint Open Spaces Landscape Architects to carry out surveys on trees owned by Hertingfordbury Parish Council at a cost of £1,690.00. – see agenda.*

**Agenda item 16 f - (June 2024) To confirm that the Council meets the requirements for exemption certificate for 2023/24 accounts**

As per the Annual Return - To be exempt from a formal scrutiny by the external auditor, the council must pass a resolution confirming that for the previous year neither the gross income nor gross expenditure of the council exceeded £25,000. This is the case in 2023/24 for Hertingfordbury Parish Council. - **Certificate sent to external auditor.**

**Correspondence received since last meeting -- none.**

**Agenda item 24 -- To decide whether to order a ‘Speed and Volume’ survey for the Coach Road.**

This was discussed at the last council meeting, Bob Deering has offered to pay for it, but you wanted information regarding how they will carry it out, for how long and what a report would look like. This Herts Highways did and they answer as follows;

However, in order to start this process, it requires a ‘Speed and Volume’ survey with a cost of £375. As I do not have this money in my budget, I do hope the PC will be willing to fund it please?

I will answer your questions point by point for clarity.

1. The surveys are undertaken by fixing equipment to street furniture such as sign posts and lamp columns. They are usually small enough that most motorists do not see them.
2. We would undertake the surveys for 24 hours a day for 7 days. We do not know when they happen and even if we did, we would not give this information out in order for the data to be as unbiased as possible. The fewer people know, the better the data.
3. The data will come in the form of a spreadsheet however I will also summarise the data so it is legible for those who don't look at this information regularly (also if there



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are any queries, I am happy to answer them). I have attached a copy of an example of a survey so you can see what the raw data will look like.

Let me know if you have any further questions and if you wish to proceed with the surveys.

### **Agenda item 27 -- To consider erecting a 'No Parking' sign on Birch Green.**

The following has been received from a resident -- I live at the top of the green where we have a track outside for our cars to go back & forth and deliveries or ambulances or any vehicle that needs to turn round have to use the turning point which is at the end of the track.

This is owned by the parish council and we have been told not to park there but we are finding that the school parents are parking there. Which means if we have any delivery service or ambulance or fire engines they cannot turn. Also the first thing the parents say is their is NO sign and sometimes a lot of abuse.

I think this would stop this if we have a sign.

Councillors need to decide if they want to erect a sign.