

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 1st February 2010
at the Mission Room, Vicarage Causeway, Hertford Heath

Present:

Andrew Crumpton (Chairman)
Bob Akers
Malcolm Bolton
Lynn Bonner
Jack Eames
Trevor Goodingham
Martin Nash
Dawn Sleet

Carolyn Morgan (Clerk)

Also present were District Councillor William Ashley and 8 members of the public.

A. Public Question Time

The Chairman advised the meeting that East Herts' planning officers had recommended refusal of Riversmead's planning application for the Beacon Court site and thanked everyone for their efforts in getting to this position. He reminded everyone that this was probably only the first battle. It was agreed that the Chairman should speak for the village in the allotted three minutes at the Development Control meeting on 10th February.

William Ashley advised continuing to talk to Riversmead and it was suggested that the Working Group meet again. Martin Nash and Trevor Goodingham would co-ordinate this.

Nigel Cox advised that the Bush Residents Association had been formed to work with the Parish and District Councils to encourage better cohesion.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were formally accepted from Alison Scarll. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Rose Cheswright, PC Neal Dyton and PCSO Neil Major.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th December 2009

These were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Financial Matters

(A) The meeting agreed the budget for 2010/11 and the precept form for £29,000 was signed.

(a) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved with the cheques being signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman:

(i)	Mrs C Morgan	Net salary for January	£510.99	
		AOL subscription	£15.99	£526.98
(ii)	Mrs C Taylor	Net salary for January		£111.19
(iii)	Mr P Webster	Net salary for January		£116.70
(iv)	CPRE	Subscription		£29.00
(v)	Andrew Crumpton	Balance of cost of Beacon Court letter distribution		£50.00

The meeting formally confirmed the following signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman:

(i)	Mrs C Morgan	Net salary for December	£510.79	
		Printing Jan/Feb's newsletter	£75.00	
		Distribution Jan/Feb's newsletter	£33.84	
		Printing Christmas cards	£30.00	
		Lottery licence renewal	£20.00	
		AOL subscription	£15.99	
		Postage	£65.97	£751.59
(ii)	Mrs C Taylor	Net salary for December		£111.19
(iii)	Mr P Webster	Net salary for December		£116.70
(iv)	HMRC	PAYE and NI for Q3		£533.02

(b) Income

The meeting noted the following income:

(i)	Co-op Bank	Interest on current account	£0.93
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(c) Balances

The meeting noted the following balances:

(i)	Current Account after above payments	£188.28
(ii)	Deposit Account	£18,010.85

The meeting authorised the Clerk to transfer £2,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.

- (d) The meeting considered the request for a donation from the Buggy Club but felt unable to grant one. The Club would be reminded of the offer from Haileybury.

6. Police Matters

Jack Eames reported on the meeting he had with Neal Dyton and Neil Major. Crimes in the area they cover are significantly down with only nine reported crimes as against 22. Speed checks had been carried out on 17th January and 24th January which had resulted in four tickets and ten warnings being issued.

Trevor Goodingham reported that there had been a lot of drinking behind the Village Hall and that he had spoken to Neal about this.

7. County Council and East Herts District Council Matters

None.

8. Reports

(a) Chairman

The Chairman reminded members of the training session to be held in the Mission Room on Monday 8th February. The Clerk was authorised to purchase refreshments.

(b) Planning

- (i) The meeting considered the following to which it had no objections:

(a) 90 Heathgate: Replacement of garage store with "granny annexe"

(ii) EHDC decisions

The meeting noted the following decision:

- (a) 4 London Road: Non-illuminated fascia sign - permission granted
(b) 4 London Road: Part change of use of existing garage to A1 retail unit - permission refused. William Ashley advised that this had been refused on highway grounds only and that a meeting would be taking place on site shortly.
(c) Woodland Road: 1 detached and 4 semi-detached houses for Riversmead - permission granted

- (c) Playing Fields Committee
- (i) Trevor Goodingham reported that he hoped to get the repairs to Jess the Cat and the bars on the swings as soon as he can.
- (d) Highways and Byways Committee
- None
- (e) Bonfire Night
- The Clerk reported that she has still not received any monies and will chase this up.
- (f) Village Fete
- Trevor Goodingham reported that date for the Fete had been fixed for Sunday 11th July.
- (g) Allotments
- Bob Akers advised that one plot had been relinquished and that he still had to talk to another plot holder. He then should be able to clear the waiting list.
- The Clerk was asked to write to another plothead asking him to remove the rubbish on his plot.
- (h) Wildlife Meadow and Pond
- The Clerk reported that she had nearly completed the drafting of the specification for the re-lining of Bob's Pond. It was agreed that there were enough carpet offcuts and that no more were needed.
- (i) School
- None.
- (j) Clerk
- (i) The Clerk advised the meeting of the problems with the delivery of the December newsletter which meant she did not produce one for January. She also advised that the Council would receive a rebate for those not delivered.
- (ii) The Clerk advised that East Herts had agreed to replace the bins missing from the Green and the Playing Field and would deliver them to Peter Webster.
- (iii) The Clerk reported that Peter Webster had been advised by East Herts to put bottles and cans he collected on his rounds in black bins now that the recycling bins in Woodland Road had been removed! The Clerk had arranged for him to leave them with her and she would put them out with her recycling.
- (k) Village Greens
- The meeting authorised the Clerk to purchase a seat in memory of Mary Bourne at a cost of around £450. An inscription of "1939 IN FOND MEMORY OF MARY BOURNE 2009" was agreed.
- The meeting further authorised the Clerk to purchase an ornamental pear at a cost of around £200 to replace the dead cherry on the Green - again in memory of Mary.
- (l) Village Hall
- Trevor Goodingham reported that the Farmers' Market was re-commencing in February.
- (m) Youth Club
- Malcolm Bolton reported that he and Nick Sharp had opened a bank account for the Club and that a Sports Programme had just started

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) CDA for Herts - e-bulletin - noted

10. NEWSLETTER AND PARISH NEWS ITEMS

- (i) Beacon Court
- (ii) Allotment rents due

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st March 2010 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____