

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 1 September 2008
at the Mission Room, Vicarage Causeway, Hertford Heath

Present:

Bob Akers - Chairman
Lynn Bonner
Andrew Crumpton
Trevor Goodingham
Martin Nash

Carolyn Morgan (Clerk)

Three members of the public were also present.

A. Public questions

Ray Tisbury reported that children were gathering behind the Village Hall and causing a nuisance. The Clerk informed the meeting that PCSO Karen Broad had been informed and had said she would keep an eye on the Hall.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were formally accepted from Alison Scarll. Apologies were also received from PCSO Karen Broad.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 July 2008

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

4. Matters arising

None

5. Financial Matters

(a) Accounts for payment

The meeting agreed the payment of the following accounts, the cheques being signed by the Chairman and to be later signed by Alison Scarll:

(i)	Mrs C Morgan	Net salary for August	£492.35	
		Printing Questionnaire results	£60.00	
		Printing Annual report	£60.00	
		Printing letter to Post Office	£40.00	
		Printing September's newsletter	£60.00	
		Printing Public Meeting notice	£40.00	
		Distribution Annual Report and Questionnaire results	£63.45	
		Distribution August's newsletter and letter (- already paid)	£21.15	
		Distribution Public Meeting notice	£42.30	
		Postage July	£14.55	
		AOL subscription	£15.99	
		Village of the Year plaque	£25.00	£934.79
(ii)	Mrs C Taylor	Net salary for August		£107.14
(iii)	Mr P Webster	Net salary for August		£112.59
(iv)	Basic Travel	Post Office runs in July		£225.00
(v)	HCC	Stationery	£130.99	
		Street lighting – maintenance	£249.06	
		Street lighting – energy charges	£225.36	£605.41
(vi)	Open Space Society	Subscription		£30.00

(vii) SLCC Clerk's attendance at Regional Conference £52.88

(b) The meeting noted the following income:

(i)	Post Office	Bus reimbursement	£1000.00
(ii)	Post Office	Bus reimbursement *	£1000.00
(iii)	Fete	Interim	£1641.70
(iv)	Fete	Final income	£422.80
(v)	EDF	Wayleave	£4.60

The Clerk reported that the second payment should have been for £225. She had banked both cheques and had the agreement of the Post Office to set off future charges against the balance.

(c) The meeting noted the following balances (after the above):

(i)	Current Account	£4,207.12
(ii)	Deposit Account	£10,442.59

(d) Banking facilities

The Clerk reported that she still had to finalise the setting up of the account with the Co-operative Bank.

6. Police Matters

(i) Neighbourhood Watch

Trevor Goodingham a person with a laptop had been asking questions in Oak Tree Close and Mount Pleasant. However, it appeared that it was a genuine survey.

Roger Slater agreed to send the article on carjacking to the Clerk for inclusion into the newsletter.

7. District and County Council Matters

None

6. Reports

(a) Chairman

The Chairman reported on the very well attended public meeting in the Mission Room on the Post Office situation. He thanked Andrew Crumpton for chairing it.

Members considered the draft letter circulated before the meeting but had nothing to add. Andrew expressed the view that a mobile or other Outreach service was the best the village could hope for.

(b) Planning

(i) Applications

- * Land to rear of 2 – 8 The Roundings: Erection of four 2 bedroom terrace dwellings and associated parking. Under her delegated powers, the Clerk had commented on the removal of trees and requested a great crested newts survey.
- * The Grange, The Roundings: Barn conversion, refurbishment & change of use - (amended scheme). No comments had been made.
- * Hailey House, College Road: Erection of a two storey purpose built facility for the teaching of foreign language (amended scheme). No comments had been made
- * 39, Woodland Road: Erection of front porch and enclosure of area under existing outhouse roof. The Council had no objections.

(ii) EHDC decisions

- * 4-6 London Road: Conversion of showroom to self-contained flat – permission granted.

(c) Playing Fields Committee

The meeting noted that the fence had been repaired very speedily at a cost of £180. Trevor Goodingham reported that no meeting with Karen Broad had been arranged yet as he had been waiting to hear from her.

(d) Highways and Byways Committee

Nothing to report.

(e) Bonfire Night

The next meeting of the Working Group was to be on 2nd September.

(f) Village Fete

Nothing to report.

(g) Allotments

Bob Akers reported that he had six people on the waiting list. Any allotment that was being given up was being split into two and he was asking those who seemingly could not manage a full one to give up half of it.

(h) Wildlife Meadow and Pond

Bob Akers reported that he had put barley straw into the pond but it was still not clear. It was agreed that the algae should be manually cleared and the remainder of the barley straw then added.

(i) School

Alison Scarll had reported that no progress was being made on getting a driver for the Pinehurst bus or getting a bus diverted. The Clerk will continue to press for the risk assessment or whatever the County Council use to determine that the walk to Simon Balle is a safe one.

(j) Clerk

The Clerk reported that no one had come forward following the request for volunteers to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The meeting agreed that she should contact the two people who had applied last year and see if they were interested.

(k) Village Greens

The meeting agreed considered the letter of complaint from a resident of Mount Pleasant. This was the first complaint that had ever been made. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and apologise for any distress the residents had had and invite them to the next Parish Council meeting if they wanted to discuss the matter further.

(l) Village Hall

Trevor Goodingham reported the Race Night had been cancelled. The Hall's AGM was to be on 8th October and everyone was welcome. He further reported that the Committee had taken the decision that they wanted to build the additional storage space in the original location and would be re-submitting their planning application.

(m) Other

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

10. NEWSLETTER AND PARISH NEWS ITEMS

The following are to be included in the newsletter and/or the Parish magazine:

- (i) Carjacking
- (ii) Bonfire
- (iii) Possible revival of Youth Club
- (iv) Dog mess
- (v) Petanque terrain free for anyone to use

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th October in the Mission Room at 7.30pm

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY

None

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____