

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 2 April 2007
at the Mission Room, Vicarage Causeway, Hertford Heath

Present:

Mary Bourne (Chairman)
Bob Akers
Lynn Bonner
Trevor Goodingham
Alan Horswill
Alison Scarll
Gillian Thornton

Carolyn Morgan (Clerk)

Also present:

Four members of the public.

A. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Rev Nick Sharp spoke about Hertfest which was coming to the village from 30 July to 4 August. He explained that there would be six to twelve volunteers available for clearing up untidy areas and generally helping out. The church now had an allotment. Trevor Goodingham said the Village Hall was looking for volunteers to do some painting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were formally accepted from Andrew Crumpton and Alan Horswill. Apologies were also noted from County Councillor Mike Tucker.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 March 2007

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

4. Matters arising

None

5. Financial matters

(a) Accounts for payment

(i)	Mrs C Morgan	Net salary for March	£468.49	
		Distribution of April's newsletter	£42.30	
		AOL subscription	£15.99	
		Noticeboard for Pindar Green	£105.75	£672.53
(iii)	Mrs C Taylor	Net salary for March		£104.55
(iv)	Mr P Webster	Net salary for March		£107.08
(v)	Keydis	Monitor for Internet Access Point		£138.65
(vi)	Jeffrey Franklin	Topping and rowing meadow		£352.50
(vii)	EHDC	Mt Pleasant Play Area licence		£5.00
(viii)	HCC	Street lighting - maintenance	£240.86	
		Street lighting - energy charges	£210.68	£451.54
(ix)	Thames Water	Half yearly charges for allotments		£39.60
(x)	Basic Travel	Post Office runs in March		£225.00
(xi)	Allianz Cornhill	Insurance		£431.18

The meeting also approved payment of the invoices from DJH Garden Services for cutting the Playing Field when copies were received.

(b) Income

(i)	Bonfire	£671.38
(ii)	HAPTC - Computer grant	£675.00

- (c) The Clerk apologised but, due to time pressures, she was unable to give a figure for the balance in the Current Account. She reported that there was £8471.98 in the Deposit Account.

6. Police Matters

- (i) Trevor Goodingham circulated his notes of the meeting on Policing Priorities in the Hertford Rural area held on Thursday 29 March.
- (ii) He also reported on the Hertfordshire Policing Plan 2007 - 2008.
- (iii) PCSO Karen Broad reported that there had been a number of burglaries in Hailey Lane and that there had been intruders in the College Arms.

She also explained her actions regarding a go cart which had gone from the Townshend Arms, through the allotments, over the fence and back again. Apparently the go cart has since been stolen.

She further reported that PC Neal Dyton had been doing a lot of speed checks which had resulted in a number of tickets being issued (mainly to local residents).

7. District and County Council Matters

- (i) William Ashley reported that the green waste scheme was coming to Hertford Heath soon and that EHDC had no plans to change from weekly wheelie bin collections.

8. Reports

(a) Chairman

- (i) The Chairman reported that the bus to Hertford Post Office was not well used. A reminder will be put in the next newsletter.

She further reported that a number of residents had received a letter via Mark Prisk which did not seem to be correct. The Clerk will write to the Post Office Limited and seek a date for the re-opening of the Post Office.

(b) Planning Committee

(i) Planning applications

The meeting considered the following applications to which it had no objections:

- * 2 College Road: First floor rear extension flat roof replaced with pitch roof and new porch
- * 22 London Road: Two storey front side and rear extension

The meeting objected to the following application on the grounds of it being much higher than the next door properties:

- * Land to rear of 101 London Road: Two 3-bed residential dwellings and double garage

- (ii) The meeting noted the following decision of East Herts District Council:

- * 7 Postwood Green: Single storey rear extension - permission granted

(c) Playing Field

- (i) The Clerk reported that she had received a quotation for clearing the scrub area proposed for the car park and the trees to the rear of Postwood Green. In view of the amount, she was instructed to obtain two further quotations.
- (ii) The Chairman reported that an outside table tennis table was not an option anymore but that it might be possible to do something in the Village Hall as Nick Sharp has a table.

- (d) Highways and byways
- (i) The Rights of Way Improvement Plan was noted.
 - (ii) The meeting noted that Bellview Golf was not prepared to dedicate a right of way along the back of the allotments.
 - (iii) Trevor Goodingham reported that he had raised the issue of members of the public using speed cameras and had been advised that they can do so but have to accompany a police officer. One problem with such devices is that there are only limited areas in which they can be used.
 - (iv) The meeting noted that the 20mph petition was due to go to the Joint Highways Committee on 23 April.
- (e) Bonfire Night
- The Chairman reported that Brian Walsh had agreed to the fireworks being launched from behind his house again.
- (f) Village Fete
- Trevor Goodingham reported that there was to be a meeting on 12 April and that helpers on the day were still needed.
- (g) Allotments
- Bob Akers reported that he had received £110 in rents, that there was a half plot available but it was in a terrible state. The meeting decided that it was not cost effective to have such plots cleared but some arrangement could be made regarding the rent.
- (h) Wildlife Meadow
- Bob Akers reported that the Water Board had said that the Council must not continue to use running water to fill the pond. If it did, then a meter would be installed.
- The Chairman reported that Colin Smith had volunteered to dig a gully to take water from the road. The Clerk will contact Hertfordshire Highways to see how this can be done.
- (i) Website
- Nothing to report.
- (j) School
- Alison Scarll reported that the school was still awaiting its Ofsted inspection.
- (k) The Clerk
- (i) The meeting agreed with the suggestion that those village organisations to whom grants had been given be asked to provide a report for the Annual Parish Meeting which was to be held on Monday 14th May starting at 7.00pm. In view of the likely length of that meeting, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (which would follow immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting) should only comprise the election of officers and appointments to committees, financial and planning matters and any other matters which could not be left until the June meeting.
 - (ii) The Council agreed to meet on 16th July instead of 2nd July.
- (l) Village Greens
- (i) The Clerk still has to write to residents in Mount Pleasant regarding parking on the Green and the damage that some vehicles are doing.

- (ii) The meeting agreed to Mr Tisbury spending £30 on turf to cover the patches left by last year's bonfire.

(m) Village Hall

Trevor Goodingham reported that the Committee was putting on a Barn Dance on 26 May with Pete Skiffins, that the improvements to the kitchen were continuing and that the Hall had come third in East Herts Village Hall of the Year competition.

(l) Other

(i) Internet Access Point

The Chairman agreed to talk to the landlady of the Silver Fox.

(ii) Village of the Year 2007 competition

Members suggested a number of editions to the draft.

9. Correspondence received

- (i) BAA Stansted: Response to SSE's assertions on the Health Impact Assessment carried out by BAA - noted.
- (ii) CPRE: March 2007 newsletter - noted.
- (iii) Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health: Looking for those who wish to find out more or contribute - noted.
- (iv) HAPTC: Newsletter including invitation to AGM on 28th June plus request for nominations to Executive Committee noted.

10. Newsletter and Parish News Items

The following items are to be included in the newsletter/Parish News:

- (a) Situation re the Post Office
- (b) Neighbourhood Watch - don't leave windows open
- (c) Suggestions for Village of the Year judges' visit
- (d)

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 14 May 2007 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Mission Room.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____