

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 4 December 2006
at the Mission Room, Vicarage Causeway, Hertford Heath

Present:

Mary Bourne (Chairman)
Bob Akers
Lynn Bonner
Trevor Goodingham
Alan Horswill
Gillian Thornton
Carolyn Morgan (Clerk)

Also present:

Two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were formally accepted from Alison Scarll and Andrew Crumpton. Apologies were also received from District Councillor William Ashley, PC Neal Dyton and PCSO Karen Broad.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6 November 2006

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 to the following accounts being paid:

(i)	Mrs C Morgan	Net salary for November	£468.49	
		Printing December's newsletter	£60.00	
		Printing 20mph leaflet	£30.00	
		Distribution of December's newsletter	£37.01	
		Distribution of 20mph leaflet	£26.44	
		Daffodils	£20.00	£641.94
(iii)	Mrs C Taylor	Net salary for November		£104.55
(iv)	Mr P Webster	Net salary for November		£107.08
(v)	SLCC	Subs		£95.00
(vi)	Mary Bourne	Book tokens for bonfire poster comp		£20.00
(vii)	Mr Tisbury	Replacement trees for mini orchard		£41.57

(b) Income

(i)	Interest on deposit account	£41.40
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(c) Balances

(i)	Current Account	£2464.03
(ii)	Deposit Account	£9471.98

(e) Budget 2007/2008

The Council accepted the draft budget as presented and agreed to a precept of £23,500 for the next financial year.

6. Police Matters

- (i) Trevor Goodingham reported that there had been no local problems and the Clerk reported that Karen Broad had received no complaints regarding the behaviour of the teenagers.

7. District and County Council Matters

- (i) The meeting noted the proposed Quiz Night on 23 February 2007 to be held in aid of the East Herts Fund for the Future and agreed that it should be advertised in the newsletter.
- (ii) The meeting further noted the advice from Hertfordshire County Council on the proposed modifications and consultation on Minerals Local Plan Review, and the Notice of Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement

8. Reports

(a) Chairman

The Chairman informed the meeting that one of the things that had struck her in Australia was their intolerance of litter. Slogans such as "bin your butts" and "don't be a tosser" were effective.

(b) Planning Committee

(i) Planning applications

The Council noted that no objections were thought necessary to the following:

- * 38 Hailey Lane: Re-thatching of roof

The Council was, however, concerned that the proposed development at

- * 113 London Road

was very large and the proposed porch out of keeping with the rest of the terrace.

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

- * Installation antennas on existing telecoms mast in Elbow Lane - permission granted
- * 36 Hailey Lane: Re-thatching of the roof - permission granted
- * The Grange, The Roundings: Barn conversion and refurbishment and change of use - permission granted
- * 55 London Road: Single storey rear extension - permission granted

(c) Playing Field

The meeting asked the Clerk to contact the Football Club as the ground near the entrance was getting very churned up and to ask for their plans for alleviating the problem and their progress on developing car parking spaces at the other end of the Playing Field.

(d) Highways and byways

- (i) Alan Horswill reported that the 20mph leaflets were out, that the speed safety camera had been seen in London Road on a number of occasions and that the footway to the roundabout was to be done.
- (ii) Members asked the Clerk to contact Hertfordshire Highways regarding the leaves on the footway on Church Hill which were a slip hazard.
- (iii) The Clerk reported on the walks drawn up by Clive Gillingham which she will send to the Countryside Management Service for advice as to the best way to produce them and will put them onto the village website.
- (iv) It was agreed that daffodil bulbs would be planted on the War Memorial site and any surplus on the Pindar Green on 10 December.

(e) Bonfire Night

The Clerk read out two letters she had received regarding the Bonfire Night - one full of praise for the organisation of the event but the other complaining about the siting of the bonfire which led to flaming embers landing on their property which was also very hot due to the nearness to their properties.

Both letters will be passed to the Bonfire Group. Members did feel that the Green is a lovely location for the event but will ask the Group to look at the siting of the bonfire next year.

(f) Village Fete

Nothing to report.

(g) Allotments

Bob Akers reported that another half plot had been taken and advised that he will leave cutting the paths until next spring now.

(h) Wildlife Meadow

The meadow had been cut but not cleared. The pond was very empty whilst the one in the woods was full. As discussed at the last meeting, the pond will be left until spring to see if it does heal itself.

(i) Website

Nothing to report.

(j) School

The meeting noted the proposal to bring forward the closure of Ryelands Primary School to 31 August 2007 but also noted that the proposal did not seem to have an impact on the village school

(k) The Clerk

The Clerk reported on the Rural Parishes Conference she had attended with Bob Akers and Trevor Goodingham. It had been an interesting day with presentations and workshops on Rural Transport, Parish Plans and Business Plans. She had received an email from Claire Pullen at East Herts asking whether the Parish Council was considering a Parish Plan and she will contact Claire to see what financial support is available.

(l) Village Greens

Mr Tisbury was thanked for replacing the dead apple tree, for planting a new one and for tying up the one blown over in the wind.

The meeting agreed that the privet on the Jubilee Crown had not been successful and that it should be taken out.

(m) Village Hall

Trevor Goodingham reported that the Quiz Night had raised about £350 and that there was to be a Book Sale on 17 February.

The Committee had purchased an oven and were waiting for it to be installed. The curtains had been cleaned and put back up.

(l) Other

(i) Internet Access Point

Alan Horswill reported that there had been technical problems which he was working to sort out.

(ii) Blue Plaque

The Clerk drew the attention of the meeting to the article in HAPTC's newsletter about Blue Plaques and it was agreed to suggest Florence Barclay.

9. Correspondence received

- ((i) Open Spaces Society: Appeal for donation - noted
- (ii) CPRE: Fieldwork newsletter - protecting our tranquil places - noted
- (iii) HAPTC: November newsletter - noted.

10. Newsletter and Parish News Items

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

- (a) Obligation to keep footway clear
- (b) Have you sent back the 20mph leaflet
- (c) Christmas tree and card recycling - not in the woods

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 8 January 2007 at 7:30pm in the Mission Room.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____