



# HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HERTINGFORDBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 19.00 ON 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT COWPER HALL, HERTINGFORDBURY  
COWPER PRIMARY SCHOOL, BIRCH GREEN, HERTFORD**

**Present:** Cllrs Paul Rochford (Chairman), Haidy Blake (Vice Chair), Lesley Clarke, Simon Bostock, Niki Gordon

**In attendance:** Katie Eyre (Clerk) Bob Deering (EHDC)

**Absent from meeting:** Cllrs Ken Crofton (HCC), Roger Morris

## **2024-2025-48 Apologies for Absence**

-Apology not received, absence approved Roger Morris, K. Crofton (County)

## **2024-2025-49 Declarations of Interest -None**

## **2024-2025-50 Minutes**

- a) Meeting minutes **Wednesday 9th October 2024** received and approved. Clerk's report Received.-Clerk to email Power Networks UK requesting to seed the green where the link box has been installed.
- b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024** received and approved.

## **2024-2025-51 Public Participation- None**

## **2024-2025-52 Finance**

- a) Financial report received
- b) payments for the following approved:
  - EHDC RoSPA **£58 (exc Vat)**
  - Resolved RBL payment amendment of **£30.00 donation**
  - Evoke Tree care additional tree works **£768.00 (exc VAT)**
- c) New NALC pay scales noted for 2025/25 Clerks pay amendments initiated.
- d) Draft budget further reviewed, earmarked reserves have been reviewed and amended and figures where further updated to reflect year end predictions more precisely. Clerk to enquire NI obligation estimates for 2025/26, clerk will give report with percentage options and household banding after 11 Dec 2024 when tax bases are received, in good time for councillors to review before precept demand in Jan 2025.

## **2024-2025-53 Correspondence/Clerk report**

- a) Noted

## **2024-2025-54 Outstanding Items**

- a) Resolved playground gates are too expensive to consider at this time but will consider any grants applicable should they arise. Surfacing quotations are being obtained and grants will be applied for to cover cost.



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- b) Cllr Rochford to speak to R J Dawes regarding installation of the Signs and Boards, which have now been painted with anti-graffiti paint, and report to clerk with update

## **2024-2025-55 Items for Consideration**

- a) Council resolved to consult committee on plans to install monkey climber wall in BG park. This will be paid for Via lottery community grant and installed through Finding Fitness Ltd. The rubber mulch resurfacing required to lay over the current rubber matting will also be applied for as part of the grant application.
- b) Tarmac installation of benches in Maitland wood approved (With thanks to Cllr Rochford for the tree swap and installation arrangements)
- c) Greens management policy and letter to residents will be reviewed in January after Clerk has made councillors requested amendments to the resident's letter.
- d) Council resolved to change current domain to gov.uk in line with new advice from government. Grant will be applied for to cover £100. Current domain provider has quoted £106.00 +Vat (HPC will pay £6.00+Vat)

## **2024-2025-56 Planning and Public Notices**

- a) Noted, no comments
- b) Noted, no comments

## **2024-2025-57 Items for next meeting**

- a) Resident letter for parking/Greens Management Policy
- b) Budget/Precept
- c) Walter Willinger update-HB
- d) Heathrow Cranes letter

Meeting Commenced 7:03pm - Meeting Convened 8:33pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_