



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2011 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

Present: John Haselden (JNH) (Chair) Charlotte Benson (CB)  
 Robbie E Denham (RED) David E Ginn (DEG) from 9.20pm  
 Jackie King (JK)

Others present: Sergeant Duncan Wallace  
 PCSO Amanda Higham  
 Special Constable Chris Whales

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

**90. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Kilby (JDK) and for late attendance from Cllr David Ginn (DEG)

The Chairman welcomed police officers attending the meeting. He explained that after signing of the minutes and item 3, the meeting would move onto Police Matters and Item 7.

**91. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**92. Minutes of meeting**

It was noted that changes to minutes had been incorporated to be in line with CiLCA recommendations.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were before the meeting and signed as a true record. The Chairman proposed the minutes be signed For: All

**RESOLVED: that the Minutes are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 and the Planning Meeting were before the meeting and signed as a true record.

The Chairman amended the date on both and proposed the minutes be signed For: All

**RESOLVED: that both the Minutes are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them**

**93. Police** Sergeant Duncan gave an update on issues affecting rural areas, recent arrests, hare coursing and recent crime. There will be no change to the front desk shifts at Buntingford Station and it has recently been renovated. Currently there are two full time and two part time members of staff with 6 PCSOs and 3 special constables. Criminality remains low in our area and antisocial behavior is being tackled. Operation Devon has been targeting and prosecuting scrap yards for metal and cable thefts. An annual meeting was held before Christmas with the local farming industry to share information on rural and farming crime. He reminded that we should be vigilant in this area, ensuring all property doors and windows are locked, especially that UPVC doors are double locked. Also outside, all power tools and mowers are locked away. He confirmed there was no Neighbourhood Watch Group in Hare Street but there was a small active group in Great Hormead. There is a quarterly police meeting that we should be attending for our community, the next one is in April – clerk will forward the date.

The Chairman informed Sergeant Duncan that the OWL messaging was working well. There followed a discussions on the state of the highways and speeding through the villages.

**94.** Information was shared on the application of The Meads becoming a Queen Elizabeth II Field for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, clerk to complete



- 95. Correspondence on police change to front desks had been circulated, not affecting Buntingford
- 96. The details for a village celebration to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee were welcomed but will be discussed in more details and agreed after the May elections
- 97. Letters had been circulated on restricted byway 008 and footpath 020, see item 107.
- 98. NALC Councillors and Clerks Networking Lunch had been circulated
- 99. The council received information on the successful grant application and new playground equipment was viewed – to be agreed at the next planning meeting, see item 125.
- 100. Election information from East Herts was received
- 101. Correspondence from Oliver Heald re: Gas in the villages was received
- 102. The GLC Drain report and CD was available at the meeting
- 103. BDO Audit information was received
- 104. A letter was sent to the landowner re: restricted byway 008 and footpath 020, see item 107.
- 105. A letter had been sent to the landowner re: footpath 012
- 106. Correspondence has been sent to Allianz regarding Drains – claim has been closed
- 107. Council discussed the poor condition of byway 008 and footpath 020. It was decided that proper guidelines should be issued in the form of an official notice in the newsletter around ploughing time to remind landowners of their responsibilities. Following a proposal, second and a vote of 2 in favour and 2 abstentions it was

**RESOLVED: that the Clerk will write to Colin Hambrook, Hertfordshire County Council**

- 108. Village Hall – a discussion of the appeal followed with some concerns over costs. DEG arrived at the meeting.
- 109. The payments report for January and February was received.
- 110. The budget 2011-12 was received. Any surplus may be set against the Queens Diamond Jubilee or the village signs.
- 111. The Meads User Schedule Diary was received.
- 112. A request was received for Ware Cricket Club to play at The Meads – 8 games on Saturdays at the cost of £75 per game paid in advance. There followed a proposal, second and a vote unanimously for

**RESOLVED: that Ware Cricket Club will be invited to play 8 games on a Pay and Play basis**

- 113. The Draft Licence Agreement and Terms and Conditions for Hormead Hares Cricket Club had been circulated. There were no additions or concerns. Cost would be set at £600 for the season. There followed a proposal, second and a vote of 3 for and 1 against

**RESOLVED: that the Licence be finalised and forwarded to the Hormead Hares Cricket Club**

- 114. A Meads Working Party Meeting was discussed and it was agreed that a working party be set to clear the weeds and dead shrub material from top of mound to rear of pavilion and on left hand side of car park back towards the bridge and agree some of the hedge planting and other works at the next planning meeting.
- 115. The Grounds Maintenance Tender was accepted.
- 116. It was agreed to leave the electricity supply to the Pavilion Building with the current supplier.
- 117. Following costs received of a Parish owned dog bin and emptying by East Herts DC, there was a proposal, second and a vote unanimously for

**RESOLVED: that the Clerk will order a dog bin from the supplier with the lowest price**

- 118. Contracts for contractors and suppliers are not required.
- 119. There was nothing to report from the School.
- 120. There had been a theft this week locally of roof lead.
- 121. No Village Hall Report.
- 122. No Web Report.



- 123.** There was a discussion on how pleased the council were with the works carried out on Swan Lane which had been very difficult to pass before the works were undertaken. A letter will be sent to Hertfordshire County Council.
- 124.** There was nothing to report from the Chairman.
- 125.** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.30pm. An extraordinary meeting will be called before the next planning meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at The Pavilion.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_