

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2015 – 2019 Session) held on Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 8:08 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present: **Mrs E Lloyd-Williams** **Chair**
 Mr A Hoodless **)**
 Mr G Tooke **) Councillors**
 Mrs M Wilkinson **)**
 Mr W Wright **)**

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 17 members of the public.

9.1. Absent. Cllr Bhatt [on business], Cllr Pearson [unwell].

9.2. Declarations of interest. None.

9.3. Democratic ten minutes.

A resident spoke about Bridleway 37 between the Church End Farm Industrial Estate and Hadham Hall. He said that the path had been blocked by a pile of soil that made the right of way impenetrable. He asked the Council to pursue the matter. He noted that there had been many issues concerning planning ignored by the land owners.

Another resident said that HCC had been aware of the problem with the bridleway for 3 months. He said that a horse ridden by his wife had been injured while passing along the path. The resident reported a pothole in Chapel Lane that was over 5 inches deep. He had reported it to HCC 2 years ago.

A resident spoke about the latest plans for the bypass roundabout on Standon Road. He said HCC had recently relocated the roundabout a few yards to the east so that the drive to Hadham Lodge now met the roundabout. He thought the original location was preferable as the curve of the road would lead traffic more naturally. The new location would destroy a patch of daffodils planted by the community as part of the millennium celebrations. He asked the Council to take up the matter with HCC. The resident also noted that water still poured down Stortford Road when it rained as the drains and gullies were still blocked.

A resident asked about the width of the bridge that would carry Albury Road over the bypass. The Chair said the plans were available on line.

9.4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate.

9.5. Matters arising from the minutes. None

9.6. Strategic matters

9.7. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Wright said a flyer had been distributed with the Parish News and he had already received a number of emails in reply. He encouraged others to come forward.

9.8. Highways

- 9.8.1.** Excessive speed of traffic through Cradle End, Bury Green, Acremore Street, Ford Hill, Chapel Lane and C15. The Chair said there had been no progress.
- 9.8.2.** Outstanding road repairs including potholes. The Chair referred to a document in which he had listed the many issues concerning parish road that he had reported to HCC. The list had been sent to Cllr Graham McAndrew who was working through it. Cllr Wilkinson said that a pothole on Pigs Green had been repaired after 5 years of being reported. Action
GP
- 9.8.3.** Vehicles jumping the A120 traffic lights. The Chair said there had been no progress.
- 9.8.4.** Closure of the road between New Road and Spindle Bridge and arrangements for the 351 bus route. The Chair said the road would be closed for a week starting 7th March. A shuttle 351 bus would run between Bishop's Stortford and Little Hadham.
- 9.9. Environment affairs**
- 9.10.** Footpaths. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Maddex, HCC Footpaths Officer, concerning Bridleway 37. Cllr Wilkinson reported that the Byway over Westland Green was in need of repair. She had reported the matter to Mr Maddex. Action
Clerk
- 9.11. Groups and Amenities** Cllr Wright said there was nothing to report.
- 9.12. Community**
- 9.12.1.** Playground repairs. Cllr Tooke said most of the repairs had been carried out. He said that the Council owned a set of five-aside goal posts that were rarely used and were stored at the Village Hall. They were not strong enough for permanent fixture in the playing field. It was agreed that he would investigate whether there was a more deserving party in the parish. Action
GT
- 9.12.2.** Allotments. Cllr Wilkinson said there was nothing to report.
- 9.13. Consultation and Public Relations** None.
- 9.14. Flooding.** The Chair said there were a number of blocked gullies listed in Cllr Pearson's report. Cllr Hoodless said that residents had reported many road issues and nothing had been done. The Chair thought that reporting matters to Cllr McAndrew might help speed things.
- 9.15.** Referring to comments raised by a resident concerning the location of the Standon Road roundabout, the Chair thought it was too late to revisit the bypass consultation. She advised the resident to raise his concerns with HCC.
- 9.16. Parish Assembly – Thursday 21st April 2016**
- 9.16.1.** Presentations. It was agreed to invite Cllrs McAndrew and Williamson, Cllr Wright, Sgt Wallace, Mr Stockley, Mr Richard Beckett and Mr Jonathan Forgham to give presentations.
- 9.16.2.** Static displays. The Chair said she would discuss arrangements for displays with councillors by email. Action
ELW
- 9.16.3.** Catering Arrangements. The Chair said she hoped that Mrs Gillian Bhatt might be persuaded to organise the catering. Action
ELW

9.17. Chair's report.

- 9.17.1.** The Chair thanked Cllr Pearson for his detailed road report. She thought the format helpful and it was good to see the result of reports to HCC.
- 9.17.2.** The Chair reported on a number of incidents of damage to Bury Green caused by lorries. She thanked Mrs Carmela Piccolo for organising some repairs by a lorry driver's insurers. The Chair said she would approach a tractor owner for help with remaining repairs.
- 9.17.3.** The Chair said that HCC was consulting in alterations to the A120 at Standon following the creation of the Little Hadham bypass. She did not think it was appropriate for the Council to give a response but she encouraged all residents to visit the website and make their opinions known.
- 9.17.4.** The Chair said the current Council website was poorly designed and it was difficult to find the documents the Council was legally obliged to display. She proposed that the Clerk create a new site which would take £40 to host. It was possible that funding could be obtained from the Government's 'Transparency Fund'. Agreed.

9.18. Clerk's Report**9.18.1. Financial statement****Period ending 1st March 2016**

Unity Trust Bank		£15,939.81
Petty cash		£6.73
	Total	£15,946.54
Included above		
Received		
UK Power Networks	Wayleave	£40.68
Payments agreed but yet to be paid		
Little Hadham Karate Club	Donation	£200.00
Mr J Forgham	Millennium Wood maintenance	£200.00
To be agreed		
To Pay		
Staff salaries	February	£504.55
Petty cash	Float	£50.00
Clerk's expenses	February	£19.71
Sargies	Ridgeway playground repairs	£270.00
Mrs Jan Finn	Distribution P/News flier	£25.00
	Total payments	£1,269.26

Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £14,727.28

- 9.18.2.** Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.
- 9.18.3.** Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed.
- 9.18.4.** To agree a work party to review the internal control of the Council. It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Bhatt would meet the Clerk.

- 9.18.5.** To review and agree: Council Standing Orders; Council Financial Regulations; Internal Audit arrangements; Council asset list; Council Risk Assessment. The documents were agreed. The Chair notes that Council documents took up a lot of room in the Clerks home. In particular, some documents dating back to 1896 were not being safely stored. She asked that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.
- 9.19. Planning matters.** The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.
- 9.20. Correspondence**
NALC LCR magazine **ELW**
- 9.21. Date of next ordinary Council meeting – Tuesday 5th April 2016.**
- 9.22. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 9:06 p.m.**