



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the 18th meeting of **Little Hadham Parish Council** (2019 – 2023 Session) held virtually via teleconference on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr M Attwell (Acting chair)
Cllr R Mardell
Cllr C Westlake
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr T Reeves Hoodless
Cllr F Arkell

Also:

Clerk: C Page, member of the public – Darren Grainger, Steven Whipp, Dave Woodcock, Brian Shea, Christopher Hunt, Nicola Hunt

21.01.01 To receive and accept apologies for absence. No apologies.

21.01.02 Democratic 10 minutes. No questions asked.

21.01.03 Presentation on the bypass

Darren Grainger provided a verbal update. Completion date is still late summer, even with the extreme weather which is putting that target date under pressure. There have been 5 major weather events over the last year. They will be able to regain some programme with better weather. Steve Whipp said rainfall is causing concerns as the water runs off into the rivers, need to be cautious for the rest of the winter and spring. Darren said they need to do the embankments with materials they have on site, but it is weather dependent. There is a stockpiled 50,000 cubic meters to do the two dam constructions, but again is weather dependent as the moisture needs to be at a measured level. Roundabout construction to be last week in April. Weekend closure on the 19th of February for remedial works on the roundabout. COVID-19 provides additional pressures in managing the workforce and watching for COVID-19 outbreaks – too date, only 3 people have been confirmed positive and that was contracted off site. Post Bypass works. Cllr Attwell asked for more engagement, perhaps a session for the Parish Council and members of the parish. **Action: Darren to get more information and pass to the clerk.** Cllr Attwell said to continue with the good signage during the closure. No questions from the meeting.

Police Inspector Chris Hunt and Police Sergeant Nicola Hunt joined the meeting. Inspector Hunt wanted to reassure the village that there should be no fear for the residents. The ongoing incident appears, from early outset, that the people involved knew each other. It happened in the village due to these people, who are known to the police, wanting to be away from the police gates and to have the engagement in Little Hadham. One male received a single stab wound. He was released from hospital this morning. He is refusing to engage with the police. The young man who knocked on the door of a resident., was taken in. These witnesses are being cared for by the witness care team of the police. Cllr Attwell suggested we have a further update at the Parish Council next meeting. Inspector Hunt agreed to provide an update. Inspector Hunt wanted to assure us that there is no link to Little Hadham in any way, but unfortunately due to the diverse effects of COVID-19 and the lockdown, the drug scene carry out their business in rural areas. Inspector Hunt suggested we get a crime prevention survey done, which would be free of charge for the Village Hall, playing field and Ridgeway playing field. From this we will be able to see if there is anything we can do. The police will engage with the clerk and Chair LHVH. Clerk suggested we reinstate our Police Liaison meetings. Both



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Inspector Hunt and Sergeant Hunt agreed on the importance of setting these meetings up, particularly as we are in isolation through COVID-19.

- 21.01.04 Declaration of interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest from councillors on items on the agenda. No declarations of interest from the councillors.
- 21.01.05 Approval of minutes** held on the 1st of December 2020 to be agreed and signed as a true record. All councillors agreed and the Chair signed the minutes as a true record, to be sent to clerk at first opportunity.
- 21.01.06 Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 21.01.07 Planning applications** considered by the Council (15 mins)
- **3/20/2608/ASDPN - PROPOSAL:** Construction of one additional storey to dwelling house. **AT:** Chasedene Millfield Lane Bury Green. For your information, an application has been submitted for this development. Under current planning legislation some extensions to dwellings can be carried out without express planning permission. If the local planning authority does not issue a determination within 42 days of the receipt of the application the development may proceed as submitted. They do not have to put in a planning application.
 - **3/21/0023/HH - PROPOSAL:** Hip to Gable First floor rear extension with two rear dormers and new skylights. New pitched roof to existing ground floor extension. **AT:** 8 The Smithy. **Please send your comments to EH Council Planning by 27th January 2021.** No comments to this application
 - **3/21/0162/HH - PROPOSAL:** Two storey side extension including extension to existing dormers, 2 velux windows to rear elevation and insertion of flue **AT:** 13 The Smithy. **Please send your comments to EH Council by 15th February 2021.** Cllr Wilkinson said there is one objection from the next-door neighbour. Cllr Wilkinson proposed no objection. Cllr Westlake abstained. All other councillors agreed to no objection from the Parish Council.
 - **3/21/0148/HH - PROPOSAL:** Erection of greenhouse/pergola **AT:** Ashmeads The Ford **Please send your comments to EH Planning by: 12th February 2021.** Cllr Wilkinson proposed no objection. All councillors agreed to no objection from the Parish Council
 - **3/21/0178/HH - PROPOSAL:** Erection of two storey extensions to the sides and rear. A new front dormer and single storey front extension **AT:** Westfield Lodge Westfield Farm Lane Westland Green. **Please send your comments to EH Planning by 16th February 2021.** Mary said no one has objections in Westland Green. Cllr Wilkinson proposed no objection. All councillors agreed to no objection from the Parish Council. Cllr Attwell noted it would bring the house to the same as those neighbouring it.
 - **3/21/0187/VAR - PROPOSAL:** Removal of conditions No 9 and No10 (approved planning) Ref: 3/06/0926/FP-(Redevelopment at Bury Green Farm to provide a new public green, 11 new dwellings 2 dwellings in converted stables with associated parking and landscaping and redevelopment at the Grove to provide new 5 affordable dwellings with associated parking and the reorganisation of existing spaces and landscaping - Amended scheme.) **AT:** 3 Farm Place Bury Green **Please send your comments to EH Planning by: 17th February 2021.** Cllr Wilkinson objects as in her view this would make way for a bigger development. Cllr Wilkinson feels the conditions should remain. Cllr Attwell said the conditions are about the look and feel of the place. Brian Shea said a lot of emails are going round in Bury Green and it is generally felt they do not want the restrictions to be lifted. Bury green objected to this and it should not be lifted easily. Cllr Hoodless said they are conditions to preserve the character of Bury Green. Cllr Wilkinson proposes the Parish Council objects to this application. Cllr Hoodless seconded. All councillors agreed to object. **Action: Clerk to develop the objection letter. Done.**
 - **3/21/0231/HH - PROPOSAL:** Remove timber cladding to the front elevation and dormers and replace with cementitious boarding. Remove all windows and doors and replace with white uPVC and alterations to ground floor openings. **AT:** Hunters Chapel Lane. **Please send your comments to EH Planning by 22nd February 2021.** No objections from the councillors



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Planning appeals considered by the Council.

Planning decisions received from EHC.

- **3/20/2057/VAR - PROPOSAL:** Removal of conditions 11 (removed Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A permitted development rights) and 12 (removed Schedule 2, Part 1, Class B permitted development rights) of planning permission: 3/08/0641/FP (Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and construction of replacement bungalow and garage) - To allow alterations under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A and Schedule 2, Part 1, Class B of the General Permitted Development Order to be undertaken without prior written permission.**AT:** Chasedene Millfield Lane Bury Green. This matter was considered by the Council on the 14th of December 2020 and it was decided to **Grant Planning Permission**
- **3/20/2235/HH - PROPOSAL:** Two storey side extension, including extension to existing dormers.**AT:** 13 The Smithy This matter was considered by EH Council on the 18th of December 2020 and it was decided to **Grant Planning Permission**
- **3/20/1532/HH - PROPOSAL:** Proposal for two storey extension in the North West corner and porch alteration.**AT:** Lodge Farm Chapel Lane. This matter was considered by EH Council Planning on the 15th of January 2021 and it was decided to **Grant Planning Permission**
- **3/20/1533/LBC - PROPOSAL:** Proposal for two storey extension in the North West corner, porch alteration, removal on internal wall and new internal attic staircase **AT:** Lodge Farm Chapel Lane. This matter was considered by EH Council on the 15th of January 2021 and it was decided to **Grant Consent**.
- **3/20/2048/HH - PROPOSAL:** Conversion of outbuilding/games room to residential annexe.**AT:** Sunfield Bromley Lane Wellpond Green. This matter was considered by EH Council on the 21st of January 2021 and it was decided to **Grant Planning Permission**
- **3/20/1849/FUL - PROPOSAL:** Change of use of office to residential (retrospective) **AT:** Ingleton Cottage Westfield Farm Lane Westland. This matter was considered by the Council on the 27th of January 2021 and it was decided to **Refuse Planning Permission**
- **3/20/2608/ASDPN - PROPOSAL:** Construction of one additional storey to dwellinghouse.**AT:** Chasedene Millfield Lane Bury Green. This matter was considered by the Council on the 27th of January 2021 and it was decided to **Prior Approval is Required and Granted**
- **3/20/2609/ASDPN - PROPOSAL:** Construction of one additional storey to dwelling house. **AT:** Chasedene Millfield Lane Bury Green. This matter was considered by the Council on the 27th of January 2021 and it was decided to **Prior Approval is Required and Granted**

21.01.08 Reports - Areas of Responsibility (30 mins)

- 1 Highways / Bypass – Cllr Arkell - **Action: Cllr Arkell to set up dates for meeting with Graham McAndrew to be set up on Highways. Done. Meeting set up for 5th March.**
- 2 Playing fields and young people's needs – Cllr Mardell said the park is little used. There are a number of moles though. The fencing is trampled down and needs addressing. Cllr Mardell is currently trying to get quotes for the new fencing. Difficult getting people to come out now. **Action: Cllr Mardell to get quotes for the fencing. Ongoing.**
4. Village Hall – Jan Williamson – (See Appendix 1)
5. Police Liaison – PCSO De Bruyn – Cllr Mardell. Crime statistics from December – January 21st.:
 - Criminal damage, Bury Green – a derelict building has had several windows smashed by unknown persons towards the end of January 21. Police enquiries are currently still in hand to help identify the Suspects.
 - Attempted theft, Wellpond Green – there was an attempted theft of a wheel barrow and copper from an outbuilding in Wellpond Green, Suspects have been disturbed by the homeowner on his return to the property and have made off in an unknown direction. Police enquiries are ongoing at this time



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Appendix 1 – Village Hall report – Jan Williamson

The boreholes have been completed and first indications are that the problems with the floor are generally due to under floor pipes and age of the original floor. There are a lot of tree roots present all-round the building which is not a surprise and we still have to remove one if not two trees in order to commence the extensions for storage and the hub. We should be able to proceed with the window walling phase when we have obtained grants. We have applied for a capital grant of £8k and low carbon workspace grant of up to £5k. We will need to raise funds of approximately £5k on top of these two amounts if we are successful in our applications.

The kitchen has been ripped out and the new kitchen is in the process of being fitted. We have removed the old shutter which faces the passing through area and reduced the aperture of existing shutter to give an area like the shutter facing the main hall. This will be of modern design like the other shutter and much easier to open. The kitchen has a bigger work surface and a new peninsular. They have put in a new floor and re-wired the kitchen. This is all thanks to Clarion Futures and their contractors.

We have 2 self-assembly containers arriving Thursday which will provide storage for outdoor equipment and storage of hall equipment that is not likely to be used for the foreseeable future. The old green container is no longer fit for use and will be removed. The aim is to clear the area where the existing container and shed is to make the area more useable and visually appealing. The containers will eventually be relocated to a preferred location. The need for permanent storage is still required as part of the main refurbishment.

The Hadham's hub raised over £6k which will go towards a variety of items in connection with supporting ours and other village residents who may not have a tablet/pad that might like to have a specially programmed tablet to suit a very simple usage such as connecting with family and friends, online shopping, e consulting with GP and receiving important information such as owl messaging and scams. We had hoped to have started contacting our residents in connection with the survey results and those wanting help, but the Christmas events and current lockdown somewhat took over. We have not wasted our time and have trained up at least 4 digital champions and others are waiting for their online acceptance. With most people focusing on the vaccination program, we felt that it was better to get our digital champions in place so we can all move forward together in contacting our residents. The long-term goal is that once we have knowledge of people's individual needs, we can continue supporting on 1 – 1 basis or group similar abilities together to form small workshops in the village hall. This will be run by CDA Herts who have been funded by Clarion Futures.

We have received £1k from Stanstead Passengers grant fund to complete our cinema equipment installation. We have installed a new hearing loop and the speakers and projector will be installed very soon. Following on from this we are trialling some streaming equipment provided by a known company to see what our needs may be for the future of streaming. We have put in for funding for this project but some of the cost will be met through crowd funding and other means.

We have been approached by CAB to be part of their pilot scheme which involves installation of a direct help line to CAB and other key service providers that can offer immediate advice and sign posting. This will fit in very well with the Social Prescribing/connections that is now storming the Country and that is already installed in our village hall/hub with leaflets and information which is now available in our foyer.



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We have received some funding from EHC for local businesses which has helped towards our overheads whilst in this lockdown.

We have a new Treasurer taking over in March who has a background that will fit in very well with the future development of the Village hall hub. I look forward to introducing her when she is co-opted onto our Management Committee at our AGM.

With the increase of electric vehicles, community buildings and spaces are being asked if they would consider having 1-2 electric charging points on their premises. I shall investigate this to see how viable it would be for the village hall without compromising its own usage.

COVID-19 recovery

We are still offering support in the hamlets, but it seems that most residents have found regular support or are able to help themselves. Except for some residents asking for help due to contracting the COVID-19 virus we can continue to provide advice and support when asked. I am in contact with Simon Marlow who is the NHS Social Prescribing Coordinator for Bishop's Stortford and my link to additional support for our residents should we need it. We have encountered a small number of residents who became overly dependent on our volunteers which required outside intervention from GP or Adult Care Service but again all is no quiet. I am pleased to say that apart from small, localised problems all is running smoothly and prescription collection is still being offered by Amanda Davey who has been brilliant in all of this.



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Appendix 2 – Chairs Report

We continue to recruit for an additional Parish Councillor with a view to that person stepping up over the near term to chair the Parish Council. Several advertisements have been placed (thank you Freddie) in the notice boards throughout the Parish and in the Parish Magazine. We have also spoken to several individuals in the Parish about the role and we hope to have some exciting news soon.

It was confirmed at the very start of 2020 that funding had been secured and sites chosen for 2 new SIDS machines within our Parish. The first machine will be installed on the western side of the Albury Road to the north of the Village and the second sign on the Southern Side of the Ford. This is great news for the Parish and will hopefully go some way to reducing the frequency of seeing traffic. We are looking forward to further traffic calming work undertaken as part of the post bypass works package. Thank you to Freddie Arkell and Richard Mardell for their hard work here. We will also be engaging with Graham McAndrew over the course of the next month to address other highways issues in the Parish.

All Parish Councillors are now responsible for acting as liaison for a part of the Parish - our photos and contact details were in this month's Parish News. We all look forward to engaging with the Parish more effectively.

The ground surrounding the War Memorial was damaged this last Sunday Morning by a vehicle struggling to traverse Ford Hill in the Ice. Thankfully no damage occurred to the war memorial itself, but the ground will now need reinstatement. The PC are also aware of the need to reinstate the kerb stones around the memorial which had previously been damaged.



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Flooding Report January 27th, 2021

1. Green Street. It was reported and some remedial work has been done. More probably needs doing.

2. Lloyd Taylor drain runs behind property on A120 and has flooded their garden shed. They reported it but was told it falls under auspices of EA as deemed a "main river". I have suggested they ask Graham Construction for advice if it happens again.

3. The Lloyd Taylor drain flooded the garden of Dave Willett. Graham Construction have moved earth to slow the flow and will be putting the garden to rights. He will be keeping an eye on it.

2. On c.15 road between Nags Head and village hall. Reported many times with explanation that the drain running under the road was probably blocked with silt and stones from the fields. We were told that it was not urgent and would be put on list for routine work for the next financial year!

Graham Pearson emailed our MP amongst others and finally work started on the 25th January.

Unfortunately due to the icy weather they could not complete but say they will be back in February. Graham had helpfully sent a detailed map to all concerned. To be forwarded to P.C

The concrete platform scheduled for last financial year and the year before has not happened. Last summer Ian Hollinroke was seen measuring up the area but nothing transpired).

3. The house in the dip of the Millfield Lane field bought by the travellers has been close to being flooded. Judi and Mick Wheeler reported it to EHDC. Some of the ditches have been cleared by Highways. The ditches round the field seem to be the responsibility of the riparian owners but as far as I can see there is still no enforcement officer on EHDC. TBC