



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** (2019 – 2023 Session) held in the Little Hadham Village Hall Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr M Attwell (Acting chair)
Cllr C Westlake
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr F Arkell
Cllr N Faraday
Cllr R Mardell

Also:

Clerk: C Page, Jan Williamson, Dave Willett, Robin Gregory, Chris McCormack, Joel Fayers (MPC) Neil Osborn (DLP Planning), Henry Brown (Infraland) Steve Whipp (Env Agency) Seamus (Bypass Team)

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- 21.06.01 Election of Chair** – Cllr Attwell proposed Cllr Faraday as Chair, Cllr Westlake seconded. All councillors agreed. Motion carried.
- 21.06.02 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Hoodless and Cllr Williamson sent their apologies. Cllr Williamson will come along after his other meeting.
- 21.06.03 Democratic 10 minutes.**
- 21.06.04 Declaration of interest and dispensations** – Cllr Faraday declared an interest in planning item 3/21/1650/HH and 1651HH as he is the applicant for that property.
- 21.06.05 Approval of minutes** held on the 2nd of June 2021 agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes approved.
- 21.06.05 Matters arising from the minutes.** (5 mins)
- 21.06.06 Presentation by the Bypass Team** (10 mins) – Seamus outlined construction process – towards getting roundabouts finished up this month. Major closures only two late nights for a couple of weeks, starting 19th July, with traffic lights. One night closure Albury Road, for white lining, Cllr Attwell asked for scheduled completion. Seamus responded end of October beginning of November 2021. Damn is now at full height. The wildflowers are visible, trees are planted at the embankments. Trying to bring the flood scheme in by early October. Jan asked re the flood alleviation scheme how does the information filter through to the insurers. Steve said the flood map for the area will change. Will not be shrunk. He suggested at the next insurance review write to the Env agency for a letter to the insurers. Cllr Faraday requested that a letter be sent to the PC to go into newsletters for general consumption. **Action: communicate via the parish news how members of the public can obtain the letter for the flood scheme,**
- 21.06.07 Planning applications** - considered by the Council (15 mins)
- 3/21/1488/VAR - PROPOSAL: A Variation of Condition to remove condition 9 (south facing windows to be obscured glazed and fixed shut) of planning permission ref: 3/20/2095/FUL: South facing windows to be clear glazed and openable at: Ash Croft Stortford Road RECONSULTATION. Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 5th July 2021. Cllr Wilkinson proposes we object as the proximity is too close to the house next door and will impact on their life. Cllr Westlake also objected. Parish Council have no objections.
 - 3/21/1585/ASDPN - PROPOSAL: Erection of an additional storey, to increase the height of the dwelling from 7.5 metres to 9.9 metres at Folly Cottage, Bury Green. Under current planning legislation some extensions to dwellings can be carried out without express planning permission. No objections. Cllr Attwell– would like to have



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more documents on the extension. **Action: clerk to ask for an extension to obtain more information.**

- 3/21/1650/HH PROPOSAL: Partial conversion of barn into annex to include installation of 1 window, 3 conservation rooflights at: Ashmeads the Ford. Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 22nd July 2021. All councillors agreed to no objections.
- 3/21/1651/LBC PROPOSAL: As above.
- 3/21/1652/HH PROPOSAL: Single storey rear lean-to extension, conversion of part of the cartlodge building to form a home office at The Granary, Chapel Lane. Please send your comments to EHC by: 22nd July 2021. All councillors agreed to no objections.
- 3/21/1654/LBC PROPOSAL: As above
- 3/21/1700/HH PROPOSAL: Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, side porch, new first floor rear window opening, relocated access and driveway at 4 Hadham Park Cottages Cradle End. Please send your comments to EHC by: 23rd July 2021. Cllr Attwell believes there are some planning restrictions due to being in the green belt. All councillors agreed to no objections.

Planning decisions received from EHC.

- Erection of three-bay garage and replacement gates at Manor Farm Barn Standon Road. This matter was considered by EH Council on the 3rd of June 2021 and it was decided to Refuse Planning Permission
- 3/21/1152/HH - PROPOSAL: Proposed loft conversion with 2 front roof lights and 3 rear roof lights at 7 Farm Place Bury Green. This matter was considered by EH Council in June 2021 and it was decided to Grant Planning Permission

Planning Appeals

- Chasedene Millfield Lane Bury Green Little Hadham - LPA Appeal Reference: 21/00011/PRIOR the Planning Inspectorate notifies of this planning appeal, if the appellant is successful, the development could get planning permission and be built. If you made any comments on the original planning application these will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate.
- Ingleton Cottage Westfield Farm Lane Westland Green - LPA Appeal Reference: 21/00018/REFUSE. The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against EH Council's refusal of planning permission for change of use of office to residential (retrospective).

21.06.09 Reports - Areas of Responsibility (15 mins)

- 1 Highway's update – Cllr Arkell – Nothing to update.
- 2 Playing fields and young people's needs – Cllr Mardell – nothing major going on. A small bit of fencing to do in the playing field, can be done in house. The Ridgeway fence is broken – £700 to do both sides, or £400 to do one. Cllr Faraday stated we need to check to see if there is a risk to life Cllr Faraday suggests it is work that required and add to our Finance meeting agenda. **Action: Clerk to add to the Finance meeting agenda. Action: Cllr Mardell to obtain quotes for different options of fencing – post and rail, and chain linking. Also get a quote for hedging against a fence.** Report back before the next meeting, if necessary, hold an extraordinary meeting.
4. Village Hall – Jan Williamson (See Appendix 1). Cllr Attwell suggests Jan sends over the VH insurance policy which he will review. Jan asked if it OK for a noticeboard to be erected above the hedge, by Connect Scaffolding, be a good advertising medium. Action: Jan to ask insurance company. Parish Council have no objections. Cllr Westlake offered to sit on the committee for the business users' event in the VH.



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5. Police Liaison – PCSO De Bruyn – Cllr Mardell. Burglary dwelling in Albury. Suspects have gained entry to the property by an unlocked rear gate and gained access by means unknown to the rear of the building. Suspects have carried out a search of several areas of the property and have removed cash and car keys to the homeowner's vehicle. Suspects have then removed the vehicle from the property. Police enquiries are currently in progress.

Potential Fraud. Residents have been approached by unknown persons to carry out works on the adjacent riverbank to the property at a cost to the homeowner. Although this has previously been done free of charge in the past, the residents have paid the sum of money requested. The residents believe that they may have been targeted due to their age and vulnerability. This has been reported to Action Fraud.

- Road safety hazard, Wellpond Green – Cllr Wilkinson – Leon has forwarded it onto his colleague responsible for Wellpond Green. **Action: keep on the agenda for next meeting.**
 - Hedge at Beech House – Cllr Wilkinson – Cllr Mardell has spoken to the owner and the hedge will be cut next week.
6. Ramblers Representative for Little Hadham – Cllr Hoodless – postponed to next meeting,
 7. Operations – Cllr Attwell -nothing to report. Consultation for phase 1 post bypass works completed effectively. HCC good idea for three parts of phase 1 works, phasing of lights, gates at entrances and pedestrian crossing. Feedback good. Combined into existing traffic light system, so not multiple lights. Pudding stone will be located opposite the pub.
 8. Allotments – Cllr Wilkinson. Feedback from Allotments meeting – agreed no rubbish to be brought to the site to be burnt. Allotment holders asked if they could burn weeds generated on the allotment. All Councillors agreed that there should be no bonfires on the allotment. **Action: set up the allotment committee with all allotment holders. Action: Cllr Wilkinson to ask Joel for allotment holders email addresses. Set up an allotment committee with Cllr Wilkinson and all allotment holders on a bi-monthly.** All councillors agreed. Cllr Westlake gathered all contact details as requested by Mary at the last meeting. Emailed lists to Cllr Wilkinson, Faraday, the Clerk and Joel. Allotment holders were interested in attending meetings, having a bbq or a picnic etc. There is potentially one spare allotment.
 9. School Engagement– Cllr Faraday – school sourced a table tennis table. Cllr Faraday (add in his comments)
 10. Consultation on draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026 – Cllr Wilkinson said we should include that people affected by the event should be notified by the event. Cllr Williamson said degree of consultation needs to reflect the scale of people affected.
 11. Water Drought Consultation – Cllr Westlake – Affinity water – draft drought plan. Saying different phases of drought and what to do. **Action: Cllr Westlake to draft an email to say we are interested.** Cllr Westlake replied to the draft water consultation to say we were happy with the drought plans and would be interested in any plans or work they have done in protecting the river as one of the few chalk streams in the country.

- 21.06.10** Update from Joel Fayers – Solar Farm, Wickham Hall.
Joel said it is out for consultation with public for 6 weeks, held a webinar 2 weeks ago for properties around the site. Two phases, delivery phase 12-16 weeks, 1,200 lorry movements are a one off, from Bishops Stortford to the site. Once deliveries are done,



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second phase will be plug and play. Total length of time is 24-26 weeks. Construction period may be a little longer if concrete pads have to be installed to hold the metal frames should there be any areas of archaeological interest. 142,000 panels approximately. The final number will have to be decided for the planning application. Panels orientate just west of the south. Cllr Faraday asked to what extent does the light reflect and glare. Neil said minimal and no impact on aviation. Cllr Westlake asked what sort of trees are to be planted. Neil to come back to us with that information but will be native species. Member of the public – 40 years resting. Neil said the Environmental impact regulations govern what is meant to be assessed. Joel said feedback has been varied, producing a statement of key concerns from residents. There is a mixed response, 70% of those responded were in favour of the solar farm. Feedback from both councils flag up issues they expect to deal with, and what they need to address. Neil said nothing has arisen from the pre-app process. Cllr Williamson said he is disappointed that he was not brought into the consultation. Joel is to see what happened.

Connection is for energy storage. Cllr Faraday asked which party is entity to the lease, who the tenant is – Henry said company not set up yet. 40-year lease. Tenants to reinstate the land to its former state. Construction financed by who the long-term utility company will be. Endurance energies are promoting the site and then will be taken over by an energy company. Neil Osborn - Temporary planning permission after 40 years it will be removed. Cllr Mardell asked why do we need the site, Neil Osborn said we need more electricity as gas is being phased out. The panels at the end of their life will be recycled. Cllr Attwell asked – what is the typical planned output of this farm on a reasonably cloudy day. 49,000 / 50,000 MW per year on out typical weather (Henry Brown responded)

- 21.06.11 Update from Cllr Williamson** (5 mins) – said there has been a surge in these sorts of applications as there is also one in Furneaux Pelham. There is concern amongst the villagers. Any development must be weighed up and measured against the local policies. Cllr Williamson will update on the progress.
- 21.06.12 Chair's Report** (5 mins)
- 21.06.13 Clerk's Report** (5 mins)
- 1 To agree to payment of accounts. All agreed.
 - 2 To accept the accuracy of the financial statement
- 21.06.14 Correspondence** – Queens Green Canopy, for her Platinum Jubilee. From October this year through the tree planting season. **Action: clerk to put an article in the Parish News. Ask the residents what they would like to see on the Ridgeway playing field and the piece of land at the ridgeway.**
- 21.06.15 Date of next Council meeting** – Tuesday, 7th September 2021
- 21.06.16 To close the meeting** – 9.30pm



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Appendix 1 – Village Hall – Chair's report

We have been in the process of getting roof quotes in and as an interim safety measure to prevent further leakage we will proceed with holding repairs which involve guttering and fixing the lead flashings that have come away from the building plus sealant bead around tank house. This will also include localised patch repairs to the main roof where sealant has worn away. The cost for these repairs is £1604.49 plus VAT.

We have secured most of the money through grants and donations for replacement windows and doors to all the building. Where there is a deficit the village hall will plug the gap. The cost of this project is approximately £32k.

Last week a bad leak was identified in the boiler which apparently a crack was identified years ago. We have had to drain the boiler as it has now started to lift the floor in the kitchen. The outcome is we need a new boiler as current boiler has absolutely had it!

The digital improvers workshops are proving to be very popular not just for learning new skills, but it is great from a social aspect and is much appreciated by all that come. I get phone calls every week now from new residents mostly from other Ash Valley Villages. We have a team of volunteers from all places such as a CAB volunteer and Home Instead provide 2 Managerial and Executive volunteers. We had a young local girl turn up last week to volunteer and she really enjoyed working with one of our ladies learning to order goods online. The next challenge is how to get residents that do not drive and do not have any support to come to our workshops. I have had one local enquiry which I shall monitor closely and try to get him a lift.

There is a coffee morning this Thursday which I shall be setting up a regular table for jigsaw sale. The cost will be £1-£2 per jigsaw depending on size and the hope is that people will return them back to me for re-sale.

The craft fair we have booked for September is fully booked now. We have over 20 tables plus outdoor awnings spaces. If this proves to be popular, we will consider it more regularly. The antiques fair has folded and some of those stalls are looking for a place to sell.

Our fundraising team are working on how we can involve our local businesses up at Church end. It was felt that we are missing a big opportunity in engaging with them and our refurbishment project is a good way to get them involved. David Willett is the link, and he will be going to visit each one of the businesses at the end of the month with a Parish Newsletter and our story of what we have achieved and where we go from here. Cllr Westlake and I had a meeting 3 weeks ago and it seems she is very much on the same wavelength as VH. The idea was muted that we propose to have a Little Hadham open day inviting local businesses to come and have a stand at the hall to network with villagers and other businesses.

Finally, we are holding a dignitaries Red Chair Community Cinema demonstration on Friday 30th July which Parish Council are invited to. It is at 11am and lasts for about 1 ½ hours. Invitees are for all grantors and interested parties who have supported us and have an interest in Little Hadham projects such as community cinema which we intend to extend to dementia friendly screenings. Attendees will include Councillors from EHC, HCC, HCF, CDA Herts, NHS Social Prescribing link coordinators, CAB, Stansted Airport Passenger Fund, Clarion Futures (local housing association), Much Hadham Health Centre and Knockholds Solicitors.

Parish Council have supported us over the years, and we are extremely grateful for your support.

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