



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr N Faraday (Chair)  
Cllr F Arkell  
Cllr Wilkinson  
Cllr Westlake  
Cllr A Reeves-Hoodless  
Cllr R Mardell

**Also:** Clerk: C Page, Steve (Highways HCC) Richard Aveyard (Highways HCC) Joan and Hamish, Seamus (Bypass team) Dave Whipp (Env Agency) Dave Willett and 15 Members of the public

**21.09.01 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** No apologies received.

**21.09.02 Public Issues** Public Issues Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

Suffylde Wood. Gillian Webster owner of the land said her to appeal to people to find out from her rather than listen to rumour of what is going on. In terms of the main concerns with the issues to do with the trees and wildlife, she is unable to say much as there is an active investigation going on. But you can seek more information online at The Forestry Commission to see why it is permissible to fell trees. She said be assured we are consulting professionals at every stage and following advice. Have had a nesting and bat survey conducted. Intent is to put a single dwelling on the east end of the site. The dwelling is to be lived in by the Websters. Not the intention of the owners to sell the wood.

It was mentioned the land had previously been looked after and a question was asked - why was there a digger clearing the trees. Ms Webster answered that the trees that were worked on were not healthy, and the Forestry Commission are investigating the felling of the trees. She further said there were professional arborists who surveyed, and the work was conducted in line with that, and this has been passed onto the Forestry commission. Cllr Faraday said East Herts are visiting this week to see if the work conducted complies with the order. **Cllr Faraday extended an invitation to Ms Webster to attend future meetings. Cllr Faraday to facilitate a meeting between Jonno and Gillian Wester.** Do they have to apply for planning permission for a gateway for vehicles, and how can we object to it.

**21.09.03 Declaration of interest and dispensations** – No interests declared.

**21.09.04 Approval of minutes** from the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 agreed and signed as a true record.

**21.09.05 Matters arising from the minutes.** None

**21.09.06 Presentation by Andrew Freeman - Highways Strategy & Implementation** (See LHPC website). Village Gateway signage examples were shown - a choice of a traditional 30 mph and a wooden gate type. Cllr Faraday asked for some examples to be sent to enable an informed choice to be made. **Action: Presentation to be sent to the clerk.**

It will take 6-12 months to establish the changes in traffic patterns. 17,000 vehicles east / west will go down a day to 6,000 a 70% reduction at which point the Highways team to check the traffic signal system to ensure the phasing has changed to meet need.

War memorial – have quotes to repair the memorial Cllr Faraday asked the team what we can do to minimise the chances of damage to the memorial.



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**Bypass team** – Progress is ongoing and on target. No road closures planned.

## 21.09.07 **Planning applications** - considered by the Council.

- 3/21/2519/HH: Insertion of one roof window to front elevation and three roof windows to rear elevation at Historia Hadham: Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 15th November 2021. Cllr Wilkinson proposes no objections, all councillors agreed.

## **Planning decisions received from EHC.**

- 3/21/2157/HH PROPOSAL:AT: 31 The Smithy. Planning permission was granted.
- 3/19/2271/VAR PROPOSAL: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref: 3/18/0540/FUL: AT: Ashcroft Farm Stortford Road. Planning permission was granted.

## 21.09.08 **Reports from Working Parties and Committees**

- **Annual event subcommittee** – Cllr Faraday to convene a meeting.
- **Playing Field Hedge** – Cllr Mardell – been cut by hand and is happy with the job.
- **Bypass Open Day** – Dave Willett went onto the Bypass for a visit with Cllr Westlake, and the clerk. Where it our request for the village to use the bypass on the open day was firmed up. Provisional plans have been drawn up – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be officially opened, but not to traffic. 10.00 opening, media publicity, celebrity to open the bypass. 11.00 for 2 hours members of the public will have access, cycle, run, job, walk. Drive up to Tile Kiln roundabout and park up on the left-hand side – with a charge of £3. Can Park up to 400 cars. All children under 11 are free to enter. Refreshments in the village hall, there will also be a certificate of attendance. A continual loop of the drone footage taken, about 15 mins.
- **Volunteers Event** – Cllr Westlake – 40-50 volunteers attending now. 6<sup>th</sup> November cut-off date.
- **Allotments** – Update on Allotment Holders meeting – Cllr Wilkinson – meeting organised 2 weeks today.

## 21.09.09 **Reports to the Council - To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies**

- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson
- **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell – theft of car from Hadham Industrial estate. Lot of recent theft from motor vehicles. Insure cars are locked and valuables removed
- **Update from Village Hall** – Joan – windows to go in w/c 13<sup>th</sup> December. Then fundraising for curtains. Craft and Gift Fair 2- 28<sup>th</sup> November
- **Side Hilly Update** – Cllr Faraday met with Howard Jones (owner) and his planning advisor (Appendix 2). **Cllr Faraday asked what detail you want him to go back to the owners to ask.**

## 21.09.10 **Chair's Report** – Stansted meeting, departure, and arrival routes consultation – Cllr Faraday to present at the December Parish Council meeting.

### **3 planning applications for Church End**

- 3/119/1463/FUL – Cllr Faraday suggests we request further information regarding the enforcement. Cllrs Westlake, Mardell, Atkins, Wilkinson agreed, Cllr Hoodless abstained.
- 3/21/1711/CLPO – Cllr Wilkinson suggested opposing the Certificate of Lawfulness. Cllrs Westlake, Mardell, Atkins, Faraday agreed, Motion carried. Cllr Hoodless abstained.
- 3/21/1768/FUL – Cllr Faraday suggested objecting to this application. Cllr Wilkinson seconded. Cllrs Westlake, Mardell, Atkins agreed, Cllr Hoodless abstained.
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## **21.09.11 Clerk's Report**

- 1 To agree to payment of accounts. All councillors agreed to the payment of the accounts in accordance with the current spreadsheet.
- 2 To accept the accuracy of the financial statement. All councillors agreed to the accuracy of the financial statement.
- 3 Remembrance Sunday – laying of the wreath – Cllr Faraday to lay the wreath on the war memorial. The small wreath to go on the war grave at the Chapel graveyard in Chapel Lane – the clerk to ask the owner of the Chapel if he would lay the wreath.

## **21.09.12 Correspondence**

**21.09.13** Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Clerk suggested we have wine at the meeting. All councillors agreed.

**21.09.14** To close the meeting – 9.05pm



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## Appendix 1 – Chairs Report

I met with Howard Jones, a director of E&J Properties Limited, the owner of Side Hilly. I shall give a verbal update at the meeting, and I have asked Mr Jones's permission to publish minutes of our meeting.

The clerk and I have conducted a Land Registry search to identify the owner of the land at The Ford war memorial. We intend to obtain a listing for the war memorial so it can be added to the war memorial register. Further to that I continue to try to find contractors to fix the wall and steps to the war memorial, but it is proving extremely difficult to get more than the two quotes I already have.

Cllr Westlake and I have been reviewing the proposal to include gym equipment north of the village hall playground. We have been considering a range of facilities to cater for adults, teenagers, and younger children as well as those with disabilities. We have identified a funding source but may require further sources. We hope to bring a proposal to the council shortly.

Stansted airport are conducting consultations on airspace modernisation. I am attending on behalf of LHPC both the session on aircraft departures (01 November) and aircraft arrivals (08 November). I shall report back at the December meeting.



