



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 on Tuesday 4th October at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Faraday (Chair)
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr N Hunt
Cllr T Reeves-Hoodless

Also: Clerk: Vice Chair of Village Hall, 4 Members of the public

- 22.09.01** **To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Arkell sent apologies due to emergency, Cllr Westlake who is unwell and Cllr Mardell who has work commitments. Cllr Williamson sent apologies, due to holiday. Council accepted the apologies.
- 22.09.02** **Public Issues** - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.
- 22.09.03** **Declaration of interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest from councillors on items on the agenda. Cllr Faraday declared an interest in planning application 3/22/1238/HH .
- 22.09.04** **Approval of minutes** held on 6th September 2022. Minutes agreed and signed as a true record.
- 22.09.05** **Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 22.09.06** **Planning applications** - considered by EHC
- 3/22/1959/TEL – Proposal: Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works at: Stortford Road Street. Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 11/10/2022. Action: Clerk to respond to East Herts Council Planning objecting to the proposal on the grounds of location, visibility, and require an alternative location. Cllr Wilkinson proposed objection, Cllr Faraday seconded, all councillors agreed.
 - 3/22/1904/LBC – Proposal: Replacement porch at The Old Vineyard Bury. Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 12/10/2022. Cllr Wilkinson proposed no objections on the application, and proposed we support the application. All councillors agreed.
 - 3/22/1910/HH – Proposal: Retrospective planning for the construction of a pergola at 5 Farm Place Bury Green. Please send comments to EHC Planning by: 12/10/2022. No objections.
 - /22/1951/HH – Proposal: Demolition of conservatory, erection of two storey side and rear extensions at 11 The Smithy: Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 18/10/2022. Cllr Wilkinson said there have been no objections from neighbours, therefore suggests no objections. All councillors agreed.
 - 3/22/2001/HH – Proposal: Retrospective application for erection of a carport/garage at Ivy Farm Cradle End. Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 20th October 2022. There are objections from the residents who feel a precedent will be set. Cllr Wilkinson proposes objection. Cllr Hoodless seconded, all councillors agreed. Cllr Hoodless has been approached by 3 parishioners, and this is a grade 2 listed building, and the feeling is the modern structure in front of the building line is not in keeping with the area. There have also been two different entrances created on a 90-degree bend on the road. Other residents have been refused applications that were more in keeping with the area. All councillors agreed to object.
 - 3/22/2002/LBC PROPOSAL: As above.
 - 3/22/2010/HH PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at Hadham Croft Ford Hill. Please send your comments to EHC Planning by: 21st October 2022. Cllr Wilkinson proposed so objections. All councillors agreed.

Planning decisions received from EHC.



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- 3/22/1238/HH - Proposal: Part conversion of barn to annex to include at: Ashmeads The Ford. Was considered by EH Council on the 06/09/2022, Granted Planning Permission.
- 3/22/1239/LBC – As above.
- 3/22/1402/HH – Proposal: Raising the roof height to create first floor level with first floor front and rear windows at Chasedene Millfield Lane Bury Green. This matter was considered by EH Council on 23/09/2022, decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions

22.09.07

Reports from Working Parties and Committees

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Faraday – Feels there is merit in going through the initial exercise to see if we get sufficient volunteers and the project is viable. Will decide at the next Parish Council meeting. Councillors Hoodless, Faraday, Hunt feels there is merit in carrying out an initial exercise to see what the support and uptake from the village will be.
- **Allotments** – Cllr Wilkinson (see Appendix 1) – an advert has been put in the Parish News, which has produced an application. The candidate will be interviewed and if successful, appointed on a 6-month probationary contract with a view to a permanent position. Cllr Hunt is drawing up the contract. Hopefully by the next meeting they will be in place.

Had another application for a vacant plot. There are three plots still vacant. Allotment Rules can be finalised and presented at the next meeting. Rules are consistent with our understanding of the lease. **Action: Cllr Hunt to go through the documents at the next meeting.**

- **Ridgeway Park Update** – Cllr Faraday has delivered letters and proposals to all residents with a view to them forming a committee and coming forward at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Faraday to follow up with residents.**

- **New benches** – Cllr Mardell – benches have been delivered and Cllr Mardell will install

22.09.08

Reports to the Council to receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies

- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson

- **Village Hall** – Chair has reviewed hall charges and hire agreement. Charges have gone up 10%, which is the first time since pre covid, and this reflects the rise in energy costs and insurance.

Work has proceeded on the old doctors surgery, which has been renamed as The Ash Room. Team of volunteers working hard getting that up and running. Quotes for new by fold doors £9,800. Ash room has cost over £2,000 to sort out. Hiring of the ash room will be by sessions of approx. 4 hours at a time. Chair has a list of potential hirers. Cllr Faraday asked if it has any impact on the insurance. Vice Chair is to check. Hourly rate is effective from 1st November 2022.

- **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell – key less entry crime – **Action: contact police to see how we can protect ourselves from this. Police response is to use a Faraday pocket for fob and any keys.**

- **CRIMINAL DAMAGE** a vehicle has had its tyres slashed, window smashed, and door handle broken whilst parked in a small car park in Ridgeway, Little Hadham. Suspects have then left the location in an unknown direction and by means unknown.

- **THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE** a van was broken into whilst parked in a small car park in Ridgeway, Little Hadham. Suspects have peeled back the body panel and gained entry to the van, removing several tools from within and have then left in an unknown direction and by means unknown.

- **Areas of responsibility** – councillor allocation, priority for delivery by 31/03/23.

- Cllr Hunt

- Land registry - will be getting movement on registering the war memorial
- Legal work on allotment management, All policies to be looked at.



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Action: Cllr Faraday asked Cllr Hunt to look at ownership of the ridgeway allotment and requested Cllr Hunt to support on this.

- Cllr Wilkinson
 - Allotments – see all plots let in allotment. Get an allotment manager in place.
- Cllr Faraday
 - Finance - To develop a plan for how we manage our excess cash.

22.09.08 Chair's Report (see Appendix 2) Chris Byatt responsible for clearing the vegetation from the Ash and is planning a clearing of the Ash. **Action: get quotes for the pump. Action: Ask Steve Whipp from the Environmental Agency to come and discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.**

22.09.10 Clerk's Report (see Appendix 3)

- To agree to payment of accounts. Councillors agreed to the spend as detailed in the financial spreadsheet.
- To accept the accuracy of the financial statement. The councillors agreed to the accuracy of the financial statement
- Set Precept meeting before end of December. Clerk to set up a date and invite all councillors. Have a session at the November meeting to discuss the precept and then we have December meeting to sort everything.

22.09.11 Correspondence

22.09.12 Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday, 1st November

22.08.13 To close the meeting. 8.10pm



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Appendix 1

Allotment Report

We have had a reply to our advert for an Allotment Manager and hopefully agreement will be reached regarding our next stage of action.

We have one new applicant for a plot, and this has been accepted and the form and remittance duly completed. There are still plots that have not been used this year on the site and hopefully once a manager is in post; we can address this issue.

My aim for the coming year is to have all the plots productive and well managed



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Appendix 2 – Chairs Report

Issue	Summary	Current Status
<i>Ridgeway Road Re-surfacing</i>	<p>Had a meeting with David Hardcastle at Clarion, who was the engineer that previously looked at a proposal for Clarion but was never taken forward. He has shared the detail with me.</p> <p>I am seeking a date to meet with the residents to pass on the information. This is a private issue going forward and won't require further LHPC input</p>	A
<i>Highways</i>	Many issues remain outstanding – see separate log. Highways have agreed to meet but not yet confirmed a date.	R
<i>Lloyd Taylor Drain remedial work</i>	<p>Update from the EA:</p> <p><i>“The reinstatement of the new Lloyd Taylor Drain channel has gone well, with only some dressing of the rock with gravels for environmental reasons around the confluence with the River Ash, and some seeding remaining. This will occur in the coming weeks as natural gravels from elsewhere in the scheme become available and the landscape sub-contractor visits to carry out similar seeding throughout the scheme. During the reinstatement work the channel experienced flows as a result of some heavy showers, and these helped the reinstated works settle (rather than eroding) giving confidence that the reinstatement works are sufficiently robust to withstand higher flows, while still providing the intended environmental features.”</i></p>	A
<i>Flood maps</i>	The EA confirm the new map went live in August. I intend to ask them to present as I don't understand the changes in detail	G
<i>Stansted airspace modernisation</i>	No update. Phase 2 ongoing	G
<i>Post office</i>	I continue to negotiate with the Post Office regarding funding for the continued operation at the village hall. I wanted to conclude this in September, but I have not received any replies.	R
<i>River Ash clearance</i>	The EA have confirmed it is scheduled and will come back to me with a date	A
<i>Repairs to the Ford Pump</i>	We have one quote for the repair work required to the pump at the Ford. Further quotes are being sought.	A

