



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 2nd April 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Westlake (Acting Chair)
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr A Hoodless

Also: Clerk, Chair of LH Village Hall (Jan Williamson), 6 Members of the public

24.03.01 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Kent and Cllr Mardell who are on holiday and Cllr Williamson who has a commitment at Albury Parish Council meeting.

24.03.02 Public Issues - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

A complaint about the traffic calming through the village is raised again and asked what is going to be done about it When is the next Speed and Traffic survey to be done. **Action: Cllr Kent to ask for information on dates for a survey to be carried out.**

Jan Williamson asked for the unacceptable road closure outside the Village Hall on the 23rd March to be noted and minuted. It was the Village Hall Open Day and residents were unable to drive to the hall. There was no notification to the Village Hall and nothing on the Highways website. The attitude of the operatives at the site was less than professional. This resulted in very little footfall because of the road closure and the diversion it difficult for members of the public to attend. A claim for compensation is being sought. is proposing for compensation and is pursuing the case. **Action: Clerk to send a letter on behalf of the Parish Council supporting the complaint. Action: Cllr Kent to bring up the complaint at the next Highways meeting. Action: Cllr Kent to request from Cllr McAndrew what information was found during the vector clearing on the 23rd and 24th March.**

Questions for Steven Whipp

- Paul Collins asked when will the statutory flood maps be updated, as the current maps are from December 2021 for the flood alleviation scheme. It is now over 2 years and the maps have not been updated. The insurance companies look at the flood maps to determine the insurance rates. **Action: clerk to request the flood maps be updated.**
- Paul Collins asked if the main flood alleviation barrier in the river ash, which is a concrete tunnel has a throttle to restrict the amount of water going through it. Does it have remote monitoring – if it does, it would appear the system is not working adequately. From observations it is wide open. Why can't we use more of the storage area rather than the water flooding the fields.

Action: clerk to put an article in the Parish News asking if there are any questions for Steven Whipp and the Environmental Agency.



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The hedge cutting of the playing field hedge has left a great deal of cuttings on the footpath.

Action: Cllr Mardell to look into this.

Paul Collins – Highways – speeding through old A120. Been resurfaced, so the rumble strip at the entrance to the village has been covered. Paul asked about the two SIDs we have and if a traffic survey was carried out before their installation and did the Parish pay anything. **Action: find out what we need to get a third SID. Why can't we install a machine without a traffic survey. Check out the written reply we have and go back and ask the question. Action: follow up why Paul Collins fault reports he sent to Graham weren't acknowledged.**

24.03.03 Declaration of interest and dispensations

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.

To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests. None.

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. None.

24.03.04 Approval of minutes held on 5th March 2024 agreed and signed as a true record.

24.03.05 Matters arising from the minutes.

24.03.06 Planning applications - considered by EHC (See Appendix 2) – Cllr Wilkinson Planning decisions - received from EHC (See Appendix 1)

24.03.07 Reports from Working Parties and Committees

- Allotments – Cllr Westlake

1 half plot free at the moment. Cllr Westlake met with a governor of the school who runs a green team at the school and the governor has requested the half plot for use by the children. Cllr Westlake proposed we let the school take on the half plot. All councillors agreed.

Cllr Westlake has spoken to the allotment holders of the increase from £10 to £12. There is now a waiting list for allotment plots. There are a couple of plots that aren't being tended. This will be monitored and if necessary, a letter will be sent to the allotment holder reminding them of their responsibilities.

Community orchard – a new hedge has been planted. Wassailing event on the 16th March went ahead and the people that attended, really enjoyed it. The Nags Head provided complimentary snacks and drinks and fully supported the event. The Parish Council want to thank the owner and members of staff who worked hard to make the event a success.

- Village Improvements Project - UK Prosperity Fund – Clerk

A picnic table with wheelchair access and a raised bench have been ordered. One item has arrived, we are awaiting the second and then they will be cemented in

River Ash - £500 to spend. Have bird boxes from Herts and Middlesex. 2 Wag tail boxes to go under the bridge. Also 6 bat boxes, on to go in each hamlet.

- Recommended HAPTC website (Parish Online) – Cllr Westlake requested the website be updated. Councillors agreed to looking at what is available to improve our website. **Action: Cllr Westlake to look into this and come back with recommendations.**

- Social media update – Cllr Westlake. **Action: Cllr Westlake to look for someone to do the social media for the Parish Council.**

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



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- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson
- **Village Hall** – Jan Williamson – police coming 2.30pm Wednesday 3rd April and will present on Hollie Guard, which is an app on your mobile phone, which is a personal alarm, deterrent, evidence catcher.
Air fryer demonstration is the 2nd Monday of the month.
AGM is on the 30th April. The Village Hall Management Committee are looking for new committee members.
- **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell – nothing to report
- **Playground update** – Cllr Mardell – nothing to report
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Hoodless – nothing to report.
- **Highways** – Cllr Kent - update

24.03.09 Chair's Report

24.03.10 Clerk's Report (Appendix 2)

- To agree to payment of accounts. Agreed
- To accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed

24.03.10 Correspondence

New bus stop project – refurbishment of the Nags Head bus shelter. East Herts Council are running a project reviewing bus shelters in Hertfordshire and have identified our shelter at Hadham Ford as an ideal location to make this bus stop more attractive and enjoyable to use by your residents. We had a meeting with a member of EHC and they are keen for us to liaise with the villager to gain an idea. Two options were given and from those that had an opinion, it was decided to go with a wooden bus shelter with an open front and side windows, See below:



Action: picture of the proposed bus shelter to go in the Parish News.

24.03.12 Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday, 7th May 2024

24.03.13 To close the meeting 20.30.



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Appendix 1 – Planning Report

PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
<p>3/24/0414/LBC PROPOSAL: Replacement windows throughout. Replacement roof and windows to garden room. Internal alterations: removal of partition wall between kitchen and dining room and installation of new doors to the kitchen and boot room; installation of part glazed partition wall to living room; damp proofing treatment to hallway; removal of doors between kitchen and study and dining room and hallway; removal of doorway to first floor en-suite bathroom and installation of a door from the landing to the bathroom at Ford House The Ford Deadline: Please send your comments to EH Council 29/03/2024</p>	No comments
<p>3/24/0481/HH PROPOSAL: Replacement windows throughout and replacement roof and windows to garden room at Ford House The Ford Deadline: Please send your comments to EH Council by: 05/04/2024</p>	No comments
<p>3/24/0582/HH PROPOSAL: Refurbishment of 9 sash windows to north elevation of dwellinghouse and replace front door. Remove roof structure to rear range, build up walls and raise roof level, construct first floor extension with mono pitched roof, install 5 conservation rooflight windows within western roof slope, 2 ground floor windows and 1 first floor window to west elevation, 1 ground floor window to east elevation, replacement glazing to gable end, brickwork chimney to western roof slope. Refurbishment of single storey timber projection to south of dwellinghouse. Repoint/repair/replace brickwork at The Angel, The Ash Deadline: Please send comments to EHC by: 18th April 2024</p>	No objections + 1 abstention
<p>3/24/0583/LBC PROPOSAL: As above</p>	No objections
PLANNING DECISIONS	EH COUNCIL COMMENTS
<p>3/24/0059/FUL PROPOSAL: Demolition of redundant storage buildings, timber apex shed and concrete walls. Erection of new single storey buildings containing workshops (use class E(g)), together with the creation of parking spaces, the provision of charging points and the extension of existing hardstanding at A120 Veterinary Hospital Standon Road</p>	Refuse Planning Permission
<p>3/23/1553/FUL PROPOSAL: Demolition of double garage and erection of new build dwelling with an air source heat pump, a proposed pond, tarmac vehicle entrance and car parking area, and landscaping at Land Adjacent Chalk Pit Cottage Stortford Road</p>	Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
<p>3/24/0077/LBC PROPOSAL: Installation of secondary glazing at ground and first floors at Stumbledown The Ford</p>	Grant Consent subject to Conditions
<p>3/24/0193/HH PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear and side extension with first floor terrace above side extension with glass balustrade and external staircase; loft conversion with rear window and roof lights to front, side and rear elevations at 7 Lime Kiln Place</p>	Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
PLANNING APPEALS	
<p>Land To The South-east Of The Bury, Bury Green Little Hadham SG11 2HE. LPA Appeal Reference: 24/00007/REFUSE The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of planning permission for:- Erection of a new house and the conversion of a curtilage listed outbuilding including inserting new windows and doors, attaching solar panels and a single storey link to new house. Creation of new driveway.</p>	No further action required

