



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr N Kent (Chair)
Cllr C Westlake (Vice Chair)
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr T Hoodless

Also: Clerk, Vice Chair of LH Village Hall (Joan McKinlay), 7 Members of the public

24.06.01 **To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Williamson sends his apologies as he has other Council commitments this evening. Chair of the Village Hall sent her apologies.

- 24.06.02** **Public Issues** - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.
- Paul Collins pleased to see two new 30mph signs. 40mph is still painted out. **Action: clerk to set up a meeting to discuss minor issues with Highways. Contacted Highways awaiting response.**
 - Paul Collins - Building waste being dumped on an area behind Hadham Industrial Estate. It has been observed that there are lorries dumping building waste on this site. There is an area that is being used to hold building waste during the year. Currently the waste is being cleared and moved around the land. It was pointed out that the land at Hadham Hall drains into the pond. There is conjecture that the pond is going to be filled in with large scale waste disposal. Cllr Westlake asked if CPRE would be interested in taking this on. **Action: Cllr Kent suggests we forward this onto the HCC, CPRE and Herts Planning, cc Geoff Williamson.** Paul has sent in a breach of planning report into East Herts as you are not permitted to move waste around without a permit. Paul suggests we get in touch with HCC as a Parish Council to find out what is going on up at the industrial estate. Cllr Kent suggests we ask the council if this is an unlawful dumping.
 - Sign of the Times – Paul Collins. Music festival has gone on for a number of years with traffic management issues. Licensing officer number of permitted people last year was 5,000. Paul has asked Cllr Williamson how many people are allowed to attend this year and if there are any requests to increase the number. Cllr Williamson responded, he will ask and get back to him. Also asked the Licensing Officer at East Herts and has had no response at all. Paul stated this is a yearly event and our elected officials are unable to tell us how many attendees. Cllr Kent observed the posters for the sign of the times have been up for some time, but this is the lowest turnout at the PC for some time, so the objections to the festival are low. There isn't much we can do as a PC if there is not a request from the village.
 - Dave Willet asked one the criticism of the Amafest was the blue light access was affected. The access road from the A120 to the Church is difficult to get into and out of and fears the blue light access wouldn't be able to get through. Cllr Kent asked if anyone has received a residents letter. **Action: Clerk to ask for a copy of the residents letter and also ask them if we can publish it on the PC website.**
 - Cllr Kent read out the responses to questions asked at last month's PC meeting. Which are available to read on the PC website.
Complaint to the EA: **Action: Cllr Kent to speak to Chair of VH to ascertain if the complaint from the village Hall is imminent.**



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24.06.03 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.

24.06.04 Approval of minutes held on 4th June 2024 to be agreed and signed as a true record. Agreed and signed.

24.06.05 Matters Arising from the minutes.

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

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

- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson – nothing to report.
- **Village Hall** – Jan Williamson – The Vice Chair reported: Grants applied for over the last year or two coming to an end. There will be no funding for village hall managed events from September. Quiz night 28th September with 4-8 in a team, and a supper included in the cost. £16 per head. Remind people that the village hall closed in August for anything the management committee put on. Advertising for a treasurer. Trustee Recruitment Board. Cllr Kent to send details to the VH committee as a potential way to gain interest. Picnic tables for the village hall behind the Ash Room. Village Hall asked for the possibility Joan to provide costings for the picnic tables and **Action Vice Chair to provide to the clerk before the end of this week.**
- **Police Report – (Appendix 2)** Cllr Mardell -
- **Playground update** – Cllr Mardell – no report available
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Hoodless – nothing to report
- **Highways** – Cllr Kent – update
- **Community Orchard/Allotments** – Cllr Westlake – Ware College allotment plot 1 has decided to give it up. Email from Cheryl: ***Transport issues, weather restrictions, lack of toilet facilities and public transport confinements. I think we will be silly to think we could continue with the allotment in Little Hadham. It is just too far for us to get to regularly enough to keep on top of it. We thought other classes would use it too, but because the minibuses have been used for vocational options this has not been possible. Thanks for the opportunity, the learners finished college on Friday for the Summer, but they have really enjoyed it and they want to continue, but other teachers have found the distance difficult for the needs of the learners and have found more local opportunities. We will clear our things out within 28 days. King regards, Cheryl.***

Cllr Westlake observed that it doesn't always work if people aren't local. Cllr Westlake suggests we split plot 1 into 2 plots. There are two residents who wish to take the plots on. Cllr Westlake proposes splitting the lot, Cllr Kent seconded. All agreed. Cllr Westlake wants to look at putting a water supply into the allotments. **Action. Cllr Westlake to look at costings for a water supply from the mains as part of the UK Prosperity Fund.** Look at options for water supply.

Orchard – someone vandalised the picnic table. Cllr Mardell has removed it. **Action: Cllr Kent suggests we report it to the police.** Issues with cutting the grass, the person who has been cutting the grass, will not stop, even though there is a new biodiversity project in place. **Action: put an article in the Parish News. Also get a piece from**



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Jonno on the importance of biodiversity. Action: Cllr Kent to look into this. Put in for a new bench for the orchard.

A resident asked if the Bury Green grass could be left longer between cuts and also can there be a wilder area. **Action: clerk to speak to Polo Club. Ongoing**

- **Community Events** – Cllr Westlake – Apple Day 22nd September. From 11-00-3.00 Food is possible. Meet and Greet 14th December. Santa to travel around the hamlets and back to the VH for presents.

Picnic in the orchard – poetry, perhaps September in the community space in the orchard

24.06.08 Finance – (Appendix 3) Clerks Report

1. To agree to payment of accounts.
2. Income, including grants and VAT refunds.
3. To receive and agree bank statements, bank reconciliation and financial report
4. Village Improvements update – bench to be put by the pond on Bury Green. Celia from Bury Green to provide the What 3 Words for the bench. Mary to provide the What 3 Words for the bench at the vineyard.
5. Email / website – Action: set up a meeting with Nina, Bev, Carolyn
6. Update on bus shelter refurbishment at the Ford – awaiting information from EHC.

24.06.09 **Correspondence** – Village Hierarchy has been extended to the end of July. Clerk asked if the councillors had any further comments to make.

24.06.10 **AOB -**

24.06.11 **Date of Next Meeting: 3rd September 2024**

24.06.12 **Close of meeting: 8.56pm**



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Appendix 1 – Planning Report

PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
<p>3/24/0988/HH PROPOSAL: Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension at Giverny 3 Ridgeway Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 27th June 2024</p>	No observations
<p>3/24/1098/VAR PROPOSAL: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 3/23/0305/HH dated 13.04.2023 The amendments include removal of proposed single storey front gable end porch and repositioning of front door opening within existing front projection. Removal of glazed rooflight above orangery and alterations to window/door openings. Change from flat roof to pitched mansard style roof around the perimeter of single storey rear extension with adjustments to the building footprint at Westfield Lodge Westfield Farm Lane Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 5th July 2024</p>	No observations No objections online. Cllr Wilkinson suggests no objections. All councillors agreed.
<p>3/24/0857/HH PROPOSAL: Retrospective erection of carport and storage area for the Ivy Farm at Cradle end Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 5th July 2024</p>	Cllr Wilkinson suggests we object on the same grounds that the PC objected before, when the application was refused. There is an enforcement on a previous application. All councillors agreed to the objection. Clerk to send in the objection. Objection sent in 3/7/24
PLANNING DECISIONS	EH COUNCIL COMMENTS
<p>3/24/0770/HH. Erection of double garage at Hogs Bog Acremore Street</p>	Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
<p>3/24/0780/HH. Demolition of side and rear extensions. Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Alterations to fenestration at 11 The Smithy</p>	Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
PLANNING APPEALS	
<p>Enforcement Appeal: Ivy Farm Cradle End. The owner has appealed to the Secretary of State against the enforcement notice issued by the council concerning:- Without planning permission, the erection of a garage. This appeal is being dealt with by an exchange of written statements between the owner and the Council and will be decided by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. If you wish to make any comments you can do so online at https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk. All representations must be received by 24th July 2024. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. Please quote reference APP/J1915/C/24/3341393. The Planning Inspectorate will not acknowledge representations. They will, however, ensure that letters received by the deadline are passed on to the Inspector dealing with the case</p>	



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Appendix 2 – Police Report

ANSTEY - No reported crimes

HORMEAD - No reported crimes

BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN - No reported crimes

STOCKING PELHAM - No reported crimes

FURNEUX PELHAM - Burglary – from an outbuilding at a property off Duck Street in Furneux Pelham. Wooden garage doors have been damaged, locks stolen, and a quad bike taken from within the building.

ALBURY

- Residential Burglary – a garage was broken into at a property in Albury. A n unknown implement has damaged the door, and a lawnmower was targeted, however this was not taken.
- Residential Burglary – Vehicle keys were stolen from within a property I n Patmore Heath in Albury after damage was caused to the entrance gate at the premises.
- Theft of a parcel from the doorstep of a property in Parsonage Lane in Albury.

LITTLE HAHDAM

- Residential Burglary – a property in Green Street has had the rear window of the patio doors smashed which is believed to be an attempt to enter the premises. The garage has been broken into and tools removed from within.
- Residential Burglary – at a property in Cradle End, Little Hadham. The integral garage was broken into, and a garden strimmer, tools and fishing equipment has been taken from within.

MUCH HADHAM

- Criminal damage to a garage door frame in Trimms Green, Much Hadham. Unknown persons have attempted to gain entry to the garage and have caused damage to the frame.
- Criminal damage Tower Hill Much Hadham. Unknown persons have ridden off-road vehicles across the fields at the recreational grounds causing damage.
- Theft from vehicle, Oudle Lane in Much Hadham. A vehicle has had its front and rear number plates removed whilst parked at the village hall car park.
- Residential Burglary at a property on a track off the B1004.

HUNSDON

- Theft from motor vehicle – a set of number plates have been stolen from a vehicle parked in Homesteads in Hunsdon
- Residential Burglary – a property has been broken into whereby the car keys have been removed and the owners vehicle has been taken from the front driveway
- Theft from motor vehicle - Theft of number plates from outside a property in Acorn Street and also Tanners Way, in the same evening.

WIDFORD - Theft – Wooden logs have been stolen from outside a property in Bell Lane, Widford by unknown persons

WARESIDE - No reported crimes

EASTWICK & GILSTON - No reported crimes

BRAUGHING - No reported crimes

STANDON & PUCKERIDGE

- Theft of motor vehicle – Aston Road in Standon. A vehicle was stolen from the front driveway of a residential property in Aston Road, Standon.
- Theft of Motor vehicle – Batchelors in Puckeridge. A vehicle was stolen from the front driveway of a property in Batchelors in Puckeridge. A suspect has been detained and police enquiries continue.
- Theft of metal from outside a property in Puckeridge. Unknown Offenders have approached the items which had been discarded outside the property and have removed them without permission.



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Other news and updates:

Burglaries statistics appear to have reduced slightly, for dwelling and non-dwelling. Please continue to ensure your property secure and valuables are not left easily in view or accessible.

Document serial numbers and use property markers.

Photograph expensive jewellery and record in a safe location, which can be accessed by any of your devices.

On most makes of vehicle, keyless entry can be disabled.

To reduce the risk of theft, ensure car keys (particularly any spare keys) are secured in a secured location using a signal blocking/Faraday pouch when not in use. Hiding the keys in a metal tin can also restrict the signal from vehicle keys.

Your local policing teams are continuing regular patrols in hotspot areas at key times.

Please continue to report suspicious vehicles that may be seen driving around in your area. If you are able to record the MAKE, COLOUR and REGISTRATION number of the vehicle, that would be very helpful.

Additional Crime Prevention Advice can be found via this link:

<https://www.herts.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>



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Appendix 3 – Clerks Report

Credit					
	Budget	To date			
B/F General		30,841.72			
Precept	10,946.00	£10,946.00			
Allotments					
VAT refund					
UK Prosperity Fund					
S Stigwood					
Totals	10,946.00	£41,787.72			
Income less B/F		£10,946.00			
Debit					
		To date	Budget	Projected balance to pay	Balance to pay
Allotments	0	0.00	20.00		
Audit	0	0.00	300.00		
Banking	0	0.00	72.00		
Mileage	0	21.65	89.50		
Contingency	0	0.00	1,000.00		
Developments	0	0.00	500.00		
Donation	0	0.00	1,300.00		
Bury & Westland Greens	0	0.00	6.41		
Insurance	0	723.20	721.45		
Misc	0	66.95	1,000.00		
P/News	0	0.00	250.00		
Pay	0	1,945.98	9,085.00		
Playgrounds	0	0.00	3,500.00		
Rent	0	29.92	500.00		
Rep/Maintenance	0	1,050.00	1,500.00		
Subscriptions	0	625.78	700.00		
Training	0	0.00	50.00		
UK Prosperity Fund		2,625.70	13,200.00		
Website	0	0.00	300.00		
Totals	0	7,089.18	34,094.36	-27,005.18	0.00
Surplus	10,946	34,698.54			



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28th June 2024			
Unity Trust Bank			35664.4
Petty cash			£0.00
Not cleared bank		Total	£35,664.40
Paid			
C Page	June salary	Pay	£539.34
C Page	June mileage	Mileage	£7.20
J Hammond	June salary	Pay	£100.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	Pay	£9.32
P Knott	June grass cutting	Rep/Maintenance	£310.00
		Total payments	£965.86
Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills			£34,698.54