

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the Thirtieth meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 6th April 2010 at 8.21 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present: **Mr A Morris** **Chairman**
 Mr J Forgham)
 Mr R Gregory)
 Mrs C Piccolo) **Councillors**
 Mr J Purvis)
 Mr G Williamson)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

30.1 Public session.

There were questions or comments on agenda items.

30.2 Absent. Cllr Mrs Wilkinson.

30.3 Declarations of interest. None.

30.4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and seconded by Cllr Williamson.

30.5 Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Thursday 16th April 2009 to be agreed and signed as a true record. Agreed.

30.6 Matters arising from the minutes

30.6.1 Westland Green noticeboard and bus shelter repairs. Cllr Williamson said that the noticeboard was almost complete and would be installed soon. He thanked Mr Chris Sitton who had repaired the bus shelter near the Nag's Head. It still needed a coat of preservative. The shelter near the traffic lights needed some panels replaced and would be dealt with soon.

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30.7 Playgrounds. Plans for addressing the matters raised by the inspection report.

Cllr Williamson said he had studied the report. All the items raised were low or very low risk. The most urgent was an old goal post hole at the Village Hall playground. Cllr Mrs Piccolo agreed to fill this. Cllr Williamson said many points seemed trivial. The Clerk said that pinch points on gates were important for small children. Cllr Williamson said that he would talk to Mr Stephen Stigwood about the barbed wire fence at the end of the Village Hall playground. He said that the frame of the seat at the Ridgeway was cracked and would need watching. The seesaw at the Ridgeway was badly decayed. Cllr Morris asked if it should be removed. Cllr Williamson said that he would estimate the cost of repair as the metal frame seemed to be sound. Cllr Williamson said that he would circulate a detailed review of repairs required.

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30.8 Road matters.

30.8.1 List of outstanding repairs. Cllr Purvis said that there were no outstanding repairs other than potholes. He said that encouraging local people to report potholes directly to HCC was a good idea as reported problems were usually repaired very quickly.

30.8.2 Verges damaged by builders at Bury Green. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that she had spoken to the site manager. He had said that the verges would be repaired when the

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building work was complete in about two or three weeks. She said she would remind him.

- 30.8.3 Flooding at on the Standon Road and Lloyd Taylor Close areas.** The Chairman said that a number of homes were flooded quite frequently. The Flood Forum had written to residents trying to identify which homes were affected though people were reluctant to admit their homes were liable to flooding.
- 30.8.4 Gas leak at the Ash.** The Chairman said that a gas main had been broken during preliminary work for repairing the bridge near the A120 traffic lights. The A120 had been rapidly closed and some residents evacuated until the repair had been made.
- 30.9 Arrangements for the use and maintenance of the telephone kiosks.** The Clerk said that the telephone equipment had been removed and the Council now owned the kiosks. Cllr Williamson said that he was organising a work party for 24th April to clean and refurbish the Bury Green kiosk. The Council would pay for paint and other materials. Cllr Purvis asked about insurance. The Clerk said that the kiosks were covered for third party claims although the kiosks were not covered for loss or damage. Cllr Williamson said that the initial plan was to use the kiosks as a used book exchange. Action
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- 30.10 Parish Plan Group**
- 30.10.1** Cllr Forgham said that a Fun Run was being organised for Sunday 13th June 2010. The run would be followed by a Fun Day to be held at the village hall playground.
- 30.10.2 Activities involving the village school.** Cllr Forgham said that he had had a brief meeting with Mrs Stockley the school Head. The children might provide the refreshments for the Fun Day. Children would design fliers for the Fun Run and also design certificates for those who completed the run. The school might display children's work in the phone kiosks. Action
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- 30.11 Report from the Little Hadham Conservation Society.** Cllr Gregory said that there had been no developments. It was agreed that Mr Don Gibson be invited to give a report for the society at the Parish Assembly. Action
Clerk
- 30.12 Chairman's report.**
- 30.12.1 Parish Assembly Thursday 22nd April 2010.** The Chairman said that plans were in hand – he thanked Cllr Mrs Piccolo for all her efforts. The Clerk said that presentations would be given by Mrs Liz Stockly, the local police sergeant, the organiser of the EHC Arc recycling scheme, Mr Boutal of the bypass planning team and Cllr Tindale. Cllr Piccolo said she was in discussion with six local businesses about displays at the assembly. Action
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- 30.12.2 Council Business Plan.** The Chairman thought that the Plan needed continual consideration. He thought an annual meeting to discuss progress on the plan might be required. Action
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30.12.3 Clerk's Report**30.12.4 Financial statement****Period ending 6th April 2010**

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| Barclay's Bank C/Acc | £8,052.27 |
| StepSaver BP Acc | £5.19 |
| BP Acc | £169.94 |
| Petty cash | £54.16 |
| Total | £8,281.56 |

Uncleared cheques

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| CPRE Herts - councillor planning course | £25.00 |
| Miss A Windmill - litter picker | £97.53 |

To be paid

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| Mr B Evans | P/Clerk - (Mar) | £315.61 | |
| | Exp (Mar) | £19.20 | |
| | Float | £50.00 | £384.81 |
| Mrs K Green | | | £44.40 |
| Miss A Windmill | Litter picking (Mar) | | £97.53 |
| HM Revenue & Customs | PAYE | | £236.80 |
| HAPTC | Annual subscription | | £535.33 |
| Gascoyne Cecil Estates - Bury Green and Westland Green rents | | | £3.13 |
| EHC - playground inspections | | | £112.80 |
| | Total payments | | £1,414.80 |

Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £6,794.23

30.12.5 Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.

30.12.6 Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Proposed Cllr Purvis, seconded Cllr Mrs Piccolo. Agreed.

30.13 Democratic 10 minutes.

A resident said she was surprised that there would be no presentation from SSE at the Assembly. An expanded airport would have a dramatic effect on traffic and noise in the parish. The Chairman said that Stansted expansion would be included as part of his presentation.

30.14 Planning matters. The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.

30.15 Correspondence. The Clerk distributed items of correspondence to relevant members.

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| HAPTC newsletter | AM/CP |
| NALC LCR magazine | AM |
| CPRE Fieldwork magazine | CP |
| SSE newsletter | AM |

30.16 Any other business. Cllr Forgham said that his application to the Stansted Community Trust for a grant towards the printing of a parish biodiversity survey had been refused. The rules had been changed so that items that were to be sold or given away could not be included. Cllr Forgham noted that the Cricket Club had been awarded £1,700 and the school £2,000 towards a 'trim trail'.

30.17 Date of the next meeting Tuesday 4th May 2010.

30.18 The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 9:04 p.m.