

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the Thirty-second meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2007 – 2011 Session) held on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 8.20 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)
	Mrs M Wilkinson)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

32.1 Public session.

There were no questions or comments on agenda items.

32.2 Absent. Cllr Williamson.

32.3 Declarations of interest. None.

32.4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and seconded by Cllr Purvis.

32.5 Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Piccolo and seconded by Cllr Purvis.

32.6 Matters arising from the minutes

32.6.1 Verges damaged by builders at Bury Green. Dealt with in the Planning Committee meeting.

Action
CP

32.7 Playgrounds.

32.7.1 Plans for addressing the matters raised by the inspection report. It was agreed to a new inspection organised by EHC and see what the inspection advised.

Action
Clerk

32.7.2 Ridgeway playground seesaw – should it be repaired? The Clerk said that he was in agreement that residents of the Ridgeway should be involved in the repair of the seesaw as it would give a feeling of ownership and encourage care for the equipment. However he was concerned that repairs should be agreed with the Council before being carried out. In particular that a appropriate weatherproof timber be used and that the repaired apparatus conform to appropriate safety standards. It was agreed that Cllr Williamson should discuss the repair with the resident.

Action
GW

32.8 Road matters.

32.8.1 List of outstanding repairs. Cllr Purvis said that he had spoken to the Herts Highways engineer and there were no outstanding repairs.

32.8.2 Byroad at Westland Green. Cllr Purvis that he had been approach by most of the residents near the green concerning the use of the byroad across the green by 4x4 vehicles. The green was very soft and the vehicles created deep ruts. The vehicles often became stuck and other vehicles tried to pass them in order to tow them out creating still more ruts. The ruts were very unsightly and made access dangerous for walkers. Horses were unable to use the byroad and the local farmer was reluctant to

use his machinery to cut the green. The byroad appeared to be used by 4x4 club rallies – recently a number of vehicles tried to cross the green at 1:00 a.m. As the vehicles became stuck they eventually made ruts three vehicles wide despite the byroad being single track. Cllr Purvis proposed that the Council should ask HCC to impose a traffic control order to prevent vehicles crossing the green.

Cllr Mrs Wilkinson proposed that the byroad should be repaired so that vehicles would not create ruts. If the access were easy, 4x4 clubs would not find it attractive. Cllr Purvis said that making the byroad more permanent would change the nature of the green. The Council agreed to make a request for a traffic control order – for the motion Cllrs Forgham, Gregory, Mrs Piccolo and Purvis; against Cllr Mrs Wilkinson; abstained The Chairman.

Action
Clerk

- 32.9 Arrangements for the use and maintenance of the telephone kiosks.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that shelves were to be installed for use by the book exchange. She would be responsible for Bury Green and Cllr Purvis for the Ford.

Action
CP/JP

32.10 Parish Plan Group

- 32.10.1** Cllr Forgham said that the Fun Run was ready for the 13th June. There would be a band and beer tent for the afternoon in the village hall playground.

32.11 Chairman's report.

- 32.11.1 Council future strategy.** The Chairman said that councillors seemed comfortable with the current position. He noted that the new government intended to abolish the EERA and pass its powers to County Councils. This would move the bypass to the top of the Hertfordshire Plan. He noted that BAA had withdrawn plans for a second runway though it still had authority to double the numbers of passengers from current levels.

- 32.11.2 Fair trade.** The Chairman said that he was minded to make Little Hadham a fair trade parish. He agreed to talk to the organisers of the farmers market.

Action
AM

- 32.11.3 EHC Rural Parish Conference, 9:30 a.m. Thursday 10th June 2010 at Datchworth Village Hall.** Cllr Mrs Piccolo agreed to attend.

32.11.4 Clerk's Report**32.11.5 Financial statement****Period ending 1st June 2010**

Barclay's Bank C/Acc		£12,226.67
StepSaver BP Acc		£5.19
BP Acc		£169.94
Petty cash		£65.87
	Total	£12,467.67

Included above

EHC - half precept	Received 27/4/10	£6,750.00
Allotment rent	Received 18/4/10	£21.00
Uncleared cheque - Miss A Windmill		£97.53

Cheque not yet deposited

Broker network - Insurance premium - Paid 20/5/10		£982.29
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To be paid

Mr B Evans	P/Clerk - (May)	£315.61	
	Exp (May)	£19.20	£334.81
Mrs K Green	Grass cutting and bins		£44.40
Miss A Windmill	Litter picking (May)		£97.53
Mower Services	2 cuts May		£284.35
Mr G Williamson	Kiosk paint		£45.41
Little Hadham School - donations for 2009 and 2010			£600.00
	Total payments		£1,406.50

Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £9,981.35

32.11.6 Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.

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

32.11.8 Financial statement for 2009/10. The Council agreed to accept the statement.

32.11.9 Insurance. The Clerk said that he had contacted NFU Insurance who had said that the company did not provide cover for Council playgrounds. The Council agreed to accept the policy from Aviva.

32.11.10 Audit statement for 2009/10. The Council agreed the statement that had been previously circulated and the Chairman signed the audit document.

32.11.11 Annual Governance statement. The Council agreed the annual governance statement that had been previously circulated and the Chairman signed the statement on the audit statement.

32.12 Democratic 10 minutes.

There were no questions or comments.

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

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

CPRE Newsletter

MW

HAPTC newsletter

CP/AM

SSE newsletter

AM

32.15 Any other business.

32.15.1 Cllr Purvis asked if the base of the hedge at the village hall playground could be trimmed before the Fun Run. The Clerk agreed to make arrangements.

Action
Clerk

32.16 Date of the next meeting Tuesday 6th July 2010.

32.17 The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:55 p.m.