

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2011 – 2015 Session) held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 8:13 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

**Present:**

<b>Mr J Forgham</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr R Gregory</b>	)
<b>Mr G Pearson</b>	)
<b>Mrs C Piccolo</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
<b>Mrs M Wilkinson</b>	)
<b>Mr G Williamson</b>	)
<b>Ms W Woodgate</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

- 19.1. Absent.** None.
- 19.2. Declarations of interest.** None.
- 19.3. Public session.** There were no questions or comments on agenda items.
- 19.4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 19.5. Matters arising from the minutes.** None.
- 19.6. Playgrounds.**
- 19.6.1.** Repairs to the Ridgeway playground. Cllr Williamson said that Mr Foskett intended to make the repairs in a week's time.
- 19.7. Road matters.**
- 19.7.1.** Potholes. The Chairman said a pothole on Ford Hill had caused £1,000 damage to a resident's car. The hole had been filled though he was chasing Herts Highways to make a permanent repair. Cllr Mrs Wilkinson said that a pothole in Chapel Lane had been repaired. Action JF
- 19.7.2.** Vehicles from the side roads jumping the A120 lights. The Chairman said he was contacting the relevant authorities to arrange a meeting. Cllr Gregory asked if the Council should not write to Herts Highways and ask them what they intended to do to tackle the problem. The Chairman reported that a resident had witnessed another dangerous incident. Cllr Ms Woodgate said that drivers seemed to be jumping the lights again. Action JF
- 19.7.3.** Concealed ditch and reflective signs on Chapel Lane near to Westland Green. The Chairman thought it was unlikely Herts Highways would install reflective signs.
- 19.7.4.** Blocked drain under the road at Westland Green. The Chairman said Herts Highways were carrying out work on the A120 in order to reduce flooding.
- 19.7.5.** Update on protection of the gas control box south of Bridge Foot Farm. Cllr Pearson said HCC were investigating a number of possible solutions and a report was expected in about three months.
- 19.7.6.** Installation of recycled plastic planters. Cllr Ms Woodgate said the cheque had been paid and delivery was imminent. Action WW
- 19.7.7.** Little Hadham sign. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said she was waiting to hear from Herts Highways when they received a quotation for the work.

**19.8. Flooding.**

**19.8.1.** Flooding at Green Street. Cllr Pearson said there were still problems. The drains had been checked. It was a matter for the multi-agency meeting.

**19.8.2.** Overflowing sewage at the Nag's Head. Cllr Pearson said Affinity Water suspected field drains might be emptying into the sewer. They would be using dyes to try to trace where the water was coming from. Cllr Pearson said that the problems with the sewers appeared to start in the mid-nineties when Albury was connected to the sewer.

**19.8.3.** Arrangements for a meeting with the agencies involved to consider flood prevention measures in the parish. The Chairman said he had been in contact with Oliver Heald MP who would put things into action. The Chairman hoped the meeting would be arranged before the end of March.

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**19.9. Bury Green**

**19.9.1.** Cutting the grass on the Green. Cllr Mrs Piccolo said that Mr Roat of Romehold was happy to continue cutting the grass at present.

**19.10. Westland Green.**

**19.10.1.** Repairs to the byroad across the green. The Chairman said he had written to Mr Maddex asking what he intended to do. The Chairman thought the rutting on the green was very dangerous.

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**19.10.2.** Grass cutting of the green. The Chairman said Mr Stigwood was still waiting for suitable weather.

**19.11. NHS report.** There was nothing to report.

**19.12. Allotments.** Collection of rents. The Chairman said he had approached a number of people to act as rep.

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**19.13. Parish Plan Group.**

**19.13.1.** No new plans.

**19.14. Parish Assembly**

**19.14.1.** To agree the programme including who to invite to give a presentation. It was agreed to invite Insp Chris Hunt [Herts Police], Mr Richard Beckett [Little Hadham Charities], Mrs Liz Stockley [School Head], Colin Street [Environment Agency] and a spokesperson from Herts Highways.

**19.14.2.** To agree who to invite to prepare a static display. It was agreed to invite Karate Club, Cricket Club, Pantomime Society, Village School, History Club, Brownies and the Bury Green Millennium Wood and pond work group.

**19.14.3.** To agree catering arrangements. Cllr Mrs Piccolo agreed to organise the catering.

**19.15. Chairman's report.**

**19.15.1. Local business directory.** Progress on creating a leaflet detailing local businesses. The Chairman said he had no further news.

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**19.15.2.** Possible use of Bishop's Stortford Minibus Trust Community Transport. The Chairman said he had no response to his application for local people to use the service.

**19.16. Clerk's Report****19.16.1. Financial statement****Period ending 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Barclay's Bank C/Acc		£11,894.58
StepSaver BP Acc		£5.19
BP Acc		£170.16
Petty cash		-£3.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,066.45</b>

**Receipts included above**

VAT refund		£1,554.10
UK Power Networks	Wayleave	£36.64

**Uncleared cheques**

Isobel Hospice - in memory Mr Michael Hurford		£10.00
Little Hadham PCC	Parish News donation	£200.00
Kyokujitsu Kyokushin Karate Club - Donation		£150.00
	<b>Total uncleared</b>	<b>£360.00</b>

**To be agreed for payment**

Mr B Evans	P/Clerk - February	£315.81	
	Exp February	£18.51	
	Float	£50.00	£384.32
Karin Green Garden Services	Grass cutting February		£50.00
Mr A Purvis	Litter picking February		£108.66
CDA for Herts	Subscription		£30.00
Kacey Ltd.	Plastic planters		£718.55
	<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£1,291.53</b>

**Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £10,464.92**

**19.16.2.** Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.

**19.16.3.** Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed.

**19.16.4.** It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Piccolo and Cllr Gregory would form a work party to assess the work of the Clerk including the keeping of the accounts. Action Clerk

**19.17. Democratic 10 minutes.**

There were no questions or comments.

**19.18. Planning matters.** The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.

**19.19. Correspondence.**

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**19.20. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

**19.21. The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:54 p.m.**