

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 41st meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2011 – 2015 Session) held on Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 8:21 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present:

Mr J Forgham	Chairman
Mrs E Lloyd-Williams)
Mr G Pearson)
Mrs M Wilkinson) Councillors
Mr G Williamson)
Ms W Woodgate)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 14 members of the public.

- 41.1. Absent.** Cllr Bhatt [on business].
- 41.2. Declarations of interest.** None.
- 41.3. Public session on matters on the agenda.**
There were no questions or comments on agenda items.
- 41.4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 41.5. Minutes of the Parish Assembly** held on Thursday 16th April 2015 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 41.6. Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 41.6.1.** New noticeboard for the Village Hall. The Clerk said the Village Hall noticeboard had been installed. He thanked Mr Jon Fardell for his help. The Cradle End noticeboard was on order.
- 41.7. Allotments**
- 41.7.1.** Cllr Wilkinson said the picnic area was complete.
- 41.8. Playgrounds.**
- 41.8.1.** Cllrs Mrs Woodgate said the Ridgeway was in good order. Cllr Williamson said one of the footrests on the zip wire was still missing. From the floor, Mr Mick Foskett said he planned to make a repair on the next day.
- 41.9. Road matters.**
- 41.9.1.** Maintenance of the verge outside homes on Standon Road. Cllr Bhatt he was still waiting. County Councillor Mr Andrew McAndrew had it on his list of things to be done. Action CB
- 41.9.2.** Potholes. The Chairman said some holes had been repaired but not all. He said all had been reported.
- 41.9.3.** Vehicles jumping the A120 traffic lights. Several councillors reported dangerous incidents. The Chairman said he would report them to the police. He said that, for practical reasons, police had concentrated on traffic on the side roads jumping the lights. He said he would ask if, in future traffic, on the A120 could also be checked. Action ELW
- 41.10.** Excessive speed of traffic on the Cradle End, Bury Green, Ford Hill and Chapel Lane roads. Cllr Mrs Lloyd-Williams reported on her drive around the roads with the police. They had suggested a ‘Drive Save’ scheme in which local residents were trained to use a speed detection device. The Chairman said this had been used in the past. At least 100m of straight road was needed which was difficult on the side roads. A number of residents had opposed the scheme. The Action Clerk

Chairman asked Cllr Lloyd-Williams to follow up the police advice and to ask for details of drivers fined on local roads to help a local awareness campaign.

Cllr Lloyd-Williams said that many of the 30MPH signs were dirty and difficult to see – she asked residents to send her photographs of examples. She agreed to consult Herts Highways about replacing them with new, more easily seen signs. She would also talk about possible changes in speed limit on some roads and the installation of hamlet gating such as that at Allens Green.

Cllr Lloyd-Williams said the police would measure the volume and speed of the traffic through Bury Green for about a week.

41.11. Footpaths.

41.11.1. Condition of footpaths. The Chairman said most paths were in good repair. A new handrail for the bridge over the Ash on the path from Albury Road to the church was still awaited. Action
JF

41.11.2. Application for a Countryside Management grant. The Chairman said the application was too late but Mr Maddex would find out if any funds were left.

41.11.3. Willow trees next to the river near Ford Fields. The Chairman said he thought the last tree should be trimmed. He said he would talk to Mr Joel Hammond. Action
JF

41.12. Flooding.

41.12.1. Cllr Pearson there was nothing new to report.

41.13. Parish Assembly – Thursday April 16th

41.13.1. The Chairman said the Assembly had been a great success with over 60 residents attending. He thanked the guest speakers, the residents who had supplied displays of their local activities and Cllr Woodgate for organising the refreshments.

41.14. Chairman's report.

41.14.1. Council elections. The Chairman said Cllrs Lloyd-Williams, Pearson and Wilkinson had been elected to the new Council. This was just a quorum. Urgent steps would have to be taken to co-opt 4 new councillors.

41.14.2. Defibrillator. Cllr Lloyd-Williams said the working group would meet next week. There were a number of outstanding issues including: siting; training; supply of a 999 telephone and fitting and paying for an electricity supply. She said the telephone seemed very expensive. The Village Hall seemed the best site as a telephone kiosk would not be accessible to everyone. Action
GP/ELW

41.15. Clerk's Report**41.15.1. Financial statement****Period ending 5th May 2015**

Barclay's Bank C/Acc	£13,042.93
StepSaver BP Acc	£5.19
BP Acc	£170.34
Petty cash	-£18.12
Total	£13,200.34

Included above**Received**

Allotment rent	£130.00
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Paid

Mr M A Foskett [paid 16/4/15] Allotment picnic area	£920.00
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Uncleared cheques

HAPTC - annual subscription	£540.10
Little Hadham School - use school copier	£58.12

Total uncleared £598.22

To be agreed**Paid**

Greenbarnes [paid 14/4/15] Village Hall noticeboard	£1,206.68
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To Pay

Mr B Evans	P/Clerk - April	£318.96	
	Exp April	£13.70	
	Float	£50.00	£382.66
Mr Joel Hammond	Grass, bins & allotments - April		£70.00
Little Hadham Village Hall	Hire hall Feb & Mar	£38.75	
	Use rubbish bin Jan to Mar	£58.50	£97.25
NALC	Annual subs LCR magazine		£17.00
CDA for Herts	Annual subscription		£30.00
Broker Network Ltd.	Annual insurance		£591.48
L Knott, Mower Services	2 grass cuts playing fields		£242.00
Mr Ben Petch	Litter picker April		£114.57

Total payments £2,751.64

Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £9,900.48

41.15.2. Council Insurance. The Clerk reminded the Council that, at the May 2014 meeting, it had agreed a three year deal with Hiscox Insurance through Came & Co. The premium for 2015/16 would be £591.48. The Clerk said that the Council Assets Register showed the rebuild cost of the War Memorial wall to be £10,000 which would cost an extra £64 to insure. However, £10,000 was the cost for a complete rebuild to a higher specification than the existing wall. Recent repairs to the wall had been relatively cheap. It was agreed not to increase the cover.

41.15.3. Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.

41.15.4. Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed.

41.15.5. To agree to payment of accounts. Agreed

41.15.6. To accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed

- 41.15.7.** To consider the Annual Governance Statement. Agreed to sign the Audit document.
- 41.15.8.** To consider the Annual Internal Audit Report. Agreed to sign the Audit document.
- 41.15.9.** To consider the Audit Accounting Statement. Agreed to sign the Audit document.
- 41.15.10.** To agree changes to the bank signatories. The Clerk said that the signatories had been changed to Cllrs Lloyd-Williams, Pearson and Wilkinson who were the only councillors elected to the new Council.
- 41.15.11.** The Clerk said that he would like to attend a HAPTC Financial Briefing on 19th June 2015 at a cost of £90. Agreed.
- 41.16. Democratic 10 minutes.**
 A resident asked about the cameras at the traffic lights. The Chairman said he did not know what they were there for. He would try to find out.
 A resident thought the Village School might be a better site for the defibrillator.
 A resident complained that HCC appeared to take little notice of residents' concerns. He thought they should be made to attend parish council meetings to justify their lack of action.
 A resident said that gullies at Ash Farm on the A120 had not been inspected. The Chairman said he would report the matter.
 A resident said she had organised a free 1st Aid training course with the Red Cross. It would be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on 19th June in the Village Hall.
 A resident thanked the councillors who were standing down from the Council. He wished them a happy retirement. Cllr Lloyd-Williams presented Cllrs Forgham, Williamson and Woodgate with small gifts from the Council.
- 41.17. Planning matters.** The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.
- 41.18. Correspondence**
 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine **MW**
 CPRE for Hertfordshire magazine **MW**
- 41.19. Annual meeting of the new Council – Thursday 14th May 2015.**
- 41.20. Date of next normal Council meeting – Tuesday 2nd June 2015.**
- 41.21. The Chairman closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 9.30 p.m.**