

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2015 – 2019 Session) held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present: **Mrs E Lloyd-Williams** **Chair**
 Mr C Bhatt **)**
 Mr G Pearson **) Councillors**
 Mrs M Wilkinson **)**

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 17 members of the public.

- 1.1** **Absent.** None.
- 1.2.** **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 1.3.** **Co-option of councillor.** The Chair proposed that Mr Chris Bhatt be co-opted. Agreed. Mr Bhatt joined the Council. The Chair said there had been a number of applications for the remaining vacancies. Councillors planned to meet the applicants before making their selection. The new councillors could take their place at the next Council meeting.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. and continued after the Planning Committee at 8:07 p.m.

- 1.4.** **Allocation of posts and responsibilities.** The Chair proposed that this be deferred until the remaining three councillors had been co-opted. Agreed.
- 1.5.** **Public session on matters on the agenda.**
 A resident said that a notice had been put up on a Bury Green footpath saying that walkers were in danger from galloping polo ponies. Were such signs allowed? The Chair said she would find out.
 The resident asked whether some temporary polo pony stables required planning permission.
 A resident said a yellow defibrillator box at Lyndhurst included an emergency phone. The Chair said she would investigate.
- 1.6.** **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 2nd May 2015 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 1.7.** **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting** held on Thursday 14th May 2015 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 1.8.** **Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 1.9.** New noticeboard for Cradle End. The Clerk said the noticeboard was on order.
- 1.10.** **Allotments**
- 1.10.1.** Cllr Wilkinson said there was nothing to report.

1.11. Playgrounds.

1.11.1. The Chair said the playgrounds were in order. She thanked Mr Mick Foskett for repairing the zip wire.

1.12. Road matters.

1.12.1. Maintenance of the verge outside homes on Standon Road. Cllr Bhatt he had spoken to Mr Paul Patmore of Herts Highways who assured him the matter was on the list. Cllr Pearson said this might mean up to 18 months wait as they waited for finance.

1.12.2. Potholes. Cllr Wilkinson said a loose manhole cover on Standon Road needed urgent repair. Cllr Bhatt said he would check the HCC road repair website. Action
CB

1.12.3. Vehicles jumping the A120 traffic lights. The Chair said she was waiting for another police check. She would email Sgt Wallace. Action
ELW

1.12.4. Excessive speed of traffic on the Cradle End, Bury Green, Ford Hill and Chapel Lane roads. The Chair said she was waiting for confirmation of the traffic monitoring. She planned to use the Parish News for a speed awareness campaign. Action
ELW

1.13. Footpaths.

1.13.1. Condition of footpaths. The Chair said that footpaths 32 and 39 had been cleared. She said Mr Jonathan Forgham would continue as footpath rep. She said that Mr Maddex, HCC Footpaths officer, expected to proceed with installing bollards for the Westland Green byroad very soon.

1.13.2. Willow trees next to the river near Ford Fields. The Clerk was asked to speak to Mr Joel Hammond about trimming to last willow tree. Action
Clerk

1.14. Bury Green. Pot hole on the Green. The Chair said she had spoken to the school bus driver who had promised to stop elsewhere. A local resident had agreed to repair the pothole.

1.15. Flooding.

1.16. Cllr Pearson said the Environment Agency had cleared the river bed but, in itself, this would not be enough to stop flooding. There was no word from Thames Water concerning a new sewage pump. Cllr Pearson said he would ask Mr Oliver Heald MP to chase them. Action
GP

1.17. Chair's report.

1.17.1. The Chair said Mr Jonathan Forgham was working on tidying the Millennium Wood. He encouraged residents to use the path through the wood regularly as this was the best way to keep it clear.

- 1.17.2.** Defibrillator. The Chair said the box and signs had been installed and the defibrillator was now available for use once the charity confirmed it was on the ambulance list. She thanked Mr Jon Fardell for his help. Possible installation of an emergency phone needed thought. She understood that 999 calls used any available network even if a user's normal network had no signal. She needed to check this. The Chair said a time for the training needed to be arranged. It was agreed that the Chair would consult on an evening before the summer holiday. She said she would also consult on whether the code to open the box should be circulated to residents.

Action
ELW

1.18. Clerk's Report

1.18.1. Financial statement

Period ending 2nd June 2015

Barclay's Bank C/Acc	£16,123.07
High Interest Acc	£5.19
Business Savings Acc	£170.34
Petty cash	£28.62

Total £16,327.22

Included above

Received

EHC	Half precept	£6,400.00
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Uncleared cheques

CDA for Herts	Annual subscription	£30.00
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To be agreed

Paid

M A Foskett [paid 14/5/15]	Repair to zip wire	£45.00
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Sargies [paid 14/5/15]	Bury Green Grass cut	£80.00
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To Pay

Mr B Evans	P/Clerk - May	£318.76	
	Exp May	£19.71	£338.47

Mr Joel Hammond	Grass, bins & allotments - May	£70.00
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Much Hadham Health Centre	PPG leaflet printing	£25.00
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Little Hadham PCC	PPG leaflet distribution	£25.00
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Mrs E Lloyd-Williams	Gifts	£34.24
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Sargies	Mowing Bury Green - 2 cuts	£160.00
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L Knott, Mower Services	2 grass cuts playing fields	£242.00
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Mr Ben Petch	Litter picker May	£114.57
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Total payments £1,134.28

Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £15,162.94

- 1.18.2.** Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.

- 1.18.3.** Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed.

1.19. Democratic 10 minutes.

A resident asked about the cameras at the traffic lights. Cllr Pearson said they were counting vehicles for HCC. The resident said he had spoken to Herts Highways about the loose manhole cover on Standon Road. They agreed it should be replaced but it might take three months. Cllr Pearson said he would speak to Herts Highways.

A resident said a number of gullies near the A120 traffic lights had not been marked as being cleared. Cllr Pearson said that Ringway had been informed.

1.20. Planning matters. The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.**1.21. Correspondence**

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1.22. Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday 7th July 2015.**1.23. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 8:48 p.m.**