

Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Little Hadham Parish Council (2015 – 2019 Session) held on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 8:36 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

Present: **Mrs E Lloyd-Williams** **Chair**
 Mr C Bhatt)
 Mr A Hoodless)
 Mr G Tooke) **Councillors**
 Mrs M Wilkinson)
 Mr W Wright)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 15 members of the public.

12.1 **Absent.** Cllr Pearson [unwell].

12.2. Declarations of interest. None.

12.3. **Democratic ten minutes.**

A resident spoke of a water leak at Bury Green. She said the water company had tested the water and said it was not a leak from one of their pipes. The Chair agreed to contact the water company. Action
ELW

A resident was concerned that maintaining the parish planters was too much for a volunteer.

A resident spoke about lorries and very noisy motorcycles racing to get through the A120 traffic lights. She noted that the 30MPH signs on Ford Hill were obscured by the hedges.

A resident said there were no 30MPH signs on the C15 when vehicles turned off the A120 towards Hadham Ford. Drivers appeared to mistakenly think the speed limit was derestricted.

12.4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 7th June 2016 to be agreed and signed as a true record. Agreed.

12.5. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

12.5.1. Church End to Hadham Hall bridle path. Cllr Hoodless said he had no new update.

12.6. **Strategic matters**

12.6.1. Neighbourhood Plan. To consider the terms of reference of the steering group. Cllr Wright said that the steering group had held two meetings and had distributed leaflets. They needed volunteers for such things as writing a description of the character of the parish. He said the next meeting would draft an application for a grant which he would email to councillors for their consideration. He proposed that the terms of reference, that had been circulated to councillors, be adopted. Agreed. Action
WW/CB

12.6.2. Draft East Herts District Plan. Meeting with the Head of Planning Policy. The Chair agreed to arrange a meeting. Action
ELW

12.7. **Highways**

12.7.1. Excessive speed of traffic through Cradle End, Bury Green, Acremore Street, Ford Hill, Chapel Lane and C15. The Chair said she would organise a working party to consider the signage and particularly dangerous corners. They would try

	to apply pressure to get things improved although HCC appeared to be waiting until the bypass was built before considering traffic calming measures.	Action ELW
12.7.2.	Outstanding road repairs including potholes. Cllr Hoodless said that HCC had announced a 'summer surge' in maintenance of roads, hedges and signs. He agreed to contact Cllr McAndrew to ensure Little Hadham got its share.	Action TH
12.7.3.	Cutting of the verges. The Chair said she would contact EHC.	Action ELW
12.8.	Environment affairs	
12.8.1.	Apparent increase in aircraft noise over the parish. Cllr Bhatt said he had emailed Stansted Airport. He'd been informed that flight paths not changed over the parish. Planes were contained in a 3Km corridor. Cllr Bhatt said there had been an increase in the number of cargo flights.	
12.8.2.	Footpath 37 between Church End and Hadham Hall. Mr Maddex had asked if anyone knew the new owner of the land.	
12.8.3.	Access for horse and riders on bridleways 17 and 49. Cllr Hoodless said Mr Maddex, HCC footpaths officer, had agreed with the owner to refit gates to British Standards. One pair of gates would be removed. The owner had been given 4 weeks to comply.	
12.8.4.	Application for a P3 grant. Cllr Hoodless said Groundworks were due to send him new forms.	Action TH
12.9.	Groups and Amenities There were no reports.	
12.10.	Community	
12.10.1.	To consider arrangements for Hadfest on Saturday 16th July 2016. Cllr Bhatt said he had checked the insurance which was the same as last year.	
12.10.2.	Millennium Wood. Application for listing as a Community Asset and progress on raising funds to buy the site. The Chair said EHC had not yet added the wood to the register though it was said to be in favour. Funds were still coming in.	
12.10.3.	Playgrounds. Cllr Tooke said they were both undamaged,	
12.10.4.	6-a-side football nets. It was agreed that the Scouts could have one net.	Action ELW
12.10.5.	Replacement toddler swing seats for the Ridgeway playground and gate for the Ridgeway playground. Cllr Tooke said they were on order.	
12.10.6.	Knott in zip wire. Cllr Tooke said he was waiting for Mr Foskett to be fit enough to make the repair.	
12.10.7.	Planters. Cllr Wilkinson said that Mrs Ann Read had offered to maintain the planters. She proposed that the Clerk discuss the matter with her. If she felt unable to deal with them she proposed the Clerk discuss the maintenance with Mr Joel Hammond. Agreed.	Action Clerk
12.10.8.	Allotments. Cllr Wilkinson said there was nothing to report.	
12.10.9.	Damaged bus shelter on the A120. Cllr Bhatt said he had sent photos of the damage to Mr Mick Foskett who thought it could be repaired. He would give a quotation when he was fit again.	
12.11.	Consultation and Public Relations	
12.11.1.	Parish website. The Chair said the website still awaited content. The Clerk said he would publish what he had and wait for extra content.	Action Clerk

- 12.12. Flooding.** The Chair read a report from Cllr Pearson: Since New Year's Day there have been 5 occasions of the highway flooding between the Village Hall and Ford End, 21 severe weather warnings, the last 11 during June, and 3 flood alerts issued for the River Ash – the last being on 27th March.
The drains at Green St, Cradle End, A120, and The Ford are still awaiting attention from Highways as they are still blocked and cause flood concerns. The drain at the C15 near The Smithy still awaits attention from Highways as that is backing up causing half of the highway to flood during heavy rain. The River Ash is now reacting straight away to rainfall which means the surrounding fields and sustainable drainage areas are now waterlogged so the rainfall just runs off straight away.
- 12.13. Security Matters**
- 12.13.1.** Cllr Bhatt reported a suspicious person in the village early in the morning. He asked that suspicions be reported to the police using the 101 phone number.
- 12.14. Parish Council matters.**
- 12.14.1.** Storage of historical Council documents. The Chair said that she would contact Mrs Fardell to arrange collection of the documents. A list of documents for the archive would have to be compiled. Action
ELW
- 12.14.2. Chair's report.** The Chair had nothing extra to add. Action
ELW
- 12.15. Clerk's Report**
- 12.15.1. Financial statement**
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| Unity Trust Bank | | | £15,513.46 |
| Petty cash | | | £10.75 |
| | | Total | £15,524.21 |
| To be agreed | | | |
| To Pay | | | |
| Staff salaries | June | | £535.24 |
| Staff salaries | July | | £514.78 |
| Clerk's expenses | June & July | | £26.20 |
| Sargies | Bury Green grass cut | May | |
| HM Revenue & Customs | PAYE | | £246.80 |
| Sutcliffe Play | 2 replacement swing seats | | £277.20 |
| Little Hadham Village Hall | Use Hall April to June | £57.90 | |
| | Refuse disposal | £58.50 | £116.40 |
| Personalise Your World Ltd. | Neighbourhood Plan leaflets | | £35.00 |
| P Knott [Mower Services] | 3 playground grass cuts | June | £363.00 |
| | | Total payments | £2,114.62 |
| Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills | | | £13,409.59 |
- 12.15.2.** Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.
- 12.15.3.** Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed.
- 12.16. Planning matters.** The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.
- 12.17. Correspondence**
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| Clerks & Councils Direct magazine | ELW |
| NALC LCR magazine | ELW |
- 12.18. Date of next ordinary Council meeting – Tuesday 6th September 2016.**
- 12.19. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 9:32 p.m.**