

# Little Hadham Parish Council

Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** (2015 – 2019 Session) held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 8:09 p.m. in the Village Hall, Little Hadham.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mr G Tooke</b>	<b>Acting Chair</b>
	<b>Mr T Hoodless</b>	)
	<b>Mr G Pearson</b>	) <b>Councillors</b>
	<b>Mr W Wright</b>	)

Mr B Evans – Clerk, and 11 members of the public including District Cllr Geoff Williamson.

- 30.1. Absent.** Cllr Lloyd-Williams [on holiday], Cllr Wardrop [on holiday] and Cllr Wilkinson [unwell].
- 30.2. Declarations of interest by councillors on any items below.** None.
- 30.3. Democratic ten minutes.**  
 A resident spoke about the cutting of the hedge on the C15 north of the Village Hall playground. She said thorns had been left on the footway. Cllr Pearson said he had reported the matter to Herts Highways.  
 A resident reported that the redundant phone kiosk on the Standon Road near the traffic lights had become an eyesore. She asked who she contact to have it removed. The Clerk said he would try to find a phone number.
- 30.4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to be agreed and signed as a true record.
- 30.5.** Matters arising from the minutes. None.
- 30.6. Strategic matters**
- 30.7.** Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Wright said there would be a meeting in the Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for owners of the seven possible building sites, considered either green or amber by AECOM, to put their cases to members of the public. People at the meeting would be able to express their opinions on the sites. Cllr Wright said those unable to attend the meeting would also be able to express an opinion though the method for doing this had yet to be agreed. Cllr Wright said he understood there were differences of opinion about whether the Plan should name possible building sites but he was of the view that the community would be better protected from undesirable developments if it did. Speaking about the proposed housing for the former GSK site in Bury Green, Cllr Wright there would be a meeting of EHC officials, including those involved in Neighbourhood Plans and Planning, to consider the District Council's policy for the site. Cllr Wright said he wanted to make it clear that the Neighbourhood Plan steering group had no plan to recommend the proposed housing plans at the site.
- 30.8. Highways**
- 30.8.1.** Outstanding road repairs including potholes. Cllr Pearson said he had reported the thorns on the C15 footway.
- 30.8.2.** Bypass. There were no new reports.

- 30.9. Environment affairs**
- 30.9.1.** Condition of footpaths. Cllr Hoodless said there was nothing to report.
- 30.9.2.** Inspection of trees for which the Council is responsible. Cllr Hoodless said he was still chasing Gascoyne Cecil Estates. Action TH
- 30.9.3.** Damage to the war memorial wall. From the floor, Mr Foskett said he would carry out the work on the coming Friday.
- 30.9.4.** Noise from aircraft using Stansted Airport. Cllr Wright thought the Council should take a more active role to combating aircraft noise. He said he would study the latest SSE correspondence. Action WW
- 30.9.5.** Damage to parish kiosks. Deferred until Cllr Lloyd-Williams was available.
- 30.9.6.** Planters. To consider the use of a planter by the Brownies. Cllr Pearson said the Brownies would like to plant flowers as part of one of their badges. He proposed that one of the planters be moved into the Village Hall car park. Agreed. From the floor Mr Stephen Stigwood agreed to use his equipment to make the move. Action GP
- 30.10. Groups and Amenities**
- 30.11. Community**
- 30.11.1.** Playgrounds. Cllr Tooke said the playgrounds were in generally good condition. He said the fences needed repairs and proposed that the Council accept two quotes from Sargies - £282 for the Village Hall playground and £331 for that at the Ridgeway. Agreed.
- 30.11.2.** Replacing/repairs playground gates including use of Tesco grant. Cllr Tooke said he had almost given up on obtaining a quote from the resident. He said he would try to keep to the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and would seek some alternative quotes. Agreed. Action GT
- 30.11.3.** Replacement litter bin for the Ridgeway playground. Cllr Tooke proposed the Council accept a quote for a metal bin - £310 +VAT. Agreed. Action Clerk/GT
- 30.11.4.** Report on the public meeting held by the developers of the former GSK site. Cllr Wright thought the developers had manipulated residents' views and comments to make it appear they supported their proposals for about 60 homes on the site. He noted that many Bury Green residents had signed a letter objecting to the proposed plans. He stressed that the Neighbourhood Plan group could not support the current plans and were looking to find a middle way. He thought the group might write to the Bury Green residents giving some, if not complete, support to their views. He thought the letter would have to be agreed with the Council.
- 30.11.5.** Allotments. Working group had yet to meet. Action ELW
- 30.12. Consultation and Public Relations**
- 30.13. Parish Assembly Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**
- 30.13.1.** To consider who to invite to give presentations. Cllr Hoodless agreed to organise the catering. Action TH

**30.14. Security matters**

**30.14.1.** Cllr Hoodless said there had been an incident of stone throwing at passing cars in Albury Road. The police had been called and names of possible culprits taken. Cllr Wright asked what the young people were looking for. He wanted the Council to take a positive attitude to finding things for them to do. Cllr Tooke said the request for a youth club or a shelter in the playground were not really practical. They had asked for a goal in the playground which the Council had supplied.

**30.15. Flooding.** Cllr Pearson said the heavy rain had resulted in flooding of the road near the Village Hall. He said he had cleared the ditch along the boundary of his property and the EHC drainage officer would ask landowners downstream from him to clear their part of the ditch. EHC was still looking for possible sites for flood overspill ponds.

**30.16. Parish Council matters.**

**30.17. Chair's report.** There was no report.

**30.18. Clerk's Report****30.18.1. Financial statement****Period ending 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**

Unity Trust Bank		£27,696.97
Petty cash		£35.28
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£27,732.25</b>

**To be agreed****To Pay**

Staff Salaries	March		£517.42
Clerk's expenses	March		£32.30
Little Hadham School	Use of copier		£67.83
Gascoyne Cecil Estates	Bury Green rent	£6.28	
	Westland Green rent	£0.13	£6.41
Little Hadham School	Donation		£150.00
Little Hadham Brownies	Donation		£100.00
Little Hadham Mothers & Toddlers	Donation		£100.00
Little Hadham Village Hall	Donation		£500.00
HATPC	Annual subscription		£572.51
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Jan to Mar		£248.80
	<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£2,295.27</b>

**Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £25,436.98**

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

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

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

**30.20. Date of next ordinary Council meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

**30.21. The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 9:03 p.m.**