



# Little Hadham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Little Hadham Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May via videoconference at 8.30pm

Present: Cllr M Atwell  
Cllr C Westlake  
Cllr M Wilkinson  
Cllr R Mardell  
Cllr Hoodless  
Cllr N Faraday

Also: Clerk: C Page, 7 members of the public

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**21.04.01 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Arkell sends his apologies.

**21.04.02 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting** held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Agreed to post the draft minutes from this meeting on the web site. Cllr Attwell proposes to approve the minutes, Cllr Mardell seconded, all agreed to the acceptance of the minutes. No actions from that meeting.

**21.04.03 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Annual Parish Meeting – no actions.**

**21.04.04 To receive the Little Hadham Annual Report 2020/21.** Report received

**Little Hadham Parish Council Chair – Michael Attwell**

Cllr Attwell read his report to the meeting.

**Little Hadham Village Hall – Jan Williamson**

Jan presented a powerpoint of photos showing the progress made in the Village Hall over the last year. The presentation can be viewed on the Little Hadham Parish Council website.

**District Councillor - See Annual Report**

**Little Hadham Parish Council Planning – See Annual Report**

**By-Pass Team –** The bypass team presented to the meeting. Cllr Attwell wants to talk about traffic management. Residents in the eastern end of the parish noticed an influx of traffic in and around the lanes over the weekend, and has happened before on road closures. The drivers tend to drive faster than usual. More signposts and clearer notices to be made over the route. Cllr Attwell has emailed the bypass team and awaits to hear back. Two further closures over this weekend and the weekend after are planned and would like to hear what has been learned from last weekends signage. There was additional work not undertaken in Bury Green, which meant there was further signage up. Cllr Hoodless has a video of a bus trying to get through the lanes, which suggests bus drivers are unable to follow the diversions. Seamus said he completely agrees that drivers ignore the signs. The Bypass team tried to direct traffic, but to no avail, the drivers ignored the direction. . The PC asked that the signs would be to show no access to Bishops Stortford. Cllr Mardell said he has a road closure outside his house and



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spent hours watching people going through the barrier, and the odd few that paused and asked Cllr Mardell if it was open. People are trying to chance that the work hasn't started, and go as far as they can and going too fast because they were unable to get through. Cllr Attwell asked Andrew Freeman to get Darren Grainger to give us a response. Andrew agreed to do that. What is the outlook of the project when is completion Cllr Attwell asked the bypass team. They are hoping it will be later in the year for completion.

Andrew Freeman – making a summary of the consultation report to be presented at the June PC for the phase 1 works. Cllr Mardell asked about the crossing idea, so near to the lights would cause a tail back due to cars coming from Standon or the villages then meeting a red light and having to queue. Andrew said there is no way they are going to put a crossing in that is unsafe. Every single aspect of risk is considered. That is part of the process of design and delivery of this type of movement. Crossing will be linked with the signals to make it as efficient as possible. We don't know what the drop in vehicle movements will be once the bypass opens. Andrew thanked the PC and school as the consultation has gone so well and the comments help us to deliver something that you want.

**21.04.05 Question Time –** Concern was expressed over the Tile Kiln roundabout and some areas that appear to be grassed. Any danger of travellers stopping off there. Cllr Attwell said a very good question. Cllr Williamson said it has happened in Bishops Stortford a couple of times and it is relatively easy to move them on.

Cllr Mardell asked what was behind the tree felling. A resident has heard that they want to build a house on the site. Cllr Atwell thanked EH for acting so quickly to protect the trees. Cllr Westlake asked if they can be made to plant trees. Cllr Williamson thinks if the tree were felled without a felling licence and if it was required, then they could be instructed to replant with instructions from the Forestry Commission and Environment Agency

**21.04.06 Close of Meeting – 21.47**

For members of the press and public, the Parish Council meeting is being held virtually via Zoom videoconference. All normal Parish Council rules apply. There will be the normal Democratic 10 minutes for questions. Contact the clerk and she will invite you.  
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