



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 1st July at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr N Kent (Chair)
Cllr C Westlake
Cllr R Mardell
Cllr M Moore
Cllr Wilkinson

Also: Clerk, Cllr Williamson, 10 Members of the public, Chair of the Village Hall

25.06.01 **Receive and accept apologies for absence.** Councillor Hoodless sent his apologies. The Parish Councillors asked for the reason.

25.06.02 **Public Issues** - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

- Highways – awaiting to hear back from County Councillor Mark Pope that he is joining the Highways and Parish Council meetings.
- Sign of the Times – Cllr Williams provided an update. The request for the licence to be reviewed was put in on the 28th Ma. The event holder voluntarily surrendered the licence on the 16th May, which made the official Council review redundant. It was feasible for the licence to be transferred within the 30-day window, which would take us to the 14th of June. No such application was made, so the licence no longer exists. If anyone wants to hold any kind of event replicating what Sign of the Times would have been, will have to apply for a new licence from scratch.
- Ongoing Parish Council Projects
 - **River Ash Monitoring** – an update from Cllr Westlake. Waiting for the co-ordinator to contact us, but at this time he is too busy to help, but we have 3 people who have experience in monitoring the river and the next stage will be to set up a meeting. The school are also keen to get involved with the monitoring. Cllr Wilkinson asked to be added to the volunteer list.
 - **Ridgeway Project** - to turn an unused play area into a community area that will cater for all our residents and create an inclusive space – update clerk. Going to run this as a longer term. **Action: clerk to contact local businesses re potential funding.**
 - **Bus Shelter Project** - The school are going to create art works for installation in each shelter as an ongoing project. The children will choose and create the artworks, perhaps: poppies for Remembrance Sunday; Christmas themed art etc. Shelters are on order; plans are drawn up. Cllr Williamson advised the bus shelter by the school is owned by the parish council. **Action: Cllr Williamson to check if any other bus shelters are owned by the Parish Council.**
 - Community Breakfast – The school have offered to come along to the September breakfast to help serve, chat to the guests and give a group poetry meeting.
 - Concern has been raised from residents at the Smithy. The tree at the back of the first house on the right as you enter the Smith has been pruned back and the branches have been dumped on the grass verge. **Action: report to Clarion regarding the abandoned branches.** The pavement at the Smithy is also in a poor state of repair due to a grab lorry taking rubbish from the garden damaged the footpath, between the steps and the main road. **Action: put a notice on the Parish News that people to report directly to HCC any pavement or road damage.**



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Action: find out which company completed the rubbish clearance as they are liable for the damage.

- Dave Willett - Hadham Motor Co. on the A120, 3-4 vans parked on the pavement. Leaving very little room for parents to walk along the pavement to the school. Obtain a plan of the road. **Action: report to East Herts for parking and Highways.**
- Telephone boxes – Cllr Williamson asked about the telephone boxes and are there any plans to maintain them. As the boxes are owned by the Parish Council, the maintenance will be carried out. The one in the Ford is not as well maintained as the one at Bury Green. **Action: find out if we still want it to be a book exchange and if so, can we get someone to maintain them. Contact the volunteers.**

- 25.06.03 Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. None
- 25.06.04 Approval of minutes** held on 2nd June 2025 to be agreed and signed as a true record.
- 25.06.05 Matters Arising from the minutes.**
- 25.06.06 Planning applications** - considered by EHC (See Planning Report) – Cllr Wilkinson
Planning decisions - received from EHC (See Planning Report)
- 25.06.07 Reports to the Council - receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies.**
- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson – nothing else to report
 - **Village Hall** – Chair of Village Hall – Pack up at end of July, August off. Back in September. Vice Chair asked if there are any volunteers to help for the café or the breakfasts or generally any help required.
- 25.06.08 Reports from the Parish Council – to receive reports from the Parish Councillors**
- **Playground update** – Cllr Mardell – Seats on the swings are becoming very unhygienic. Cllr Mardell suggests putting bird spikes on the top of the swings, which will discourage birds to poo **Action: check what other playgrounds do and if it is possible to do this.**
 - **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell – nothing to report. Cllr Wilkinson has reported the horses being loose on the road. The police advised if in the middle of the road, call 999 as it is dangerous. The issue has been resolved
 - **Footpaths** – Cllr Hoodless – nothing to report
 - **Community Orchard/Allotments** – Cllr Westlake – Sunday 20th July BBQ. A warning letter to be sent a couple who have not worked on the allotment this season. Two halves and a whole plot, potentially available. Joel has put a tap on the tank, which he fills twice a week.
 - **Benches and Information Board** – Cllr Mardell – 3 out of 4 of the boards are up. The final one is to go at Hadham Hall or Church End. Benches are all in, Cradle End, Westland Green, Bury End, Playing Field. Removed the old benches from the playing field and disposed of them, as they were highlighted on the audit of the playing field as being unfit for use.
 - **Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Moore** – The East Herts spending review has removed all funding for new Neighbourhood Plans. Which means no new Plans are going to be supported financially We need to find out if we can move forward and this will be



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discussed at the Neighbourhood Planning meeting tomorrow night to see if the group is viable to go forward. Update at next PC meeting

25.06.09 Finance – Clerks Report

1. To agree to payment of accounts.
2. To receive and agree bank statements, bank reconciliation and financial report.

25.06.10 Correspondence / AOB –

- Paul Collins advised there is an ongoing problem with the landowner of Church End who bought the land from Paul's family in that he is using an area of the land as a dumping ground for his building waste. This year it would appear he has brought in builders waste, which Paul claims is an unlawful importation of waste. The rubbish is being dumped on a slope going down to the river, which will leach into the Ash as the drains at Church End aren't adequate for the water run-off from the buildings.

25.06.11 Date of Next Meeting: 2nd September 2025

25.06.12 Close of meeting: 20.36

If any member of the public or press wish to join the Little Hadham Parish Council meeting, they can contact the Clerk on: clerklittlehadham@gmail.com



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Appendix 1 – Planning Report

PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
3/25/0778/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of twelve holiday lodges at Silver Leys Polo Club, Millfield Lane, with provision for internal access road, parking spaces and bin stores Send your comments to EHC by 5th July 2025	12 lodges – nothing to do with the original business and fearful it is a precursor to a housing estate. Cllr Wilkinson suggests we don't approve it. A member of the public says this is another application to develop and each plot is marked out looking like a housing estate. Cllr Kent seconded the objection. All councillors agreed. Reasons for objecting: Millfield Lane is not adequate or suitable for increased traffic. Unanimous all councillors
3/25/0814/FUL PROPOSAL: Maintenance Entrance to Woodland to The West of Warners Hill, North of Ash Valley Golf Club Much Hadham Send your comments to EHC by 25th June 2025	It is the access to the woodland next to the Ash Valley golf club. On a blind bend. Cllr Kent suggests we object on the grounds of dangerous access and egress. Cllr Kent proposes an objection. Cllr Wilkinson seconded, all councillors agreed. .
3/25/0959/HH PROPOSAL: Erection of a new outbuilding at The Gables, Chalk Gardens. Send your comments to EHC by 22nd July 2025	No comments



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Appendix 2 – Finances

Credit					
	Budget	To date			
B/F General		22,301.83			
Precept		£11,165.00			
Allotments		£0.00			
VAT refund		£0.00			
Westland green rent		£0.00			
Totals	0.00	£33,466.83			
Income less B/F		£11,165.00			
Debit		To date	Budget	Projected balance to pay	Balance to pay
Allotments		0	20.00		20.00
Audit		0	350.00		350.00
Banking		12	72.00		60.00
Mileage		29	89.50		60.70
Contingency		0	1,000.00		1,000.00
Developments		0	500.00		500.00
Donation		0	2,360.00		2,360.00
Bury & Westland Greens		0	6.41		6.41
Insurance		700	721.45		21.85
Misc		66	1,000.00		934.12
P/News		0	350.00		350.00
Pay		2,795	9,085.00		6,290.36
Playgrounds		0	4,010.00		4,010.00
Rent		100	500.00		399.76
Rep/Maintenance		1,240	3,500.00		2,260.00
Subscriptions		659	2,240.00		1,580.83
Training		70	50.00		-20.00
Website		0	300.00		300.00
Totals	0	5,670.33	26,154.36	-20,484.03	20,484.03
Surplus	0	27,796.50			



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26-Jun-25			
Unity Trust Bank			30603
Petty cash			£0.00
Not cleared bank		Total	£30,603.00
Paid			
Zurich	Annual insurance premium	Insurance	£ 699.60
C Page	June salary	Pay	£ 519.61
C Page	June mileage	Mileage	£ 7.20
J Hammond	June salary	Pay	£ 150.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	Pay	£ 29.05
Little Hadham Village Hall	May hall hire	Rent	£ 25.06
Little Hadham Village Hall	June hall hire	Rent	£ 25.06
Little Hadham Village Hall	July hall hire	Rent	£ 25.06
Mokut Mower	June grasscutting	Rep/Maintenance	£ 310.00
C Page	July salary	Pay	£ 519.61
C Page	June mileage	Mileage	£ 7.20
J Hammond	July salary	Pay	£ 150.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	Pay	£ 29.05
Mokut Mower	July grasscutting	Rep/Maintenance	£ 310.00
		Total payments	£2,806.50
Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills		£27,796.50	



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Appendix 2 – Financial Report



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