



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 September 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr N Kent (Chair)
Cllr M Moore (Vice Chair)
Cllr T Hoodless
Cllr R Mardell
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr S Eddowes

Also: Clerk, 10 members of the public, Cllr Mark Pope, Cllr Jeff Jones, Mark Hall (Chair of the Village Hall)

26.07.01 Apologies for absence – Vice Chair of the village hall

Land North of A120

Following last month's update, the Parish Council continue to work on the objection to the prospective development. The unique elements of the site are the view looking up the valley to the church and the River Ash chalk stream. Further investigation is being undertaken as to ways in which the River Ash can be protected. Cllr Kent asked for any particular opinions from members of the public on either of these things

Proposed Data Centre – Bury Green

Planning permission has already been granted in 2008 for a data centre at Bury Green and the developers seek to vary the existing application to facilitate the build, in part to fill the proposed void in the middle of the two proposed buildings.

The Parish Council have asked to see the traffic Management Plan, particularly as this will be nearly 20 years old. We have also sought reassurances as to how the construction traffic are to gain access to the site.

The application to vary the current approved application will be lodged shortly, and residents will be able to object in the usual way. A lawful development certificate was issued in 2024 to confirm the planning permission from 2008 had been commenced and so any objections should be focused on the variation as the principal development already has permission. Application to vary will be in shortly, but the residents need to lodge any objections as the parish council will also. The variation is for the void in the middle of the two buildings and solar panels are to be installed on the buildings. The government has designated data centres as critical infrastructure – what type of data centre is this going to be?

The developers state that the data centre will be powered by diesel generators until the National Grid can provide a connection.

A member of the public noted that there are endangered species, newts, badgers, and bats on the site. Look into lawful use as it's been abandoned. .

Public inquiry for Land off Chapel Lane

Representatives from the Parish Council attended. Our District Councillor spoke on our behalf. There were 12 local residents in attendance. Two conditions have not been met: disposal of foul water and runoff water. We now await a decision from the planning inspector.



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Wood of Acremore Street

We have been informed that the Appeal against the Forestry Commission and the Restocking Order at the Wood on Acremore Street has been refused and the landowners now have until June 2027 to restock the felled area with 88 trees either by regeneration, replanting or a mixture of both.

- 26.07.02 Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. **None received**
- 26.07.03 Approval of minutes** held on 7th July 2026 agreed and signed as a true record.
- 26.07.04 Matters Arising from the minutes.**
Public Issues A key part of the area for the development of Land off the A120 is the River Ash. Cllr Eddowes to move forward with obtaining support from East Herts to provide the relevant personnel to work with on this. A member of the public asked about the chalk stream and should not it be protected. Also, the question of light pollution was raised. Cllr Kent asked for a point of contact on the Albury Road. **Action: the clerk to locate a volunteer. (Done).** Also, the cherished view of St. Cecelia's church, and the beauty of the valley itself was observed as reasons for not developing the land. **Action: contact the Environmental Agency. Cllr Moore to try to find some experts in the council on the chalk stream. Contact the CPRE.**
- 26.07.05 Planning applications** - considered by EHC (See Planning Report) – Cllr Wilkinson
Planning decisions - received from EHC (See Planning Report)
- 26.07.06 Reports to the Council – receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies**
- 1. County Councillor Report** – Cllr Mark Pope
 - Resurfacing of the footpath is complete by the garage, some of the bollards are being replaced outside the garage.
 - Hedging needs to be cut back along the Stortford Road to ensure traffic signs are visible.
 - Attempting to get Ford Hill added to the gritting list for this Winter
Flooding issues outside the Village Hall – discussions with senior office who came to the site and examined using existing infrastructure. One solution would be to explore using the existing pipework under the village hall before there is consideration of installing new pipework.
 - A new Highways meeting to be set up with the Parish Council re traffic calming measures on the A120.
 - A proposal has been made for Much Hadham to have double yellow lines on certain parts of the main road. Cllr Kent asked if there would be a case for them along the road from the Ford. For discussion at the Highways meeting. The application for 20mph zones is a work in progress, which is as part of the A120 bypass follow up looking from the school downwards and along the Albury road.
 - 2. District Councillor Report** – Cllr Jeff Jones – attended the Summer Fayre which seemed to be a well-attended and successful event.
 - 3. Village Hall** – Chair of Village Hall – the village hall has resumed all events in September. October there will be a Sunday roast.
- 26.07.07 Reports from the Parish Council – to receive reports from the Parish Councillors:**
- Playground update – Cllr Mardell, The inspection report has suggested the swings on the Ridgeway need removing. Which Cllr Mardell has done. The playing field at the Village Hall highlights a small amount of maintenance and cleaning to the equipment, that we will be able to do ourselves, which involves pressure washing. Looking at whether we try to



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find a generator to get the power down there. Mick has a generator. **Action: carry out the cleaning and repairs. Cllr Mardell to arrange**

- Replacing the treadway on the zipline will; be done in house. The roundabout is very stiff, not going round very fast.
- We have applied for a play equipment grant application for a climbing wall and football goals
- Zipwire – Sovereign have completed the inspection report. If we go to another company to get them to do the report, we will have to pay for the inspection. We have taken in house as much as we are able to do, which leaves the work on the zipwire to be done professionally. Cllr Kent said we have gone as far as we can with this and suggests we approve the payment and get the work carried out. Cllr Mardell seconded. All councillors agreed. The cost is £2,390 plus VAT for the zipwire maintenance. .
- **Police update – Cllr Mardell**
 - The police update is that East Herts Rural NPT currently consists of **nine officers** responsible for policing a predominantly rural area covering more than **180 square miles** and over **40 parishes**. In addition to responding to emergency and non-emergency incidents, the team is responsible for addressing local priorities, community concerns, crime prevention initiatives, and problem-solving activity across the district.
 - There will be a **monthly Crime Report**, highlighting current crime trends, incidents, and policing activity across the rural area. We also encourage Parish Councils and residents to register with **Herts Connected**, our free interactive messaging service, which provides local policing updates, crime prevention advice, and opportunities to engage directly with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
 - Through Herts Connected, residents are also invited to participate in our **four-monthly Local Priority Setting Survey**, enabling communities to tell us about the issues that matter most to them and helping shape local policing priorities.
 - From **September 2026**, the monthly crime report will be produced as a single report covering the entire East Herts Rural area. Please note that where a village is not referenced within the report, this will indicate that no crimes were reported within that parish during the relevant calendar month.
- Footpaths – Cllr Hoodless – nothing to report
- Community Orchard / Allotments – Cllr Eddowes – issues with water, allotment rents are due
- Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Moore – The Neighbourhood Planning group continue to work towards the Public Consultation, which is on Sunday 20th and Tuesday 22nd September. Leaflets have been distributed to all homes in the parish. Local businesses have also received leaflets. An update will be provided at the October Parish Council meeting. A member of the public raised the question of the possibility of homes being built in Little Hadham. Cllr Moore responded that we do not know, but having a Neighbourhood Plan is better than not having one and that it is the voice for the community.

26.07.08

Finance – Clerk

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

26.07.09

Correspondence / AOB - None

26.07.11

Date of Next Meeting: 6th October 2026

26.07.12

Close of meeting: 20.46

If any member of the public or press wish to join the Little Hadham Parish Council meeting they can contact the Clerk on: clerk@littlehadham-pc.gov.uk



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
3/26/0882/HH PROPOSAL: Removal of tiled roof and windows/doors of existing conservatory, enclosure of remaining masonry walls to create a single storey rear extension with matching pitched roof at 1 Rose Cottages Bury Green Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 7th August 2026	
3/26/0588/FUL PROPOSAL: Proposed single storey estate workers accommodation unit ancillary to Four Acres with associated landscaping and parking following the demolition of the existing pig pen at Four Acres New Road Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 17th August 2026	
3/26/0664/HH PROPOSAL: Part-retrospective erection of a single storey garden room at Bury Green Farmhouse Bury Green Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 18th August 2026	
3/26/0889/FUL PROPOSAL: Temporary installation of a construction access at Land To The South Of Walnut Tree Cottage Upwick Green Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 3rd September 2026	
3/26/1043/VAR PROPOSAL: Removal of condition 3 (Landscape) pursuant to planning permission (ref: 3/18/0657/FUL/Dated 05/06/2018) for (Change of use of land to residential garden) at Bury Green Farmhouse Bury Green Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 3rd September 2026	
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PLANNING APPEALS	
Planning Appeal: Capel Court 1 Hadham Hall Little Hadham Hertfordshire LPA Appeal Reference: 26/00053/REFUSE If you made any comments on the original planning application these will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate, who decides the appeal, and placed on the national planning website along with your name and address. However, neither you nor the Council can submit further comments on this appeal. This is because the appeal is following a new shortened procedure called the 'Householder Appeals Service.' Please quote reference 6014107.	



Credit				
	Budget	To date		
B/F General		24,046.20		
Precept		£11,667.50		
Allotments		£99.00		
VAT refund		£338.59		
Westland green rent		£0.00		
Admin		£0.00		
Summer Fayre		£1,557.00		



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25th August 2026			
Unity Trust Bank			28268.65
Petty cash			£0.00
Not cleared bank		Total	£28,268.65
Paid			
C Page	August salary	Salary	£ 556.62
C Page	August mileage	Salary	£ 7.20
J Hammond	August salary	Salary	£ 150.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	Salary	£ 29.05