



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr M Moore (Acting chair)
Cllr T Hoodless
Cllr R Mardell
Cllr Wilkinson

Also: Clerk, 14 members of the public, Cllr Mark Pope, Councillor Jeff Jones

- 26.05.01 Co-option of new councillor.** Mr. Simon Eddowes has put his name forward as prospective councillor. Cllr Moore proposes co-option, Cllr Wilkinson seconded. All councillors agreed. Cllr Moore invited Mr. Eddowes to join the Parish Council.
- 26.05.02 Apologies for absence.** Cllr Kent sends apologies due to work commitment. Cllr Pope sent his apologies
- 26.05.03 Public Issues** - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern
- Parking from the Nags Head to the village hall is an ever-increasing issue and with several cars now using traffic cones to protect their cars, the hazards are becoming more difficult to navigate. A suggestion is for the creation of a passing place at the blind bend. Cllr Moore commented that although it is dangerous, no one will give up their parking space and this is a Highways issue. **Action: we can add to our Highways meeting.** Another resident uses that road for tractors and going round the bend there is a blind spot and agrees at the narrow part of the road to create a pull in place. A comment was also made from the floor that there needs to be something to slow down the traffic and, on the Albury Road, also. Cllr Jones suggests getting a road audit carried out. There is not a feeling for yellow lines and there are cars parking on the embankment which is causing a blockage. Along the stretch where the phone box is there is 2 metres of grass and conifers so there are spaces to create parking spaces. Paul Collins suggests creating parking spaces to offset the passing spaces.
 - Into the Smithy a new footpath has been created and new parking for 14 cars. Clarion Housing has created the car park. **Action: find out if the parking is for tenants of Clarion or for anyone.**
 - Paul Collins asks where things with the drain survey are. **Action: get the status of an update for the drain survey for the next meeting.**
 - The road between the crossroads and the Smithy is due to be resurfaced on 17th June so hopefully that will address the enormous potholes.
- 26.05.04 Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. None received.
- 26.05.05 Approval of minutes** held on 7th April 2026 agreed and signed as a true record.
- 26.05.06 Matters Arising from the minutes.** None
- 26.05.07 Planning applications** - considered by EHC (See Planning Report) – Cllr Wilkinson
Planning decisions - received from EHC (See Planning Report)



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26.05.08

Reports to the Council – receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies

1. **County Councillor Report** – Cllr Mark Pope
2. **District Councillor Report** – Cllr Jeff Jones – I was contacted with a report of fly tipping at Hoecroft Lane where 51 sacks of what appears to be a clearance of a cannabis farm had been dumped in the verges. I contacted Environmental Services and requested their Contractor, Veolia, to remove the sacks. I visited the site last Friday and it appeared to me that the fly tip has been removed.

I am also aware of the burning of green waste at a site in Ford Hill. An East Herts Environmental Health Officer, Valeria Awua, has been allocated to look into the matter. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it becomes a statutory nuisance and as such they can take enforcement action with the landowner. The issues for the officer will be to witness the burning herself when she visits, as found when I visited the site last Friday and there was no waste being burnt.

Albury School closure is probably something that Cllr Pope will be reporting on. Disappointing that despite our best efforts it looks as though HCC will be closing the school in September due to failing pupil numbers. The decision to close was called in by Cllr Pope for the Executive to look further at their proposal to close, but they have stuck with their original decision.

Local Government Reorganisation – expected to hear decision by Government late July on makeup of unitaries in Herts. It is expected that we will have 4 unitaries in Herts with our area East Herts joining with North Herts and Broxbourne. Also expected that the EHDC election in May 27- will be cancelled and existing councillors term of office extended for 1 year. Unitary elections expected as a shadow authority in May 27.

Cllr Moore asked Cllr Jones to find out where we are with the enforcement notice and provide an update. Regarding the travellers on Chapel Lane.

Just a reminder, that if you do see fly tipping, please report this with as much information as you can (and ideally photos) to East Herts as soon as possible. If you can also report to the Chair or Clerk, we can also report and / or seek to escalate within East Herts. If you do witness vehicles or individuals fly tipping, then do try and obtain registration plates and any other identifiable information. But please do not put yourselves in danger to do so.

3. **Village Hall** – Vice Chair of Village Hall – Chair of the Village Hall will not be available to present at the Parish Council meetings. Meeting Clarion next week to see if they can fund some wellbeing events and also to refurbish the toilets.

26.05.09

Reports from the Parish Council – to receive reports from the Parish Councillors:

1. Playground update (zipwire quotes) - Cllr Mardell. The clerk has obtained two other quotes for the works on the zip wire. Looking into grants from Stansted for new equipment. Paul Collins to provide a contact for Stansted
2. Police update – Cllr Mardell has asked for a more detailed report, but this is still not forthcoming. Have asked for further information on the reported incidents of fly tipping as two have been reported but only one appears on the report. For one of the reported fly tipping the registration of the vehicle was given to the police, but we do not know which of the reported fly tipping is on the report.



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3. Footpaths – Cllr Hoodless – update on footpaths round Silver Leys requesting members of the public to stick to the permissive footpaths. This was discussed with Projects Officer at East Herts Footpaths and they have been confirmed as public rights of way. They should not be called permissive footpaths. Nicholas Maddox has retired and they are trying to recruit someone to take this role on. He is sorely missed.
4. Community Orchard / Allotments – nothing to report
5. Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Moore presented the initial survey results, which show 20% of residents have submitted either an online survey or hard copy. A resident felt this was not a very good response, but Cllr Pope commented it is a high return when compared to other Neighbourhood Plan surveys. The resident is going to advertise the survey on any WhatsApp groups she is on.

26.05.10

Finance – Clerk

1. Agreed to payment of accounts.
2. Received and agreed bank statements, bank reconciliation, and financial report.
3. Received Internal Auditor Report.
4. Approved the AGAR Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 to be submitted to the external auditor.
5. Approved the AGAR Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26.
6. Dates for the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights confirmed and Publication on the Parish Councils website.

26.05.11

Correspondence / AOB – Cllr Moore reminded that the Summer Fayre is to be held on Saturday 18th July and tickets are on sale via the Village Hall website at a pre-order price of £5 per adult. Children are free. On the day, tickets will be £7. We are still looking for volunteers to set up or help out on the day.

26.05.12

Date of Next Meeting: 7th July 2026.

26.05.13

Close of meeting: 8.46pm



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
3/26/0578/HH PROPOSAL: Construction of new first floor and single storey side extensions. Replace existing render finish with brickwork at 1 Polo Cottages Bury Green. Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 27th May 2026	No comments
3/26/0583/HH PROPOSAL: Construction of a single-storey, brick-built front porch with a main entrance door and a side window on each side at Chapel Court 1 Hadham Hall Road From Stortford Road To Baud Close Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 2nd June 2026	No comments
PLANNING DECISIONS	
3/26/0313/HH PROPOSAL: Demolition of Nissen Hut and erection of detached single storey residential annexe at River Farm Cottage Westland Green	Grant Planning Permission
PLANNING APPEALS	



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29-May-26			
Unity Trust Bank			35,137.01
Petty cash			£0.00
Not cleared bank		Total	£35,137.01
Paid			
C Page	May salary	Salary	£ 556.62
C Page	May mileage	Salary	£ 7.20
J Hammond	May salary	Salary	£ 150.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	Salary	£ 29.05
Mokut Mower	May grasscutting	Rep/Maintenance	£ 330.00
Zurich Insurance	annual renewal	Admin	£ 719.87
Parish online	Domain renewal	Website	£ 108.00
C Page	TENS licence for Summer Fayre	Projects	£ 21.00
C Page	Lottery licence for Summer Fayre	Projects	£ 40.00
Little Hadham Village Hall	Advertising in Local Connections for Summ	Projects	£ 105.60
Little Hadham Village Hall	November Hall hire for PC Meeting	Rent	£ 60.06
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	December Hall hire for PC Meeting	Rent	£ 60.06
Little Hadham Village Hall	January meeting room hire for Precept me	Rent	£ 11.96
Little Hadham Village Hall	February Hall hire for PC Meeting	Rent	£ 76.12
Little Hadham Village Hall	March Hall hire for PC Meeting	Rent	£ 76.12
Little Hadham Village Hall	AprilHall hire for PC Meeting	Rent	£ 76.12
		Total payments	£2,427.78
Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £32,709.23			



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