



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 September at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr N Kent (Chair)

Cllr C Westlake

Cllr R Mardell

Cllr M Moore

Cllr Wilkinson

Cllr A Hoodless

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

25.07.01 **Receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Williamson sent his apologies he is on holiday.

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

- Bus Shelter Update – Clerk (See Appendix 1)
- Phone boxes / book swap update – Clerk (See Appendix 1)
- Bollards at the Village Pump – Clerk (See Appendix 1)
- Live Streaming of Parish Council Meetings – Hamish McKinley. From October the Parish Council meetings will be live streamed, to allow residents to join the meeting remotely.
- Albury Road – An Albury Road resident said that coming out of his driveway is dangerous, due to the volume of parked cars. Resident have reported traffic issues to Herts Highways, with the response “nothing can be done”. (See Appendix 1) **Action: advertise the links for Herts Connect and HCC to report traffic issues Action: add this to the Highways meeting agenda.** Speed and volume data is available for the top of the hill by Ash Valley golf club. **Action; Clerk to request this data.** Cllr Pope confirmed he will be following up with these points and has a discretionary fund that can be used for small projects.

Speeding along the C15 and the old A120 continue to be an issue. A campaign for pinch points continues to be asked for. Cllr Kent advised we as a Parish Council are working on this at the moment, but not sure if there is scope on the C15 as it is used by agricultural vehicles and road width is important.

Parked cars from the Nags Head to the village hall continues to be an issue and is particularly bad first thing in the morning. There is no pull in places, a suggestion for a pull in place has been made. **Action: Add to Highways agenda and look into the feasibility of this.**

25.07.03 **Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. None received

25.07.04 **Approval of minutes** held on 1st July 2025 to be agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes agreed, signed and approved as a true record

25.07.05 **Matters Arising from the minutes.** None

25.07.06 **Planning applications** - considered by EHC (See Planning Report) – Cllr Wilkinson



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3/25/1152/FUL. PROPOSAL: Erection of 3-bedroom dwellinghouse, formation of parking area, installation of entrance gates and air source heat pump at Land to Rear of Ashford House The Ford.

The Parish Council have objected previously on grounds of parking. Cllr Westlake suggests objecting again for the reason there is insufficient parking, use of the lane by agricultural traffic and also for construction traffic use during the building phase. Cllr Kent seconds. All agreed except Cllr Moore agreed. Cllr Moore abstained.

3/25/1057/FUL - PROPOSAL: Erection of dwelling and associated development at The Mill House Albury Road.

Albury Road objections are based on traffic; parking; access to the property; runs alongside a public footpath; runs alongside a watercourse and wouldn't take an amount of construction transport. Cllr Moore, suggest we object on the previous reasons we gave. Cllr Wilkinson suggests objecting to the application, Cllr Kent seconds, all councillors agreed,

3/25/0814/FUL - PROPOSAL: Maintenance Entrance to Woodland to the West of Warners Hill, North of Ash Valley Golf Club

Mr Perry Stock presented on behalf of his client – this application is in relation to a small area of woodland to the north of Ash Valley golf club. It is the site of old allotments and nurseries which are overgrown with self-seeded trees. The proposal is for an access road into there. Clear out the undergrowth, install new fences and plant a hedge of 17 standard species. Improve the biodiversity net gain. Is it to offset carbon in another place. Access will be required 8-10 times a year for maintenance.

Speed and traffic volumes have been carried out, for which the Parish Council have been promised copies.

A resident expressed his concern that to put an entrance at the top of the hill is dangerous

Current application being withdrawn and a new application being submitted. Consumer of carbon having the rotting trees there. Perry feels it is something he is passionate about doing (we've heard this before, i.e. Chapel Lane. Cllr Kent suggest perry come back when the application is resubmitted, he comes back and present the new application.

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

- **County Councillor Report** – Cllr Mark Pope – Tended the Highways meeting, 4th august. Talked about. Thomas Lesseur has taken over from Ian Hollinrake's role. Long standing flooding issue at the VH, trying to resolve that. Watercourse runs into a private pond to try to resolve that. Road surface at the traffic lights to be resolved. Happy to allocate some funds out of locality budget for small items. Coming every couple of months. Advertising signs, to be raised with East Herts. Mark Pope will take that away to speak to officers at County and also Geoff Williamson. Steve Stigwood bins at Chapel Lanes being left out again. **Action: get the bins put back on the premises.**
- **Village Hall** – Chair of Village Hall – Thank to Mark for the donation for the afternoon cinema 4 monthly screenings planned. Paing for licenses months can advertise them. Continuing with games afternoon, welcome café £2,000 grant funding this year from Herts Community foundation. New floor has been installed £26,300 paid on the new floor. Going forward the next big project is maintenance of the roof.



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Insurance complaint letter to the Environmental Agency – **Action: look for the draft letter that Natalie pulled together. Cllr Pope suggests he take over writing the complaint letter and pass the draft letter over to the EA.**

- 25.07.08 Reports from the Parish Council – to receive reports from the Parish Councillors**
- **Playground update (damage to roundabout, repairs and maintenance)** – Cllr Mardell – nothing to report. Roundabout in the playing field it was reported it is dangerous. The equipment has been checked this summer. **Action: clerk to look into the if the inspection was carried out.**
 - **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell
 - **Footpaths** – Cllr Hoodless – nothing to report
 - **Community Orchard/Allotments** – Cllr Westlake -
 - **Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Moore – We have a meeting tomorrow evening Laura Guy, principal planning officer for East Herts and lead officer on neighbourhood plans. Action: Cllr Moore to provide feedback on next steps.**
- 25.07.09 Finance – Clerks Report**
1. To agree to payment of accounts. Agreed
 2. To receive and agree bank statements, bank reconciliation and financial report. Received and agreed
 3. Chiltern Choir donation of £50. Cllr Westlake proposed the donation, all councillors agreed.
- 25.07.10 Correspondence / AOB**
- A resident has reported issues with the grass verges on Standon Road are not being cut and the pavements are not being cleared. Action: add to our next Highways agenda. Clerk to send the email to Cllr Pope. Chapel Lane and area of land that is being cut, but can it be taken off the schedule. Cllr Westlake to get the What 3 Words location to pass to Cllr Pope.**
- 25.07.11 Date of Next Meeting: 6th October 2025**
- 25.07.12 Close of meeting: 8.45**



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Appendix 1 – Public Issues

Bus Shelter Update

The new shelters will be owned by HCC. All the other bus stops without shelters e.g. at The Smithy are owned by HCC

The bus shelter has been installed at the village hall location, the planter and notice board have gone in. The backing for the frames inside the shelter for the artwork, as well as the wording to go into the frame are being worked on. There will be keys made available to the school, who will be updating the artworks. The trial holes that are needed for the Nags Head shelter are planned for the 5th of September and installation of the shelter should be soon after then

Cllr Williamson is fairly certain all the shelters are owned by the Parish Council. So, these will include the one opposite Ashcroft Lane and the one by Hadham Park. The new shelters will be new shelters

Phone boxes / Book Swaps

The phone box at the Ford is being maintained by a member of the village. The box will be re-painted, and the books kept tidy and dry.

The phone box at Bury Green is not being maintained. We need to see if there is a volunteer at Bury Green who would be prepared to take this on. The Parish Council will provide any materials.

Bollards at the Village Pump

After the refurbishment of the pump, village sign and the installation of the new information boards at the Ford, bollards have been put in to protect the area from car parking damage.

Over time, this area will be re-seeded with grass, and more flower planters will be installed. The area is an asset to our village and needs to be protected

Albury Road Traffic Issues

- from Albury an additional 30 mph sign needs to be installed before the bend as the current sign is not visible until you are on top of it.
- Also, a 'slow' sign written directly on the road.
- The amount of parking is causing traffic to have to give way, and this road is a dangerous place as visibility is poor (the stretch of the road between Albury and Little Hadham is 60mph zone), A resident had experienced an accident which resulted in severe whiplash in May 2024. Her car was written off.
- The solar panel speed sign has gone. It needs replacing.
- The 30-mph sign going out of Little Hadham is broken and stuck in the ground
- A car parked on the side of Albury Road (near 'Lime Kiln Place' turn off) was hit on Monday 1st September yesterday.



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Appendix 2 – Planning Applications

Past deadline

3//25/0992/FUL PROPOSAL: New dwelling, High Oaks, Pigs Green, Westland Green. Send your comments to EHC by 19 th August 2025	No comment
3/25/0778/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of twelve holiday lodges at Silver Leys Polo Club Millfield Lane. Send your comments to EHC by 25 th June 2025	Objection letter sent
3/25/0814/FUL PROPOSAL: Maintenance Entrance to Woodland to the West of Warners Hill, North of Ash Valley Golf Club. Send your comments to EHC by 22 nd July 2025	Objection letter sent
3/25/1093/VAR PROPOSAL: Variation of Condition 2 and Conditions 3 (approved plans) to ref: 3/22/2365/HH erection of single storey side extension, white Cottage, Cradle End Send your comments to EHC by 20 th August 2025	No comment
3/25/0900/OUT PROPOSAL: Outline application for two self-build bungalows, garages and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved except access, landscaping and at North Banks Standon Road. Send your comments to EHC by 28 th August 2025	No comment

Current Applications

3/25/1057/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of dwelling and associated development at The Mill House Albury Road. Please send your comments to EHC by: 17th September 2025
3/25/1152/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of 3-bedroom dwellinghouse, formation of parking area, installation of entrance gates and air source heat pump at Land to Rear of Ashford House The Ford Send your comments to EHC by 3 rd September 2025
Planning Decisions
3/25/0959/HH PROPOSAL: Erection of a new outbuilding at The Gables Chalk Gardens Grant permission



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Appendix 3 – Police Report

ALBURY - No reported crimes	ANSTEY - No reported crimes
BRENT PELHAM - 1 x Burglary	DASSELS - No reported crimes
EASTWICK & GILSTON 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle - 2 x Fly-tip	FURNEUX PELHAM - No reported crimes
GREAT HADHAM - No reported crimes	GREEN TYE - No reported crimes
HORMEAD 2 x Theft from Motor Vehicle (Hare Street) 1 x Criminal damage	HUNSDON - No reported crimes
LITTLE HADHAM - 1 x Fly-Tip	MUCH HADHAM - 1 x Burglary
PUCKERIDGE 5 x Theft from Motor Vehicle 1 x Interfere with Motor Vehicle 1 x Criminal damage	STANDON 1 x Business burglary 1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle
WARESIDE 0- 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle	WIDFORD - 1 x Residential burglary

There has been a noticeable increase in Vehicle crime across the East of the region, in particular Puckeridge and Standon. Ensure that your vehicle is locked and secured and where you have a keyless entry car, we suggest using a Faraday pouch for added security.

We have had a great few weeks of good weather and along with that we have seen a decrease in ASB in Buntingford town. Proactive patrols and an increase in security at the abandoned Nevetts building has assisted with the decrease in ASB which was previously one of the Local Policing Priority (LPP) from May – August 2025 (Norfolk Road Recreational ground and bike track in Buntingford).

The East Herts Rural Team continue to conduct late night operations over the past few months for rural crime. Shifts have been changed and rest days cancelled in order to provide better coverage particularly during late evening and early morning. Hare Coursing season has begun as the harvest has started slightly earlier due to the hot weather. Please report any suspicious activity that you may see in the fields. Hare coursing and Poaching for Rural area's is now one of the Local Policing Priorities (LPP) for EH Rurals for September – December 2025.

EH Rural Vehicle Operation – 50 vehicles stopped with 4 x traffic offences reported, 3 x vehicle defects issued and 1 x vehicle seizure

The East Herts Rural Team have:

- Located a stolen motorbike in Cole Green
- Stopped a vehicle for no insurance in Buntingford town
- Reported a vehicle for an insecure load in Buntingford
- Stopped a Sur-ron bike whilst on increased foot patrols in Bishops Stortford, seizing it for no insurance
- Proactive stop! – 3 males detained from intelligence on a vehicle selling stolen mobile phones and other devices, including outstanding speeding offences. The search discovered 20 mobile phones and other devices which was seized by officers.



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- Proactive stop! – 4 males detained after crashing a vehicle and leaving the scene. They were arrested for going equipped to commit offences and carrying an offensive weapon.

If you need to report a crime in progress, please call 999, for all others please use 101 or online reporting <https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Social media is great for alerting your friends and neighbours to local issues but please let us know so that we can deal with the issues.



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		24	72.00		48.00
Mileage		36	89.50		53.50
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		120	1,000.00		879.64
P/News		0	350.00		350.00
Pay		3,343	9,085.00		5,741.70
Playgrounds		0	4,010.00		4,010.00
Rent		25	500.00		474.94
Rep/Maintenance		1,639	3,500.00		1,860.57
Subscriptions		659	2,240.00		1,580.83
Training		70	50.00		-20.00
Website		0	300.00		300.00
Totals	0	6,616.92	26,154.36	-19,537.44	19,537.44
Surplus	0	26,849.91			

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