



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

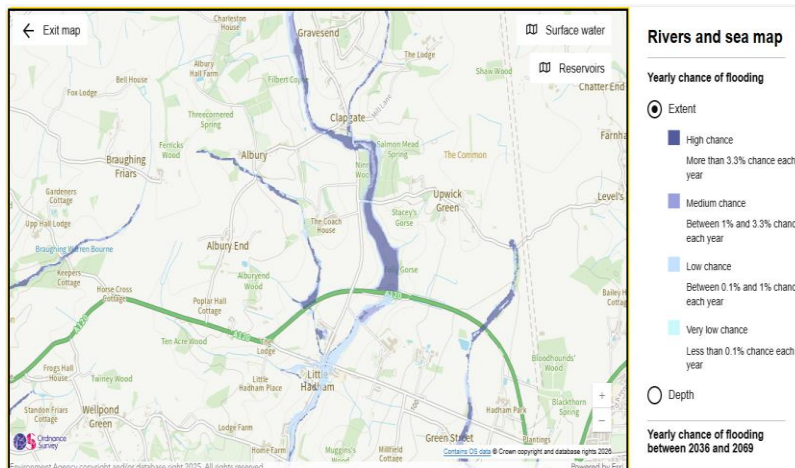
Present: Cllr N Hunt (Chair)
Cllr R Mardell
Cllr M Moore
Cllr Wilkinson

Also: Clerk, 11 members of the public, 1 member of the public via live streaming, Vice Chair of the Village Hall

26.02.01 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Pope send his apologies.

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

- Met with the Highways team and were informed our key contact is retiring at the end of the month. An update follows:
- Defective SID on the Albury Road has been reported
- A classified traffic count will be undertaken in March. The information gathered will help inform traffic modelling of the revised junction and signal timings.
- The Smithy relocated bus stop – local residents will be informed about the outcome of the consultation and timescales. Site works are expected to resume in Q1 2026/27.
- Blocked gully outside 5 Ford Cottages - This fault (ref. 102001919808) was reported via HCC's highways fault reporting system on 13 February 2026 and is under review by local engineers.
- During periods of heavy rain, water runs off of the carriageway at Ford Hill and into the garden of Ford Hill House. Enquiries will be made with Highways Maintenance to see if Ford Hill can be put back on a gritting route.
- EA Flood Maps. A meeting was held with representatives from the Environmental Agency



plus representatives from a Property Business Consultants to discuss the borehole to be installed for groundwater monitoring. The installation work is scheduled to be commenced week of 16 March. We have been informed that the flood map was updated after the flood alleviation project. The updated map is below and there is a link to it on the Gov.UK website.

The map is accessible through: <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/map>

Users should be careful to select the 'River and sea' version of the flood map to see the risk from river flooding that the scheme reduced.

A comment was made regarding the condition of the road at the traffic lights and in particular the potholes near Beech House. Cllr Kent suggests reporting the potholes on the HCC website, pass the reference number to the clerk, and we can follow up at our Highways meetings.



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Raised concerns were raised about the lack of opening hours at the Nags Head and there is real concern the pub may be shutting. **Action: Cllr Kent to approach the owner of the Nags Head.**

- 26.02.03 Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. None declared.
- 26.02.03 Approval of minutes** held on 3rd February 2026 signed and agreed as a true record.
- 26.02.04 Matters Arising from the minutes.** No matters arising
- 26.02.05 Planning applications** - considered by EHC (See Planning Report) – Cllr Wilkinson
Planning decisions - received from EHC (See Planning Report)
- Chapel Lane - Application for Discharge of Conditions 5 and 6 ref 3/24/0888/VAR
- 26.02.06 Reports to the Council – receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies**
1. **County Councillor Report** – Cllr Mark Pope – no report available
 2. **District Councillor Report** – Cllr Geoff Williamson – no report available
 3. **Village Hall** – Vice Chair of Village Hall. There has been work carried out on the roof after pipe damage causing issues in the Elm Room. But a roof survey still needs to be carried out. Also, the immersion heater required maintenance. The Vice Chair will be presenting to the village Halls Consortium on what interaction there is with the community. The Traitors Quiz on the 21st of March still has spaces. The AM of the village hall is the 14th of April.
- 26.02.07 Reports from the Parish Council – to receive reports from the Parish Councillors:**
- Playground update – Cllr Mardell. Hedges have been cut back. Playground works to be carried out on the zipwire.
 - Police Report – Cllr Mardell. There has been an incident with quad bikes and a motor bike on Chapel Lane. The vehicles were confiscated. We are yet to see this reported on the Police Report. We need a more detailed police report. **Action: request the information**
 - Footpaths – Cllr Wilkinson. Green Lane was blocked by a tree, but after reporting to East Herts, this has been cleared.
 - Community Orchard / Allotments. 2 allotment plots are vacant. Two further plots have not been paid for
 - Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Moore. There has been a meeting with a consultant on the way forward. There are also two new members of the team come forward from the village.
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- 26.02.08 Finance – Clerk**
1. To agree to payment of accounts. Agreed.
 2. To receive and agree bank statements, bank reconciliation, and financial report. Received and agreed.
 3. Community Event. The event is confirmed for the 18th of July and the committee are moving forward with all the plans. Volunteers are still needed though.
- 26.02.09 Correspondence / AOB**
- 26.02.11 Date of Next Meeting: 7th April 2026**
- 26.02.12 Close of meeting: 8.10pm**



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Appendix 1 – Planning Applications

PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
3/26/0116/HH PROPOSAL: Black cladding to first floor front gable and white upvc window replacements to all windows AT: The Birches 1 Farm Place Bury Green Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 3rd March 2026	No comments
3/26/0175/HH PROPOSAL: Removal of hedge, brick piers and railings and proposed new hedge and planting area and new paving AT: Old Chapel Hall Chapel Deadline: Please send your comments by: 9th March 2026	No comments, except to ensure the hedge will survive
3/26/0138/VAR PROPOSAL: CONSULTATION Variation of condition 10 (removal of permitted development rights) attached to planning permission 3/06/0926/FP (permission for Redevelopment at Bury Green Farm to provide a new public green, 11 new dwellings 2 dwellings in converted stables with associated parking and landscaping and redevelopment at the Grove to provide new 5 affordable dwellings with associated parking and the reorganisation of existing spaces and landscaping - Amended scheme) Variation would alter the removal of "permitted development" rights 7 Farm Place Bury Green Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 24th March 2026	No comments



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Appendix 2 – Police Report

*NO RECORDED CRIMES – Does not include reports for domestic incidents, child protection investigations, or sexual offences. Not all reported incidents end up being recorded as crimes and will therefore not appear on the report.

ALBURY 1 x Fly tip (suspects arrest whilst in progress)	ANSTEY 2 x Business Burglary
BRENT PELHAM 1 x Residential Burglary	DASSELS No reported crimes
EASTWICK & GILSTON No reported crimes	FURNEUX PELHAM No reported crimes
GREAT HADHAM No reported crimes	GREEN TYE No reported crimes
HORMEAD 1 x Theft	HUNSDON No reported crimes
LITTLE HADHAM 1 x Business Burglary 1 x Criminal Damage	MUCH HADHAM No reported crimes
STOCKING PELHAM No reported crimes	WARESIDE 1 x Fly tip 1 x Criminal Damage
WIDFORD 1 x Business Burglary 1 x Fly tip (in layby)	

Other news and updates:

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have continued to police the area consistently following the new Local Priorities that were set in January for the area:

BUNTINGFORD: Youth related ASB in the Town Centre Friday to Sunday from 15:00pm – 21:00pm

EH RURALS: Hare Coursing & Poaching between Buckland and The Pelhams weekday evenings from 18:00pm and weekends

The Team have continued pro-active policing around the ASB issue in the town with further arrests being made more recently and with further sanctions for some of the young offenders. These include arrests, a Community Protection Warning, and Anti-social Behaviour Contracts, as well as engagement with those children on the periphery of these incidents.

The team continue to engage in regular pro-active operations, including:-

- Op Galileo – Focused patrols to deter and detect rural-specific crime.
- Op Quadro – Intel-led patrols and stops of people and vehicles of interest.
- Op Ceroc – Patrols, seizures, recovery, and intel-gathering related to the illegal use of nuisance off road bikes and related vehicles.
- Op Attitude – ASB patrols in Buntingford for high visible presence, intel gathering and crime prevention.

These operations have led to the disruption of fly-tippers, hare coursers, the arrests of drug drivers, drug seizures, the recovery of stolen vehicles, and seizure and disposal of nuisance vehicles.



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As well as a significant increase of ASB and crimes in Buntingford, there has been a recent spike in Vehicle Thefts in Tewin which has required additional police resourcing from the team late February 2026.

With the school term in full swing PCSO's have conducted talks in some of the schools in the area with more visits to be planned over the coming months, including parking patrols outside the schools following reports from local residents of inconsiderate parking and verbal abuse. Talks also include other 'out of school' groups. In addition to this, PCSO's have conducted a situational awareness presentation to the Bishops Stortford Street Pastors and have 2 more talks planned to other groups in the rural community.

There has been regular reassurance visits conducted at Places of Worship across the county which continues throughout the teams regular patrol strategies.

The constabulary are particularly keen for local people to give us feedback on policing via the Herts Connected surveys. We will be looking to set our policing priorities for the upcoming quarter and would very much appreciate if you could share the link and QR code below on social media:-



<https://bit.ly/hertspolice-psf>

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/>

The Herts Connected system delivers Hertfordshire police's crime alerts. Registered local residents can receive the latest crime or emergency updates and alerts, as well as information about policing events in your area. Local residents can get involved in helping to make their local area a safer place, tell

us what police should be doing in their area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe, and tell us what matters are causing local communities harm.

The more residents that register, the better informed and safer our communities will be. We would be most grateful if you could continue to share the link below in any parish communications, and especially on social media, to encourage as many local residents as possible to sign up.

<https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>

Additional Crime Prevention Advice can be found via this link: <https://www.herts.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> Thank you

East Herts Rural Highlights Video 2024-25
<https://youtu.be/bnf6PE4uuvvc?feature=shared>

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