



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 June at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr C Westlake (Acting Chair)

Cllr M Wilkinson

Cllr M Moore

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

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- 25.05.01 Receive and accept apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Councillor Williamson and Councillor Mardell who are on holiday. Councillor Kent who is on maternity leave. The councillors accepted their apologies.
- 25.05.02 Public Issues** - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.
- Sign of the Times – The organisers have confirmed the event has been cancelled. The 30-day period under which the licence could be transferred to another organisation expires on 15th June. If this does not occur, then the licence will lapse permanently. The regulations allow for the licence to be transferred to a new licence holder within 30 days of a surrender, which would then make the licence 'live' again. Therefore, to take account of this, the hearing is now rescheduled to take place after that 30-day period has expired and is now planned for 23rd June. If a transfer of the licence is not made within the 30-day window, then the licence is surrendered indefinitely and would make the need for the hearing redundant. Should a transfer be made in time the hearing will go ahead on the new date.
 - Paul Collins suggests the licence holder has not gone into liquidation and that the landowner had set up a company and seconded the running of the festival to a company called Wannasee events from County Durham. A resident confirmed that the operator is in insolvency, and they are the same organiser as runs the Stone Valley events. It was further suggested the licence was not being requested.
 - Bus Shelter Update – Cllr Williamson - The shelters are on order and that we are just waiting for the dates that their installation is programmed in by Highways. We must be getting close as the village hall has already been asked for permission to site the contractor's facilities in the car park.
 - Planning and Infrastructure Bill (PIB) – Cllr Williamson – Cllr Westlake suggests we invite Cllr Hinchliff to come along to the next PC meeting. Cllr Moore seconded. Dave Willett suggests this would be a worthwhile opportunity and that the Neighbourhood Plan team would benefit from some input from him. **Action: Cllr Westlake to invite Cllr Hinchliff to out next meeting and suggests the NP group come along to the meeting.**
- 25.05.03 Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. None received.
- 25.05.04 Approval of minutes** held on 1st April 2025 to be agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes signed and agreed as a true record.
- 25.05.05 Matters Arising from the minutes.**
Cllr Wilkinson has had the bridge on pathway 2 repaired. Cllr Wilkinson to report the handrail on the bridge opposite the Nags Head. Reported.



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25.05.06

Planning applications - considered by EHC (See Planning Report) – Cllr Wilkinson
Planning decisions - received from EHC (See Planning Report)

Martin Roat put forward a request to put up twelve holiday lodges and is willing to gift Millenium wood in response to the council not commenting on the application. It is felt it is a difficult one as we have fought for a decade to get the Millenium wood as an asset of community value. A feeling is would it remain at 12 lodges. PC will put forward the views of the villagers. **Action: The notice of the application to be put on The Little Hadham Community Facebook page and on the website. Done.** **Action: clerk to request an extension. Done.** Paul suggests we take on board a condition that an offer was made and rejected by the pc, but if it was granted could there be a planning condition. A member of the public said don't focus on the negative and that the land is used for horses and is a welcome thing. Will be on the agenda for next month.

25.05.07

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

- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson – provided report, which was presented under Public Issues.
- **Village Hall** – Chair of Village Hall – May events – celebrated VE day, monthly community breakfast, served up to 70 guests. Entertainment Jenny Salmon who is a musician and runs two choirs. They performed at the event, with songs from the era and more contemporary. There is an opportunity for Sing for Fun on a Thursday morning three mornings a month. Informal and just for fun.

Saturday, 31st May in Bishops Stortford Sinfonia, had 71 paying guests. Catering of an afternoon tea. Feedback was extremely good. £703 raised, excluding hall hire.

A lot of the activities, Welcome Café, Bereavement Café, Air Fryer, funding will end at the end of July. Digital Inclusion is funded till January. During the August shut down the floor will be repaired and ready for use in September.

25.05.08

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

- **Playground update** – Cllr Mardell – nothing to report
- **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell – report received. **Action: put detail of how to report a crime in the Parish News. Done**
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Hoodless – Cllr Wilkinson to report the footbridge opposite the Nags Head. **Done.**
- **Highways** – Cllr Kent – Clerk to get an update
- **Community Orchard/Allotments** – Cllr Westlake. 20th July BBQ in the orchard, bring along your meat and/or a picnic. Cllr Westlake asked if anyone has any musical skills to come along and sing. The Wassailers to come along at 2.30pm and will sing Chartists songs amongst the trees.
- **Friends of the River Ash** – Cllr Westlake – Cllr Westlake and the clerk have taken a course on how to monitor the river. A precursor to the start of the Friends of the River Ash, particularly useful with development and what it will mean to the village and the NP. In touch with the area coordinator of the Wildlife Trust and get it going quickly. Apple Day booked for the 13th of September. Christmas event will also take place. PC providing events for the community to come together.
- **Benches and Information Board** – Cllr Mardell – number of boards in place already. One more to be installed at Hadham Hall. The three benches are at Cradle End, Westland Green, Bury Green.



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- **Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Moore** – Had the first meeting on the planning team on 14th April 3 councillors, clerk and 6 residents. Hugely widely varied skillsets. Agreed several action points, have shared google drives, have an AI drive attached. We agreed to engage with a consultant. We had three, we met with one of them and she was able to provide valuable information on the way forward. New district plan has 30 months. Some villages are holding back, but we are keen to push on.

Next meeting of the planning team is 4th June. **Action: clerk to get a hold of the plan.** Cllr Westlake asked how we are going to publicise, she suggests we get a page on the website, Facebook, posters, parish news, leaflet drops. A member of the group suggests putting the salient points on the website.

25.05.09 Finance – Clerks Report

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

25.05.10 Correspondence / AOB

25.05.11 Date of Next Meeting: 1st July 2025

25.05.12 Close of meeting:

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 or on 01920 870809.



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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 Send your comments to EHC by 25 th June 2025	
PLANNING DECISIONS	EH COUNCIL COMMENTS
3/24/1600/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of two dwellings and associated development at Land Adjacent to The Mill House Albury Road	Refuse Planning Permission
3/25/0662/PNHH PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension: Depth 6.00 metres, Maximum height 3.00 metres, Eaves height 2.70 metres. 6.2 metres wide and rendered to match the existing property at 3 Cradle End Cottages Cradle End	Prior Approval is Required and Granted Subject to Conditions
PLANNING APPEALS	



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Appendix 2 – Financial Report

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		6	72.00		66.00
Mileage		14	89.50		75.10
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		0	721.45		721.45
Misc		0	1,000.00		1,000.00
P/News		0	350.00		350.00
Pay		1,397	9,085.00		7,687.68
Playgrounds		0	4,010.00		4,010.00
Rent		25	500.00		474.94
Rep/Maintenance		620	3,500.00		2,880.00
Subscriptions		659	2,240.00		1,580.83
Training		0	50.00		50.00
Website		0	300.00		300.00
Totals	0	2,721.95	26,154.36	-23,432.41	23,432.41
Surplus	0	30,744.88			



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