



# Little Hadham Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm

**Present:** Cllr N Kent (Chair)  
Cllr M Moore  
Cllr Wilkinson

**Also:** Clerk, 6 Members of the public

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**25.09.01**     **Receive and accept apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllrs Mardell, Pope, Westlake, Williamson. The councillors accepted them.

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

- Highways issues. Albury road, has been closed about 4 times in the last few weeks. Also the cables at the traffic lights are exposed and the vehicles are driving directly onto the cables.
- The traffic lights are in a dangerous position not allowing traffic to pass, especially buses.
- Solar farm application on Bromley Road. Action: ask Cllr Williamson what the situation is.

**25.09.03**     **Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest and dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda. None received. Cllr Wilkinson has declared an interest in one of the applications.

**25.09.04**     **Approval of minutes** held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 signed and agreed as a true record.

**25.09.05**     **Matters Arising from the minutes.**

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

Cllr Wilkinson asked if any action has been taken against the extra static caravans on the site. They are now two over the approved limit. **Action: Ask for an update from Cllr Williamson. Write to Chris Hinchliffe also. Action: Ask for a freedom of information act request that we asked for last year.**

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

- **County Councillor Report** – Cllr Mark Pope – no report
- **District Councillor Report** – Cllr Geoff Williamson – no report
- **Village Hall** – Chair of Village Hall – no report. A resident said the flood maps have been updated and the village hall insurance has gone up rather than gone down. The village hall post code is identified as being incorrect. **Action: Cllr Kent to speak to the Vice Chair of the Village Hall about the post code**

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



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- **Playground update** – Cllr Mardell – the clerk has received the safety inspection that was carried out in the summer. There are several actions that need maintenance and will need to be put in the precept. Action: investigate general playground funding
- **Police Report** – Cllr Mardell – Cllr Kent asked why the horses running wild 3-4 times and the police came out report is not on the police report. Hare coursing in the village, has there been any in the village.
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Hoodless – no report
- **Community Orchard/Allotments** – Cllr Westlake – no report
- **Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Moore** – We officially launched in the parish news. Have a further meeting next week, to finalise our first stage of the public consultation. Survey will go out to every house in the village, and also on survey monkey.

**25.09.09**

## **Finance – Clerks Report**

1. To agree to payment of accounts. Agreed
2. To receive and agree bank statements, bank reconciliation, and financial report
3. Precept meeting – set up a zoom meeting. Clerk to send out dates.

**25.09.10**

## **Correspondence / AOB**

**25.09.11**

**Date of Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**

**25.09.12**

**Close of meeting:**



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## Appendix 1 – Public Issues

Non-working streetlights on Standon Road leading up to and from Tilekiln roundabout. This was reported on 14.12.24 on fault report 401004481044 but was told on 18.02.25 that the fault could not be found at the location provided or it had been fixed. There are 11 lights affected. I sent photos and the numbers on the lampposts. These are 129 to 134, 104, 135 to 138. One of these is to light the sign in the middle of the road. They said they still could not find them.

This is the second time in as many months when Albury Road in Little Hadham has been completely closed because of utility works. UK Power Networks made the decision to close the road completely for this work. The resident would like to understand why this action was taken without allowing residents access to their homes further along the road when the work being undertaken is on the pavement.



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## Appendix 2 – Planning Applications

| PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Past deadline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | PC DECISION |
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| 3/25/0900/OUT<br>PROPOSAL: Outline application for two self-build bungalows, garages and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved except access, landscaping, and layout at:<br>North Banks Standon Road<br>RECONSULTATION Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 29th September 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No comments |
| 3/25/1441/LBC<br>PROPOSAL: Demolition of single-storey flat roof extension and end lean-to, erection of a single-storey rear linked extension, retention of breakfast area to provide link, internal alterations to form new back hall with utility and cloakroom and construction of a single-storey side extension. At Mulberry Cottage Green Street<br>Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 2nd October 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No comments |
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| PLANNING APPLICATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | PC DECISION |
| 3/25/1464/HH<br>PROPOSAL: Erection of garden shed AT: Fordhill House Ford Hill<br>Please send your comments to EHC by: 14th October 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No comment  |
| 3/25/1235/HH<br>PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension with changes to fenestration at 2 Old Dairy Green Street<br>Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 10th October 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No comment  |
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| PLANNING APPEALS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
| <b>Land To The Rear Of 1 Pathway Cottages The Ford</b><br><b>LPA Appeal Reference: 25/00063/REFUSE</b><br>The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of planning permission for:- <b>Demolition of two outbuildings and erection of 1no. self-build and custom dwelling.</b><br>This appeal is being dealt with by an exchange of written statements between the applicant and the Council and will be decided by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.<br>If you made any comments on the original application for planning permission (unless they were marked confidential), the Council will send them to the Planning Inspectorate and they will be taken into account by the Inspector who decides the appeal unless they are subsequently withdrawn.<br>If you wish amend your comments or make any new ones, please contact the Planning Inspectorate quoting reference APP/J1915/W/25/3373822 by <b>5th November 2025</b> |             |



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## Appendix 3 – 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.

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| <b>ALBURY</b><br>No reported crimes                 | <b>ANSTEY</b><br>No reported crimes                                 |
| <b>BRENT PELHAM</b><br>No reported crimes           | <b>DASSELS</b><br>No reported crimes                                |
| <b>EASTWICK &amp; GILSTON</b><br>No reported crimes | <b>FURNEUX PELHAM</b><br>1 x criminal damage<br>1 x arson           |
| <b>GREAT HADHAM</b><br>No reported crimes           | <b>GREEN TYE</b><br>No reported crimes                              |
| <b>HORMEAD</b><br>No reported crimes                | <b>HUNSDON</b><br>1 criminal damage – hare coursing                 |
| <b>LITTLE HADHAM</b><br>No reported crimes          | <b>MUCH HADHAM</b><br>1 x fly-tip (industrial waste)                |
| <b>STOCKING PELHAM</b><br>No reported crimes        | <b>WARESIDE</b><br>1 criminal damage – hare coursing<br>2 x fly-tip |
| <b>WIDFORD</b><br>1 x attempted burglary            |                                                                     |

## Other news and updates

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been actively investigating and working on our current local priorities of Youth Anti-Social Behaviour in the Buntingford Town Parks and Hare Coursing/Poaching in the rural areas. The team collated enough evidence to arrest one of our youth suspects responsible for several incidents in Buntingford. Coincidentally, as officers were preparing to visit their home address, we became aware of an incident in the town. Following a short foot chase, the suspect was caught and arrested and faces charges relating to various crimes committed in the past few weeks. Evidence gathering continues with one further related suspect arrested and others due for arrest and/or interview.

The team have been looking into off-road bikes that have been seen riding in public spaces. Responding to several calls from the public, the team quickly located a motorcycle and rider. The bike was seized and the rider arrested. Out of fifteen witnesses, only one was prepared to give a statement, which subsequently enabled police to charge the rider with various offences.

Two vehicles suspected of engaging in anti-social driving in Buntingford are also currently being investigated, with one owner already contacted.

Further work has gone into identifying several vehicles suspected of being involved in fly-tipping in rural areas, and also several vehicles of interest have been traced that have been used in rural crime and/or hare coursing. Work on identifying the offenders continues and our officers are changing shift hours to



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patrol hotspot areas at key times when these types of incidents occur. Additionally, this month, the team have identified a suspect involved in thefts of lamps and recovering several of the stolen items and also arrested one suspect involved in an arson earlier in the month.

The team continue to visit local schools, clubs and organisations and have engaged in several “Knife Angel” events to talk about feelings of safety and educate young people about the dangers of carrying knives. With the clocks going back, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day, the team will be keeping busy in the coming month!

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/>

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

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/bnf6PE4uuvc?feature=shared>



| Credit                      |        |            |           |                          |                |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                             | Budget | To date    |           |                          |                |
| B/F General                 |        | 22,301.83  |           |                          |                |
| Precept                     |        | £22,330.00 |           |                          |                |
| Allotments                  |        | £27.00     |           |                          |                |
| VAT refund                  |        | £0.00      |           |                          |                |
| Westland green rent         |        | £0.00      |           |                          |                |
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| Totals                      | 0.00   | £44,658.83 |           |                          |                |
| Income less B/F             |        | £22,357.00 |           |                          |                |
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| Debit                       |        | To date    | Budget    | Projected balance to pay | Balance to pay |
| Allotments                  |        | 20         | 20.00     |                          | 0.00           |
| Audit                       |        | 0          | 350.00    |                          | 350.00         |
| Banking                     |        | 36         | 72.00     |                          | 36.00          |
| Mileage                     |        | 50         | 89.50     |                          | 39.10          |
| General Power of Competence |        | 0          | 1,000.00  |                          | 1,000.00       |
| Developments                |        | 0          | 500.00    |                          | 500.00         |
| Donation                    |        | 600        | 2,360.00  |                          | 1,760.00       |
| Bury & Westland Greens      |        | 0          | 6.41      |                          | 6.41           |
| Insurance                   |        | 700        | 721.45    |                          | 21.85          |
| Misc                        |        | 220        | 1,000.00  |                          | 779.75         |
| P/News                      |        | 0          | 350.00    |                          | 350.00         |
| Pay                         |        | 4,741      | 9,085.00  |                          | 4,344.38       |
| Playgrounds                 |        | 0          | 4,010.00  |                          | 4,010.00       |
| Rent                        |        | 31         | 500.00    |                          | 468.53         |
| Rep/Maintenance             |        | 2,298      | 3,500.00  |                          | 1,201.57       |
| Subscriptions               |        | 1,079      | 2,240.00  |                          | 1,160.83       |
| Training                    |        | 70         | 50.00     |                          | -20.00         |
| Website                     |        | 156        | 300.00    |                          | 144.12         |
| Totals                      | 0      | 10,001.82  | 26,154.36 | -16,152.54               | 16,152.54      |
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| Surplus                     | 0      | 34,657.01  |           |                          |                |



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