



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also: Clerk, 12 members of the public, Cllr Mark Pope, Prospective Councillor Jeff Jones

26.03.01 **Apologies for absence.** No apologies received.

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

- Community energy scheme Great Brith energy - GBE is currently inviting community organisations to express interest in potential projects. You are welcome to put forward ideas at any stage of development, and whether your group might consider renewable generation, battery storage, energy efficiency initiatives, or shared ownership schemes, GBE is keen to hear from you. Action: send email and letter to the Chair of the Village Hall and the Head of the school.

26.03.03 **Declaration of Interest and dispensations** – Cllr Mardell declares an interest in planning application (3/26/0315/PIP: Permission in principle for between 2 and 3 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) at Land South Of Chapel Lane chapel lane)

26.03.04 **Approval of minutes** held on 3rd March 2026 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

26.03.05 **Matters Arising from the minutes** – no matters arising.

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

3/26/0315/PIP - PROPOSAL: Permission in principle for between 2 and 3 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) at Land South Of Chapel Lane. Cllr Wilkinson advised the plot of land is directly in front of a property. Cllr Moore said there are buildings surrounding the field in question. A resident feels the application constitutes infilling and would link the Ford to Westland Green and why do we want houses in our village. They said the Parish Council should vote not to have any more houses in the village. Cllr Moore responded that from a planning perspective and our neighbourhood plan, we need to remain open. A mention of a previous application in Chapel Lane has cited a letter from the Chair of the Parish Council in 2018 with reasons for objecting: new buildings have a detrimental effect on the area; the new homes will dominate the area. The resident stated the application abuts the conservation area and the application should be rejected. Cllr Kent asks the resident if they are against any development on the site. They responded that the houses would block their view and privacy but feels one at the bottom of the field would be OK, if there was no other choice. Cllr Kent suggests we put in comments summarising the resident comments in that East Herts should look at the issues raised: issues with parking; privacy of the property already there; access and egress to the site. Also, if a considerable amount of the hedgerow were taken



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out the property could be viewed from the road. Cllr Wilkinson suggests the Parish Council objects. Cllr Kent, Cllr Hoodless, Cllr Moore agreed to object. Cllr Mardell abstains. Cllr Pope suggests strongly that the residents object also, as the more objections will increase the notice taken. **Action: Cllr Kent to prepare the objection letter and circulate to the councillors and the clerk.**

3/26/0175/HH

PROPOSAL: Removal of hedge, brick piers, and railings. Proposed new hedge and planting area, new paving, low retaining wall, and close boarded fence at Old Chapel Hall Chapel Lane. The resident making the application said they are doing like for like with the hedge outside the house. The reason for the application is the lack of parking on Chapel Lane and the difficulty with access and egress.

A resident asked about the Silver Leys Polo field, where they have notices building works over the last month. There are buildings being erected. **Action: Cllr Kent to look into this.**

26.03.07

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

1. County Councillor Report – Cllr Mark Pope

Highways – The two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) provided by a grant from the Police and Police commission have come to the end of the maintenance period and a new agreement needs to be paid for. This is £2,000. Cllr Pope has agreed to make this payment on behalf of the Parish Council. For which Little Hadham Parish Council would like to thank him for his continued support.

The pavement by the garage will be resurfaced in this financial year. Work on the verge by the garage is also going to be repaired and bollards installed to deter parking. An officer from East Herts visited the garage and advised the owner not to park any vehicles on the pavement or verge.

The speed and traffic survey equipment on Albury Road and the A120 is part of the traffic calming measures. In East Herts Highways, Mark Wilcox has taken over from Paul Rogers.

Several residents asked about the state of the road by the traffic lights. Cllr Pope answered that this comes up at the meetings with Herts County Council and the Parish Council. It is suggested that it will be done this financial year. This is a high priority work.

2. District Councillor Report – Jeff Jones the prospective conservative candidate introduced himself to the meeting. He has been a district councillor for 10 years for Buntingford and a county councillor for 8 years for Buntingford. A by election has been called in May to elect a new district councillor for our area. He is a very experienced councillor and lives close to the village

3. Village Hall – the AGM is the 14th of April. There is an afternoon tea on Monday 20th April with live music.

4. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council / Annual Parish Meeting 5th May



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- 26.03.08 Reports from the Parish Council – to receive reports from the Parish Councillors:**
Playground update (Inspection date) - Cllr Mardel advised work is commencing on the 8th May for the zipwire inspection and the playground inspection.
1. Police update – Cllr Mardel reported that he felt the report is not very informative and has invited our PCSO to join us at the next meeting.
 2. Footpaths – Cllr Hoodless – **Footpaths 54 and 42 have had the Way Markers replaced. Bridleway 14a bridge has been repaired**
 3. Community Orchard / Allotments – all rents are now paid.
 4. Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Moore. The questionnaire leaflets have been printed and ready for distribution with the Parish News. **Action: clerk to deliver**
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- 26.03.09 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 – is going ahead on the 18th of July. Cllr Pope has agreed to sponsor the event with a financial donation (amount to be agreed). Volunteers are required for the day. **Action: put an update in the Parish News**
- 26.03.10 Correspondence / AOB**
- 26.03.11 Date of Next Meeting: 5th May 2026**
- 26.03.12 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: clerk@littlehadham-pc.gov.uk



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS	PC DECISION
3/26/0313/HH PROPOSAL: Demolition of Nissen Hut and erection of detached single storey residential Annexe at River Farm Cottage Westland Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 2nd April 2026	No decision
3/25/1057/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of dwelling and associated development at The Mill House Albury Road Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 10th April 2026	
3/26/0315/PIP PROPOSAL: Permission in principle for between 2 and 3 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) at Land South Of Chapel Lane Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 20th March 2026	
3/25/1057/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of dwelling and associated development at The Mill House Albury Road Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 15th April 2026	
3/26/0175/HH PROPOSAL: Removal of hedge, brick piers, and railings. Proposed new hedge and planting area, new paving, low retaining wall, and close boarded fence at Old Chapel Hall Chapel Lane Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 21st April 2026	
PLANNING DECISIONS	
3/25/1902/LBC PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension at Chalk Cottage Stortford Road	Refuse Consent
3/25/1901/HH PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension at Chalk Cottage Stortford Road	Refuse Planning Permission
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	Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
PLANNING APPEALS	



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Credit

	Budget	To date
B/F General		22,301.83
Precept		£22,330.00
Allotments		£90.00
VAT refund		£0.00
Westland green rent		£300.00
Admin		£100.00
Totals	0.00	£45,121.83
Income less B/F		£22,820.00

Projected balance to pay

Debit

	To date	Budget	Projected balance to pay
Admin	1,920	3,000.00	1,079.57
Allotments	56	20.00	-36.00
Banking	73	72.00	-1.00
Contingency	0	1,000.00	1,000.00
Donations	2,976	2,000.00	-976.00
General Power of Competence	45	500.00	455.01
PC events	249	1,000.00	751.03
Playgrounds	569	6,000.00	5,430.86
Projects	0	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rent	278	550.00	272.27
Rep/Maintenance	4,671	6,300.00	1,628.97
Salary	8,770	7,820.00	-949.78
Subscriptions	1,131	1,000.00	-131.17
Training	70	200.00	130.00
Website	156	300	144.12
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