

A background image showing a group of business professionals in a meeting. A man in a suit and tie is on the left, a woman in a dark blazer is in the center, and another person is on the right. They are gathered around a table with documents, tablets, and coffee cups. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay.

Little Hadham Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 6th October 2026



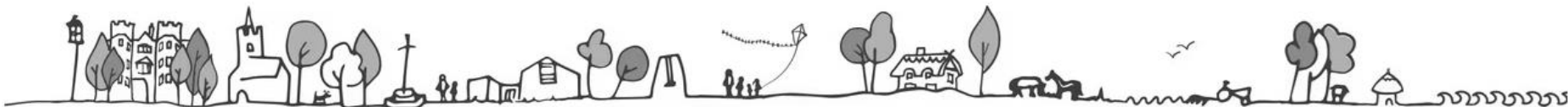
Public Issues

26.07.04 Matters arising from the minutes

- **Public Issues** A key part of the area for the development of Land off the A120 is the River Ash. Cllr Kent asked for a point of contact on the Albury Road. **Action: the clerk to locate a volunteer.**
Done.
- Also, the cherished view of St. Cecelia's church, and the beauty of the valley itself was observed as reasons for not developing the land. **Action: contact the Environmental Agency. Cllr Moore to try to find some experts in the council on the chalk stream.**
Contact the CPRE. Have sought an expert awaiting their response to our emails



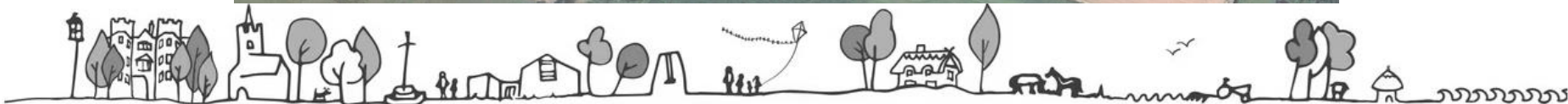
1. Data Centre at Bury Green – 3/08/0593/FP
 - Planning permission granted (with conditions) in 2008
 - Development commenced within 3 years
 - “Non-material amendment” now applied for
 - Awaiting decision
 - In the meantime: burygreenfarm.whatyouthink.co.uk
2. Traveller site off Chapel Lane
 - Awaiting decision of inspector, following appeal hearing against eviction notices held at County Hall, 12th / 13th August
 - Which is just over 6 weeks ago
3. Development off Stortford Road
 - Anticipated submission of outline application – Summer 2026
 - Anticipated determination of outline planning application – Spring 2027
 - In the meantime: www.stortfordroad-littlehadham.co.uk



2.



3.



Planning Decisions

3/25/1714/FUL

PROPOSAL: Creation of access from Warners Hill for woodland management purposes only, with permeable track and turning area, gate and retaining features (re-submission of 3/25/0814/FUL) at Woodland To The West Of Warners Hill, North Of Ash Valley Golf Club

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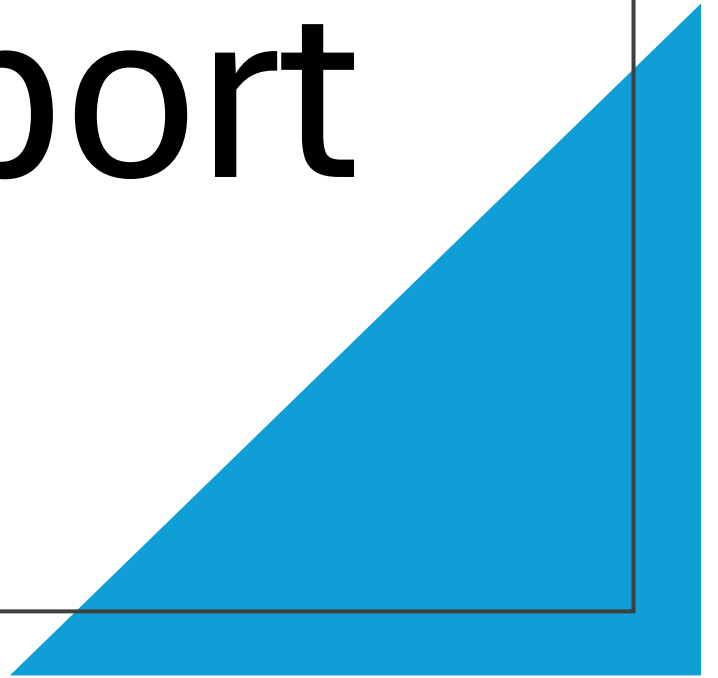
3/26/0588/FUL

PROPOSAL: Proposed single storey estate workers' accommodation unit ancillary to Four Acres, with associated landscaping and parking, following the demolition of the existing pig pen at Four Acres New Road

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County Councillor Report

Cllr Mark Pope



County Councillor Report

Flooding issue near to the Village Hall, I have established that the recent works in the Village Hall were undertaken by Ringway on behalf of HCC Highways to establish a better understanding of the drainage network in this area, which was prompted by the site visit by HCC officers earlier this year. Ringway were checking the pipework to understand the direction of flow from the various pipework under the road and village hall car park, and where it outfalls. Discussions regarding this issue are ongoing.

I am currently in discussions with HCC officers to resolve a longstanding drainage and resulting flooding issue near to Ford Hill House on Ford Hill.

I continue to speak to Highways regarding the cutting back of foliage that is obscuring signs along the old A120 Stortford Road.

County Councillor Report

I attended a Teams call with the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Clerk on 25 September where we were briefed by an HCC officer regarding the proposed traffic calming measures to be introduced along the old A120 Stortford Road. HCC's proposals include the introduction of 20mph zones in all of the roads leading into the traffic lights, new controlled pedestrian crossings, physical traffic calming measures in one location in the Stortford Road (before the school coming down the hill from BS) and improving the traffic light layout to change where traffic cues along The Ford. The proposals were well received by all on the call.

I am trying to find out if officers might be able to attend a Parish Council meeting to give a presentation to residents. I am also trying to find out when the consultation process might start. If the proposals are agreed, the necessary work is expected to be undertaken in 2028.

Resurfacing of foot path and replacement of bollards around the verge outside the garage on Stortford Road is now complete.

Update



The Friendly Village hall

Little Hadham Village Hall

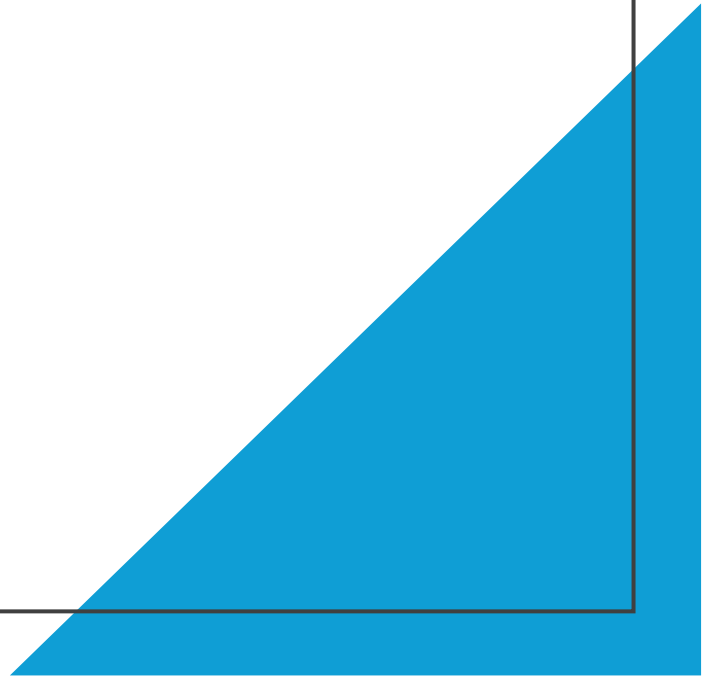
Playground update – Cllr Mardell

- Zipwire –maintenance being carried out



Police Update

Cllr Mardell



Footpath Update

– Cllr Hoodless

Update the situation with regard to bridleway 24a



Where the section of the path is adjacent to the Bury Green Brook the bridge like structure along with a ford form part of the path. The bridge like structure is in poor condition with both the treads and timber supports starting to rot and the bridge itself is a bit “wonky”. The development of a proposal to replace this structure are complicated by the cause of some of the issues resulting from erosion of the bank which is a continuing problem and the river being under the management of the Environment Agency and the potential need for permits to undertake works.

A photograph of a community orchard or allotment. In the foreground, a wooden crate is filled with green, curly-leaved plants, likely kale. The background shows rows of dark purple plants, possibly grapevines, in a field. The text "Community Orchard / Allotments – Cllr Eddowes" is overlaid in white.

Community Orchard / Allotments – Cllr Eddowes

Cllr Mark Moore





Public Consultation Update

- ❖ 7 key draft policies
- ❖ Review of community responses
- ❖ Excellent public engagement
- ❖ Objective:
Refine policy wording to reflect local mandates





Policy 1 (Character)

- ❖ **Absolute rejection of large housing estates**
- ❖ **Any permitted development must be proportional "infill"**
- ❖ **Matching local scale and materials**
- ❖ **Specific protections demanded for listed/historical assets, including St. Cecelia's Church**

Policy 2 (Green Spaces)

- ❖ **Residents feel our open areas are 'under attack.'**
- ❖ **Clear directive to**
 - 1. protect our local footpaths**
 - 2. secure access to bridlepaths**
 - 3. fiercely defend our local ecology**





Policy 3 (Roads)

- ❖ **A120**
- ❖ **Albury Road**
- ❖ **Traffic Calming**

Policy 4 (River Ash)

- ❖ **Universal mandate to protect its rare winterbourne chalk stream status**
- ❖ **Protection required against**
 - **Domestic pollution runoff**
 - **Littering**
 - **Tarmac-induced flooding risk**





Policy 5 (Infrastructure)

- ❖ **Infrastructure Stress:**
- ❖ **Demands that new proposals do not compromise the flood alleviation scheme or bypass benefits**
- ❖ **Housing Needs: Focus exclusively on starter homes, retirement housing, and local affordable options**

Policy 6 (Economy)

- ❖ **Economy: Protect existing small businesses and prevent massive industrial estates**
- ❖ **Transport Hubs: Strong push for increased bus frequencies for young and old alike to offset car dependence**





Policy 7 (Landscape)

- ❖ **Landscape Sprawl: Prevent Little Hadham from being subsumed by the urban expansion of Bishops Stortford**
- ❖ **Delineation: Maintain clear visual separation between individual hamlets and protect ancient woodland/farmland views**





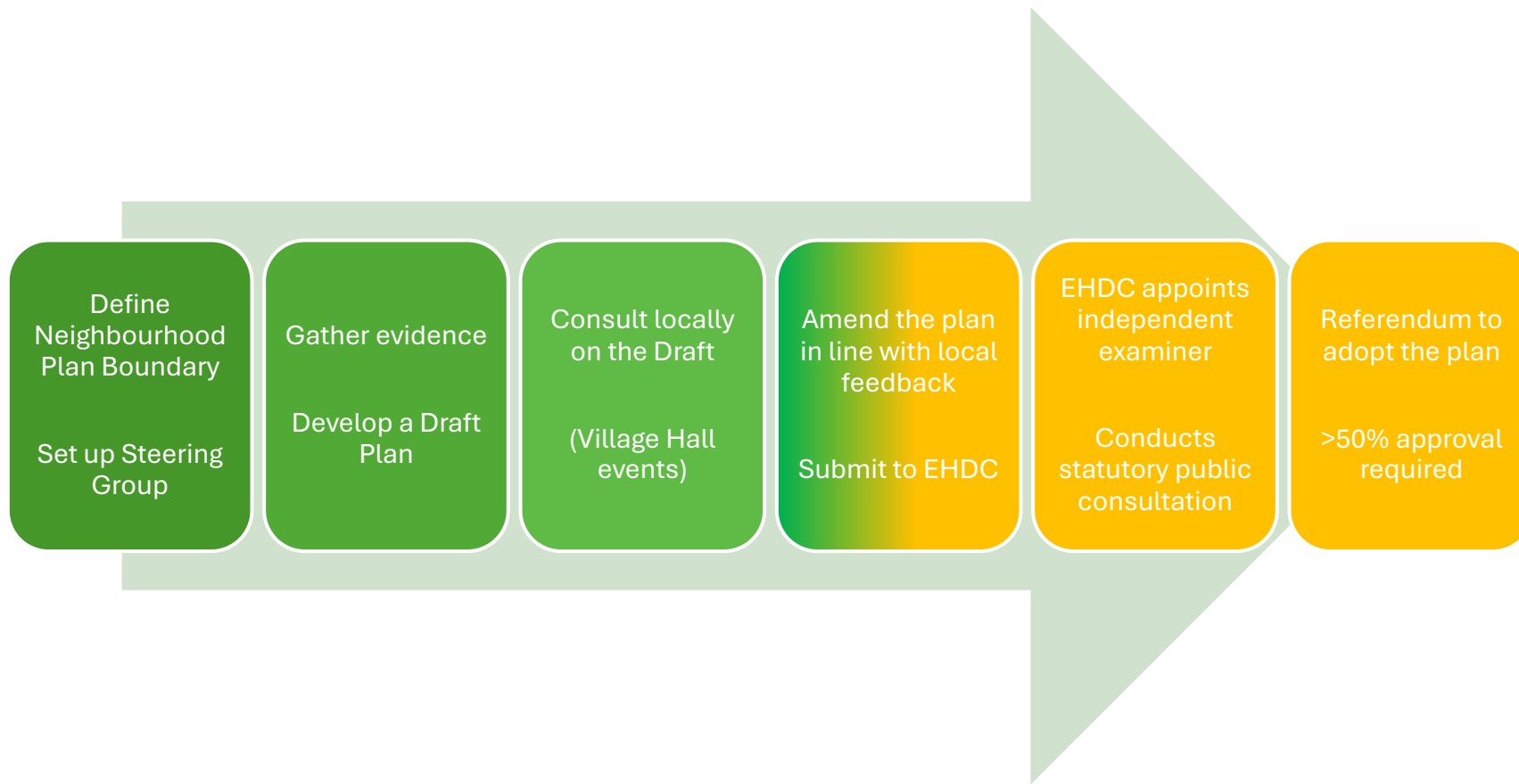
Next Steps

- ❖ **Refine policy text to encode these strict community mandates**
- ❖ **Advance the draft plan toward formal Regulation 14 statutory consultation**





Route Map to Neighbourhood Plan Adoption



Financials

2nd October 2026			
Unity Trust Bank			38860.08
Petty cash			£0.00
Not cleared bank		Total	£38,860.08
Paid			
C Page	September salary	Salary	£ 556.62
C Page	September mileage	Salary	£ 7.20
J Hammond	September salary	Salary	£ 150.00
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	Salary	£ 29.05
C Page	Annual zoom subscription	Subscriptions	£ 155.88
Sovereign Design Play Systems	30% deposit for maintenance of zipwire	Rep/Maintenance	£ 860.62
Sovereign Design Play Systems	40% interim for maintenance of zipwire	Rep/Maintenance	£ 1,147.49
Mokut Mower	3 cuts in september	Rep/Maintenance	£ 495.00
Little Hadham Village Hall	NP Public consultations 20th and 22nd Sep	Admin	£ 163.78
Little Hadham Village Hall	July PC meeting	Rent	£ 20.00
Total payments			£3,585.64
Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £35,274			