



## LITTLE GADDESSEN *parish council*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL on  
19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

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<http://www.littlegaddesden.org.uk>

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. Archer, Heaphy, Hyde, Irving, Kelly, Magson and Saner; Alastair Greene (Clerk), County and Borough (C&B) Councillor Terry Douris, and nine members of the public.

**Apologies:** None.

### 1. FORMALITIES

The attendance register was signed. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and were signed at the end of the meeting.

### 2. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr. Irving asked if anyone wished to raise any matters not already covered in the Agenda.

A member of the public expressed her concern that there seemed to be very many firework displays both organised events and informal ones spread over many weeks which caused anxiety to her pets. The Clerk advised that Ashridge were good at giving notice to the Parish Council and also advertise their events on the noticeboard next to the shop but he said that he would endeavour to find out the rules for firework displays, both public and private.

### 3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

#### (a) To receive a report from Hertfordshire Constabulary

The Clerk advised that, as stated by PCSO Lee Clements, due to the introduction of a new police computer system the Police were unable to provide reports but confirmed that they would be reintroduced in due course.

#### (b) Progress against the Parish Council's objectives

Village Hall facilities. The Clerk confirmed he was awaiting estimates from David Brattle so that he could make a grant application.

Conservation Area Character Appraisal (CACA). Cllr. Irving advised that a notice of the background to and purpose of the project had been communicated via the Gaddesden Society e-mail address list and would be further communicated by sending a letter to all residents, as an enclosure with the Church Magazine. A meeting had been held, he said, just prior to the Parish Meeting, at which volunteers had been allocated survey areas to commence their initial review, scheduled to be completed by the end of February. Residents will be kept advised on progress as the project proceeds.

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Develop a Parish Council web site. The Clerk advised that he had circulated the suggested page structure and content to Councillors and Councillors agreed to give feedback before the end of the month. Cllr. Irving reiterated the need for the Parish Council to have an independent web site and confirmed that the Parish Council was happy to proceed with the design with 'Town and Country web sites'.

Upgrading of play equipment at Cromer Close Play Area. Cllr. Hyde advised that the agreed location for the new swing unit, which will comprise a basket and a child swing, was adjacent to the existing swings. As part of the arrangements the end of the earth mound would be removed and the goal would be provided with a deer friendly chain link fence net. The swing was £5,500 plus vat, the mound removal £180 plus vat and the goal net £135 plus vat. It was agreed that the Clerk could instruct the supplier to proceed, as soon as Dacorum Borough Council as landowner approved the Health and Safety aspect of the project.

The maintenance of the existing equipment at Cromer Close was discussed, as the Clerk had received a quote for rubbing down the equipment and repainting it. The quote at £1500 was felt to be too high and the Clerk was asked to consider other solutions.

Teenagers' project to develop fitness equipment on the playing field. Cllr. Magson had circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting a summary of the quotes received and actions necessary to progress the project. It was agreed that six items of equipment plus a basketball net and hard standing would be installed.

Cllr. Magson said she would challenge the preferred supplier to reduce their quote. It was agreed that the Clerk together with Councillor Kelly would make an application to Dacorum Borough Council for additional funding under the Community Grant scheme.

A working party was to be established to agree the final selection and location of equipment.

Traffic monitoring capability. Cllr. Archer confirmed that she was waiting for volunteers to be vetted by Hertfordshire Constabulary, so that DriveSafe could get underway again.

**(c) Safe Route to School along Hudnall Lane**

The Clerk advised he had received confirmation from Herts CC, that under the Safer Routes to School funding, HCC would make minor improvements to the existing signage and install new where necessary, raising driver awareness on the approach to the narrow section of Hudnall Lane. In addition the Parish Council had made an application under the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safety Fund for additional work to re-establish the road boundary, rebuild a damaged area of the road opposite Field End and make the buried highway signs visible again.

**(d) Parking at Cromer Close**

A resident from Cromer Close asked if the Parish Council could help with the provision of parking space in what is a very crowded road. She mentioned a wide verge that could perhaps be surfaced or the rear garage area that could be better utilised. Cllr Terry Douris agreed to take it up with DBC.

**(e) Salt bin for Cromer Close**

The Clerk confirmed it had been ordered.

**(f) Hudnall Lane post box replacement**

Councillor Irving advised that the Royal Mail have identified the replacement location for the box as adjacent to the telegraph post, beside the driveway across the Green leading to the Manor House. The postbox will not impinge on pedestrians or motorists and be safer than its original po-

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sition for those posting letters and also for those making the collection. It was agreed that local residents should be advised ahead of the installation occurring.

**(g) National Trust**

Cllr. Heaphy advised that the Countryside team are now moving onto their winter work. This includes thinning out the final section of Dockey wood, removing some conifers in Rail Copse and the ongoing management of scrubland up at Ivinghoe.

This year's deer cull began on November 1st. Advisory signage has been put up. All the stalkers have professional stalking qualifications and wear armbands to identify them. No licences for stalking are sold; deer management is an unfortunate but necessary part of conserving the Ashridge estate and a cost to the NT. Venison will be on sale at the NT shop from mid November. Any queries re the deer cull, please email [ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk) or if there is some urgency, telephone 01442 841800.

**(h) Christmas Carols on the Green**

Cllr. Heaphy advised that the Carols around the Christmas tree will be on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. She asked that people come along and join in, sing and be jolly and bring mince pies if you can! The Clerk confirmed that Neil Rogers will provide the tree, slightly taller than last year's, at a cost of £375 plus vat. Cllr. Terry Douris confirmed that Dacorum B. C. will meet c. 50% of the cost at £180 for which the Councillors thanked Terry and DBC.

**(i) Documents to be approved**

The Clerk advised that he had circulated three documents and actions were agreed as follows:-

1. The Publication Scheme, required under the Freedom of Information Act - adopted as amended.
2. The Complaints Procedure - the Clerk to check on right to appeal the Parish Council's decision.
3. The Draft Policy on advertisements - comments sought from Councillors by the end of November, so that the Clerk could then circulate to clubs and societies to get feedback prior to the next Parish Meeting.

**Items brought forward from previous meetings.**

None

**4. ADMINISTRATION**

**Correspondence not already covered above and that requires action by the Council**

None

**Finance**

a. The Council approved the following payments:-

Clerk & Village Hall Manager - Salary & PAYE for **Nov**

SRT Trading Limited - £220 plus vat - Warden Services (**Nov** invoice)

MWAgri - £1155 ex vat (**Nov** invoice plus grass clamp relocation)

Petty Cash Clerk - £53.40 (Telephone rental and calls, paper and stamps) (**Nov**)

T. Clark and Son, Kitchen door in Village Hall, £447.60 plus vat

Royal British Legion £25 for wreath

It was agreed that a Finance Meeting would be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> in the evening, time and location to be finalised.

b. Cheques/payments received

LGVH Management Committee - Village Hall Manager salary, Donations for Oak Tree guards £300, donation for Gym equipment £500 from the Football Club

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**PLANNING SCHEDULE - CURRENT APPLICATIONS (status at 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018)**  
 (Red text show changes since previous meeting)

THE OAK HOUSE, NETTLEDEN ROAD NORTH, NEW ENTRANCE GATE TO THE PLOT.

4/01809/18/FHA. Objection from LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

45 NETTLEDEN ROAD NORTH. NEW CHALET BUNGALOW ON LAND TO REAR.

4/01766/18/FUL. Objection from LGPC, **DBC advised that the application was withdrawn**

BLUEFRIARS HOUSE, GOLF CLUB ROAD. NEW OUTBUILDING. 4/01841/18/FHA.

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

GREENLEAS, HUDNALL LANE, PROPOSED GARAGE REDEVELOPMENT WITH NEW 1ST FLOOR

GUEST BEDROOM AND EN-SUITE 4/02026/18/FHA. No objection from LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

CHURCH FARM HOUSE. VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 8 (APPROVED PLANS) AND 6 (DETAILS OF LANDSCAPING) ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 4/00502/18/FHA (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION). 4/02134/18/ROC No objection from LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

43 THREE CHIMNEYS. REPAIR OF DEGRADED MORTAR AND BRICKWORK ON LEFT REAR AND

MAIN CENTRAL CHIMNEYS. 4/01940/18/LBC No objection from LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

ASHRIDGE HOUSE, ASHRIDGE PARK, RE-ROOFING WORKS TO SOUTHERN ROOFS OF MAIN

HOUSE. 4/01959/18/LBC No objection from LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

KESTREL, GOLF CLUB ROAD. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GARAGE, CONVERSION OF COVERED OPEN SPACE TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND REPLACEMENT OF GARAGE DOORS WITH WINDOWS, CHANGES TO REAR FENESTRATION, LANDSCAPING WORKS TO REAR GARDEN. 4/02258/18/FHA

No objection from LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

THE SUMMER HOUSE, NETTLEDEN ROAD NORTH FELL TREES. 4/02292/18/TCA

No objection from LGPC, **DBC decision 'Raise no objection'**

FARTHINGS, NETTLEDEN ROAD NORTH. REPLACEMENT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

4/02265/18/LDP No objection from LGPC, **DBC advised that the application was withdrawn**

BEGGARS ROOST, ALDERTON DRIVE, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING HOUSE AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLING. 4/02392/18/FUL.

No objection from LGPC, await DBC decision

VALLEY VIEW. Temporary permission granted at appeal to a permanent use.

CB/18/03451/VOC

Objection by LGPC, **Central Bedfordshire decision awaited.**

### **Applications received since the last meeting.**

1 THE LYE, PROPOSED TWO STOREY FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS WITH PARTIAL LOFT CONVERSION. 4/02564/18/FHA. This application was considered carefully by the Planning Working Group, who commented, 'Noted that four residents of The Lye have objected to the application. Also noted that recent amended plans have addressed the issue of privacy and the overlooking of adjacent properties. The Council's attention is drawn to the fact that this two storey extension is of considerable size and therefore it could be argued that it raises issues of density and layout. However there have previously been significant extensions to properties on The Lye and the Working Group does not believe that it can support an objection to the application based on material planning considerations.'

**No objection from LGPC**

GABLE END COTTAGE, CHURCH ROAD. WORKS TO T1 OAK TREE. 4/02621/18/TPO.

**No objection from LGPC**

BEANEY, NETTLEDEN ROAD, FELL TREE. 4/02760/18/TCA **No objection from LGPC**

FARTHINGS, NETTLEDEN ROAD NORTH. WORK TO TREES. 4/02764/18/TPO

**No objection from LGPC**

### **Information to share / Items for the next meeting**

Cllr. Hyde thanked Cllr. Douris for relocating the SID from the Green to the Nettleden Road and thanked Jim Townsend and George Godar for their sweeping and hedge trimming along Nettleden Road.

Cllr. Hyde advised that the Silhouettes would stay up until the end of the year as it was the centenary of the armistice but in future years they would just be erected during the Poppy Appeal.

Cllr. Hyde said that in investigating the story behind the Frank Rogers bench, she and Jane Dickson had discovered some interesting family histories and they were thinking about producing some notes about all the benches in the village. In the meantime she asked whether the Parish Council would be happy to spend £150 on materials that would allow David Brattle the opportunity to give new life to the bench. The Councillors agreed and thanked David for taking on the project. It was suggested that the Parish Council may wish in the future to have a budget line for bench replacement as several were in a poor state of repair.

Cllr. Douris advised that the grit and leaves that had built up on the path alongside Nettleden Road north of bend towards Ringshall would be removed by Dacorum B. C.

Cllr. Irving said that the Parish Council was aware of the passing of Colin Revell a former Councillor and indeed Chairman of the Parish Council back in the 1970's and early 1980's and that the Parish Council had written to his wife sending its condolences.

Cllr. Hyde thanked all those parishioners who had kindly contributed towards the Oak Tree deer/sheep/rabbit guards that have now been installed along the line of the old oaks in the meadow leading up to the Church.

The meeting closed at **9.50pm.**

The next meeting is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.**

Signed by the Chairman.....Dated.....