



LITTLE GADDES DEN *parish council*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE ON
19th October, 2020

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<https://littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk>

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Hyde, Lawson, Kelly, Pritchard & Saner. Also in attendance, Alastair Greene (Clerk), County and District Councillor Terry Douris (from 9pm), and five members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Magson & Townsend.

1. FORMALITIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the meeting would be run with an open microphone for Councillors and muted microphones for members of the public until the public open question session.

The Clerk noted the attendance and recorded it in the register.

The minutes of the previous month's 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. Kelly asked if anyone wished to raise any matters not already covered in the agenda. No issues were raised.

3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) Community Support Activity in relation to Coronavirus

Sarah Gall advised that she was not aware of any Covid cases locally but reminded everyone to keep to the Government guidelines. The support groups throughout the village remained in place and active.

It was agreed that the Christmas Tree would be funded again and Cllr Pritchard offered to liaise with Neil Rogers with the intention of putting it on the Green at the beginning of December.

There was some discussion about a village Christmas event but nothing was agreed, however, June Abraham confirmed that the VPA were planning to hold a Christmas event on the Village Hall carpark on Saturday 5th December.

(b) Report from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The Clerk advised that in the latest report there was one burglary at a dwelling and two criminal damage cases.

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(c) Land for sale in Church Road

Cllr Kelly confirmed that a further auction had taken place and some sales may have taken place, however, since sometimes the same plots come back a second time to the auction for sale and because no sales have yet been registered it was difficult to tell if they were real.

DBC have confirmed to the Parish Council, that if anyone makes formal enquiries through a Local Search or if people make more casual enquiries, they have a statement that confirms all the restrictions on the land fronting Church Road.

(d) Village Hall toilet refurbishment

Cllr Kelly confirmed that good progress was being made with much of the plumbing and wall paneling and electrics in place.

(e) Planning Enforcement discussion with the Enforcement Officer DBC

Cllr Kelly advised that a video meeting had been held between the Parish Council's Planning Review Team and Philip Stanley of the DBC Enforcement Team, to discuss progress on the outstanding planning enforcement cases. Philip advised that because there was such a backlog of cases across the Borough, due in part to the difficulty with site visits, they had decided to have focused geographical areas for review and Little Gaddesden's would take place after 2nd November. The cases being reviewed included:-

1. Silver Birches,
2. Beaney horses
3. A new case, the shed in front garden of 13, Cromer Close.

Philip advised that it had been reported to the Enforcement Team that the building at Witchcraft Hill had been removed.

Cllr Hyde asked Philip to have a look at Mosshall Farm's substantial earth bund behind the hedge.

It was agreed that the Planning Review Team would catch up again with Philip once the enforcement team had reviewed Little Gaddesden in detail.

(f) Memorial for Patsy Blackmore/Enid Foxall

David Brattle and Cllr Hyde confirmed that alternative ideas were still being explored.

(g) Projects to be funded

Cllr Kelly agreed to have a look at the VPA Store hut to give his advice on replacement roofing materials.

(h) DriveSafe

October session curtailed by poor weather

(i) Community Asset status of the Bridgewater Arms

Cllr Townsend had raised a question prior to the meeting as to whether in the light of Green Kings' announcement of closure of some of its pubs whether there was any threat to the Bridgewater Arms and if so, how should the Parish Council react. Cllr Townsend had suggested it could be worth looking at Community Asset status for the pub. All agreed that such action was worthy of further investigation.

(j) Conservation Area Character Appraisal CACA)

Cllr Hyde confirmed that a meeting would be set up for Councillors on 9th November to review the draft CACA Management Proposals with a view to then presenting the Proposals to the next Parish public meeting

(k) Confirmation of the timing of the Ringshall works

Cllr Douris was able to advise 'that the most recent investigations had revealed a dry well some 16m deep and 1.2m diameter. The pipe to the well was corrupted hence it being dry.'

He also said that 'the work involved is likely to have a significant resource cost and officers would be working on the remediation design and works requirement in the build up to the beginning of April 2021 when the new budget becomes available. I have been advised that it is the intention that these works should be at the front of the queue'.

(l) Luton Airport's expansion plans

Cllr Pritchard confirmed that she would advise on the response needed.

4. ADMINISTRATION**(i) Correspondence not already covered above and that required action by the Council**

There were no additional items discussed.

(ii) Finance

- (a) The schedule of payments was approved together with the report on expenditure for the previous month.
- (b) The Clerk confirmed that the NALC salary scale had recently been amended w.e.f. 1st April 2020 giving an annual increase of 2.7%. The change from £11.91 to £12.24 per hour at 12.5 hours per week x 52 weeks = £7,956 was slightly over the budget line for the Clerk's salary of £7,895. The Clerk suggested that he only back date it to August to keep within the budget line, however Councillors agreed that it should be backdated fully in accordance with the salary award.

(iii) Health and Safety

The Clerk confirmed that the monthly H&S inspection had been carried out on 5th October. Councillor Hyde agreed to chase the DBC team again about the promised repairs. It was agreed that if no action is forthcoming from DBC then the Clerk would be asked to seek alternative solutions.

Finance Schedule**a. The Council approved the following payments:-**

Clerk & Village Hall Manager – Salary & PAYE for Oct
 SRT Trading Limited – £220 ex vat– Warden Services for Oct
 MW Agri – £722 ex vat for Oct
 Petty Cash payment to Clerk for Oct £84.99 ex vat poo bags and tel calls
 Gates plumbing and heating £1,065 ex vat 2nd invoice for plumbing work at the Village Hall
 MJR Construction £6,000 ex vat 1st invoice for the Village Hall building work
 E-on Electricity on the Green closing account - £12.01 inc vat

b. Cheques/payments received

LGVH Management Committee - Village Hall Manager salary

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PLANNING SCHEDULE - CURRENT APPLICATIONS (status at 19th October, 2020)

Applications received since the last meeting.

After the public had had an opportunity to comment on the applications below, the Planning Working Group made their recommendations to the full Parish Council.

2 Little Gaddesden House, Nettleden Road. Works to trees. 20/02872/TCA

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

1 Little Gaddesden House, Nettleden Road. Works to Sycamore tree. 20/02873/TCA

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

1 Hudnall Lane, Little Gaddesden. Two-storey rear extension. 20/03023/FHA

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

For applications below LGPC has already submitted its consultation response.

(Red text show changes since previous meeting)

35 Ringshall Road, Ringshall. Two-storey and single-storey rear extension. 20/02164/FHA

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited.

3 Little Gaddesden House, Nettleden Road. Construction of a single storey oak cart shed style car port with log store. 20/02272/FHA **Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited.**

Orchard End Nettleden Road North. Works to trees. 20/02327/TCA

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision Raise no objection

Affinity Water Pumping Station. Off Nettleden Road. Works to Oak Tree. 20/02429/TCA

Supported by LGPC. DBC decision Raise no objection

The Traction Engine Shed Nettleden Road North. Works to Oak Tree. 20/02490/TPO

Supported by LGPC. Granted by DBC

3 The Lye Little Gaddesden. Works to trees. 20/02603/TCA

Supported by LGPC. DBC decision awaited.

The Coach House Nettleden Road North. Works to tree. 20/02642/TCA

Supported by LGPC. DBC decision Raise no objection

1 The Red House Nettleden Road North. Works to tree. 20/02703/TCA

Supported by LGPC. DBC decision Raise no objection

Mosshall Farm, Nettleden Road North. Construction of stables for personal use. 20/00453/FUL

Objection by LGPC as follows:- Little Gaddesden Parish Council (LGPC) objects to the application, but is prepared to withdraw the objection if the applicant will confirm that the track shown on the

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location map is not part of the development for which permission is sought. Further LGPC asks that 'Permitted Development Rights' be withdrawn on this property owing to the development that has taken place there from the original 4/02699/15/ful and following 4/00614/17/roc applications.

We would also like to draw your attention to the high bank (approx. 2 metres) that has appeared for the entire length on the inside of the roadside hedge of the property since work started in 2017 – is this perhaps a matter for Enforcement? LGPC would request that as soon as is possible under the current circumstances, a site visit takes place to resolve these matters.

Awaiting DBC decision

10 Ringshall Road Ringshall. Construction of Wooden Summer House in Rear Garden.

20/01404/FHA Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

Bailiffs, Nettleden Road. Detached Granny Annexe to Replace Detached Garage. 20/02131/FHA

Originally supported by LGPC, amended plans received for further consultation supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC.

9 Nettleden Road North. Two storey rear extension. 20/02100/FHA

Supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC

Torwood Nettleden Road. Proposed entrance gates and associated fencing. 20/02145/FHA

Supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC

Information to share / Items for the next meeting

No additional items

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next meeting is on Monday 16th November, 2020.

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