



LITTLE GADDES DEN *parish council*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON

15th November, 2021

PLEASE NOTE THAT MINUTES ARE ALSO PUBLISHED ON THE WEB SITE

<https://littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk>

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Fruish, Hyde, Kelly, Saner, Thompson & Townsend. Also in attendance, Alastair Greene (Clerk), County and District Councillor Terry Douris, and twenty-four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Magson

1. FORMALITIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the meeting would be run.

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.

There were no declarations of interest on the main agenda items.

2. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr. Kelly asked if anyone wished to raise any matters not already covered in the agenda, none were raised.

3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) Church Road update

The Council confirmed that it would shortly submit an objection to the appeals on the grounds that the actions and associated activities by the appellants were having an adverse impact on residents' and visitors' enjoyment of the AONB, the Conservation Area, the Chiltern Way and the beautiful setting of the historic Church.

Cllr Kelly confirmed that the date for people to respond to the Enforcement Notice Appeal was 23rd November. Cllr Fruish was aware that Dacorum Borough Council were consulting widely on the enforcement and that large numbers of the village hadn't received letters in this regard and it was important that everyone realised they could comment. A resident offered to print reminders to people and other residents offered to help circulate them. Cllr Kelly confirmed that background information and guidance was available on the Parish Council web site.

(b) Report from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The Clerk read out the Crime Report from Lee Clements:-

1 x Criminal damage to car

1 x Criminal damage to a building

1 x Theft of trailer

1 x Theft of oil

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

5 x Public Order offences all being currently investigated

(c) Speeding through the village

Cllr. Thompson confirmed that the application form to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safety Fund had been made. It had been confirmed as received and would be considered once the next review period was open.

A resident asked whether consideration could be given to speeding in Ringshall because there was a real problem with traffic in particular coming from the Berkhamsted direction, heading down into the dip. The DriveSafe team undertook to ask the Hertfordshire Constabulary if they could look again and find a safe place for the DriveSafe team to monitor speed of traffic in Ringshall.

There was also a suggestion that HCC could paint speed limits on the road in circles, especially at Ringshall by the Beacon Road.

One thought in relation to average speed camera implementation was that consideration be given to a uniform 30 mph throughout the village.

There was a comment that it might be necessary to reduce the 40mph limit adjacent to any proposed 20mph area.

Cllr Hyde gave the DriveSafe statistics for October. Of the 79 vehicles counted near Home Farm travelling along Nettleden Road towards the village from Nettleden direction, 26 were exceeding the limit and would be sent Police letters.

(d) Conservation Area Character Appraisal Consultation in the Village Hall

Cllr Hyde reminded everyone that the consultation dates were Friday November 19th, 4pm-7pm and Saturday 20th November, 10am - 12am.

(e) Queens canopy, Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Hyde confirmed that a Liquidambar Tree had been planted on the Green on October 29th to celebrate next year's Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Hyde confirmed that the Council should receive a grant payment of c. £360 that would help defray the cost of the tree, its planting and protection. She asked that the Council purchase a watering device to ensure that the roots would not dry out in the first year the cost c. £25, the request was approved.

(f) Open Green Space designation

Cllr Saner advised that the Parish Council have prepared an application to DBC for the open land surrounding the church on both sides of Church Road to be designated as Open Green Space. The application would be submitted shortly. He said that the designation would need to be considered by DBC as part of the new draft Local Plan that was going through consultation stages. The designation, if eventually approved, would provide an additional layer of protection for the land against development.

(g) Bede Court Tree approval

Cllr Hyde asked for approval to carry out tree maintenance work to the Yew Trees in Bede Court. She advised that DBC did not have the resources to manage this and as these were significant trees for the Parish it would be a shame to leave them unattended. The work was approved.

(h) Policy updates for Standing Orders and Public Participation in meetings

Both policies were re-adopted with minor changes.

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

4. ADMINISTRATION

(i) Correspondence not already covered above and that required action by the Council

The Clerk advised he had received the following correspondence:-

- (a) A report from a resident that the Cromer Close noticeboard door had a broken hinge. The Clerk thanked David Brattle who had kindly offered to source a replacement.
- (b) Confirmation from Malcolm, the maintenance contractor, that several small jobs had been completed including the footpath steps on the path between the pub to Ringshall Drive and the broken gate and fence in the Sports Pavilion car park
- (c) An invitation to the Community Grants Awards evening in March 2022 to celebrate/publicise the grants awarded in 2021 (Village Hall Toilet refurbishment)
- (d) Confirmation that two highway repairs had been completed, one a trench at the side of the road opposite Cromer Close and the other a 40mpg speed sign that had been hit in the NT car park opposite the Green.

(ii) Finance

The schedule of payments was approved together with the report on expenditure for the previous month.

(iii) Health and Safety

The Clerk confirmed that the monthly H&S inspection had been carried out on the Play Areas on 9th November. No new matters had been identified.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Hyde advised that she had attended the Dacorum CAN Climate Action Network meeting at the Forum on 3 November. She asked whether the PC wished to join it as an organisation, however that would mean signing up to the objectives of: lowering emissions, improving biodiversity and to strive to make our organisation sustainable. The Councillors asked for more information. In the meantime, Cllr Hyde said that she would join as an individual and would be looking to re-start the 'Greener Gaddesden Group' which had been in abeyance since February 2020.

The Clerk advised that the Finance Meeting had been set for January 4th, location to be advised and that the Parish Meeting for January would be on 31st January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

FINANCE SCHEDULE

a. Cheques for approval. The Council approved the following:-

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

SRT Trading Limited – £220 ex vat– Warden Services for **Nov**

MWAgri – £977 ex vat for **Nov** includes several minor repairs to fences, steps

Petty Cash payment to Clerk for tree mesh guard and CPRE membership **Nov** £65.58 **ex vat**

Daniel Bunting - £260 ex vat for Deer guard for tree on the Green

Scottish Power £12.27 inc vat per month direct debit

b. Cheques/payments received

LGVH Management Committee - Village Hall Manager salary

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

PLANNING SCHEDULE - CURRENT APPLICATIONS (status at 15^h November 2021)

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.

Little Witch Alderton Drive, Replacement dwelling. 21/03784/FUL **New information submitted removing random coursed natural stone but still including zinc roofing. LGPC took a neutral stance on this application**

Kestrel Golf Club Road. Construction of side and rear extension to contain swimming pool, additional rear hardstanding. 21/03932/FHA **LGPC supported this application**

4 Nettleden Road North. Addition of 2nd storey to existing side extension with associated modification to roof. 21/03846/FHA **LGPC took a neutral stance on this application**

The Traction Engine Shed. Nettleden Road North. Free standing garden structure (Aluminium Pergola) to be installed on back patio of house. 21/04035/FHA **LGPC took a neutral stance on this application**

3 The Red House. Single storey hardwood conservatory. 21/04123/LBC & 21/04122/FHA **LGPC supported this application**

House In The Woods Golf Club Road. Proposed side extension with side dormers room in the roof and two storey single storey rear extension. 21/04169/FHA **LGPC wished to seek further information on the application from the Planning Officer before responding to the consultation.**

8 The Lye. Single storey orangery extension to rear and side. 21/04127/FHA **LGPC supported this application**

The Garden Cottage, Nettleden Road. Fell Ash trees. 21/04208/TCA **LGPC supported this application**

2 Ashridge Cottages Nettleden Road. Replacement timber single glazed sash windows to front and side. 21/04229/LBC **LGPC took a neutral stance on this application**

For applications below LGPC has already submitted its consultation response. (Red text show changes since previous meeting)

Serenity Gatesdene Close, Relocation of principal entrance. Covered entrance canopy extension. Single storey front extension. Single storey rear extension. Garage and log-store conversion. Replacement of ground floor rear door with window. Installation of first floor and loft floor side elevation windows. Installation of front facing roof lights. 21/03584/FHA **Supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC**

42 Nettleden Road North. Alterations and extension to car port to form porch 21/03598/LBC & 21/03597/FHA **Supported by LGPC**

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

54 Nettleden Road. Works to Tree's. 21/03704/TCA **Supported by LGPC**

27 Nettleden Road North. Proposed installation of automated gates to existing driveway to service numbers 26 and 27 Nettleden Road North. 21/03189/LBC & 21/03188/FUL Objection as follows:- The Parish Council objects to this application. Whilst it supports the principle of securing the drive with a gate, this property lies in the centre of the Conservation Area. Within the Little Gaddesden Conservation Area, on Nettleden Road from Ringshall to Ashridge Cottages there are approximately 80 entrances; 40 are open access, 28 five bar wooden gates, 7 field access gates, 4 metal gates and just one solid wooden gate. The design of the proposed gates ignores the Chiltern Design guidance for the rural area, and the Parish Council considers that the proposed gates would add to the suburbanisation of the Conservation Area. The Parish Council would reconsider should the design of the gates be modified to a five-bar gate more suited to the rural area.

Application withdrawn

43 Nettleden Road North. Retrospective application: Repair works to kitchen roof 21/03619/LBC Supported by LGPC, **Granted by DBC**

42 Nettleden Road North. To strip off existing roof tiling, provide breathable membrane batten and retile with Sahtas handmade plain clay tiles (amended scheme). 21/03139/FHA & 21/03140/LBC Supported by LGPC, **Awaiting DBC decision**

16 Cromer Close. Proposed 1 & 2 storey rear extensions, 1st floor side extension and loft conversion with new rooflights and internal alterations and new air source heat pump. 21/03503/FHA Supported by LGPC, **Awaiting DBC decision**

Witches Hollow, Ringshall Drive. Single storey side extension to replace link and alterations. 21/00612/FHA & LBC. Planning Appeal. APP/A1910/Y/21/3272860 **LGPC agreed not to submit further comments to the Inspector**

SILVER BIRCHES, NETTLEDEN ROAD NORTH. Appeal against enforcement notice, that they should cease use of a particular property as a residential unit 21/00043/ENFORC
Reference: APP/A1910/C/21/3278485

The Parish Council opposed the applicants appeal against the Enforcement Notice issued by Dacorum Borough Council on 9th June 2021. **Inspector's decision awaited**

6-7, Nettleden Road. Retention of a post & rail fence (measuring 42.150 metres), including 2X3 and 2X6 field gates. 21/02446/FUL Little Gaddesden Parish Council objected as follow:- The erection of fencing allows no practical agricultural use of this partitioned off area of land, allowing it effectively to become incorporated into the garden of 6/7. Nettleden Road North. It should be noted that the field being divided contains a field shelter which has an agricultural condition on it (see 4/02234/16/FUL) and the Parish Council consider that the complete field should remain in agricultural use. **A further letter of information was submitted by the applicant and the Planning Officer awaited LGPC further comments. The Parish Council felt that if all the land had an agricultural condition imposed on the use of the land, it would be acceptable to allow the fence to be retained.**

The meeting closed at **9.30pm.**

The next meeting is on **Monday 13th December, 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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