



LITTLE GADDES DEN *parish council*

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

13th December, 2021

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The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: None

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.

David Brattle advised that he was frequently having electricity supply cuts, others agreed that the village seemed to suffer from this and also interruptions to the water supply, perhaps due to the age of the infrastructure and the high cost of replacing it.

3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) Church Road update

The Council confirmed that it had submitted an objection to the enforcement notice 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 final date for DBC/the appellant to comment was 14th Dec after which time a visit was likely to be scheduled by the Planning Inspector.

(b) Report from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The Clerk confirmed that he had received no information from the Police.

(c) Conservation Area Character Appraisal (CACA) Consultation in the Village Hall

Cllr Hyde confirmed that the consultations at the Village Hall on Friday November 19th and Saturday 20th November, had been held and attended by many, all of whom were appreciate of the quality of the work produced and felt that the document and photos were a great record of

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the village Conservation Area. The consultation period expires on 17th December. Next steps were for DBC was to review the comments and work on the generic CACA Management Proposals.

(d) Speeding in the Village

Cllr Thompson confirmed that a submission had been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safety Fund and a response was awaited.

Cllr Thompson advised she had re-driven many of the village roads to check on the speed warning signs. She felt overall there were sufficient and did not see the need to add but wondered whether a roundel on the surface before the dip into Ringshall would help slow approaching traffic near the dangerous Beacon Road junction.

Cllr Hyde advised that she had reported the non-functioning flashing junction warning sign on the approach to the same junction.

There was also discussion about re-painting of the roundels on the surface near Hall Farm and it was not certain whether that fell into Bucks or Herts. It was agreed to approach Hall Farm to determine if they were Herts or Bucks residents.

(h) Privacy Policy updates

The policy was re-adopted with no changes.

4. ADMINISTRATION

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

None received

(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 7th December. He advised that the shrubs at Cromer Close play area were encroaching on the equipment and said he would ask if DBC could cut them back.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Douris asked whether there was any interest in an additional defibrillator for the village. The one at the Sports Pavilion was discussed and it was noted that it could be made more accessible by relocating it onto the outside wall of the Pavilion. Cllr Kelly said he would speak to the Sports Club about it. Councillors approved a spend of up to £400 for this work. It was therefore agreed that an additional defibrillator was not required.

Cllr Hyde said she was seeking a solution to the unavailability of contractors to bale the grass from the Green. David Brattle offered to speak to the Golf Club who he felt had the right equipment and might be able to help.

Cllr Hyde asked whether there was any interest in installing an electric car charging point at the Village Hall, however there was no clear conclusion to the discussion.

The Clerk advised that the Finance Meeting had been set for January 4th, location to be advised.

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FINANCE SCHEDULE

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

Clerk & Village Hall Manager – Salary & PAYE for Dec

SRT Trading Limited – £220 ex vat– Warden Services for Dec

MWAgri – £740 ex vat for Dec

Petty Cash payment to Clerk Dec £43.86 ex vat phone rental and calls Oct/Nov

Scottish Power £12.27 inc vat per month direct debit

National Trust £1 rent for small parcel of land at Cromer Close Play Area

David Brattle Noticeboard for car park Church Road £211.64 inc vat

Royal British Legion. Poppy wreath for Remembrance Day £25 no vat

HAPTC Training £14 no vat

b. Cheques/payments received

LGVH Management Committee - Village Hall Manager salary

PLANNING SCHEDULE - CURRENT APPLICATIONS (status at 12th December 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.

Ashridge House, Ashridge Park. Conversion of existing Honeysuckle outbuilding at Ashridge House into Beauty Spa/Treatment facilities for those visiting Ashridge. Continuation of external lighting scheme to Honeysuckle and associated wing. 21/04381/FUL & 21/04382/LBC

LGPC took a neutral stance

Robin Hood Farm, Nettleden Road. Extension to storage building. 21/04433/FUL

Supported by LGPC

The Red House, Nettleden Road. Works to trees. 21/04520/TCA **No objection from LGPC**

Waveney Cottage, Hudnall Lane. Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

21/04560/FHA **Supported by LGPC**

For applications below LGPC has already submitted its consultation response.

(Red text show changes since previous meeting)

Little Witch Alderton Drive, Replacement dwelling. 21/03784/FUL

LGPC's consultation response was 'Neutral'. Awaiting DBC decision

Kestrel Golf Club Road. Construction of side and rear extension to contain swimming pool,

additional rear hardstanding. 21/03932/FHA **Supported by LGPC. Awaiting DBC decision**

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4 Nettleden Road North. Addition of 2nd storey to existing side extension with associated modification to roof. 21/03846/FHA

LGPC's consultation response was 'Neutral'. Awaiting DBC decision

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's consultation response was 'Neutral'. Awaiting DBC decision

3 The Red House. Single storey hardwood conservatory. 21/04123/LBC & 21/04122/FHA

Supported by LGPC Awaiting DBC decision

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 agreed to make a neutral response to this application.**

8 The Lye. Single storey orangery extension to rear and side. 21/04127/FHA **Supported by LGPC**

The Garden Cottage, Nettleden Road. Fell Ash trees. 21/04208/TCA

Supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC

2 Ashridge Cottages Nettleden Road. Replacement timber single glazed sash windows to front and side. 21/04229/LBC **LGPC's consultation response was 'Neutral'**

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

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

Little Witch Alderton Drive. Replacement dwelling. 21/03784/FUL

LGPC's consultation response was 'Neutral'. Awaiting DBC decision

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, Granted by DBC**

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

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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 sought 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.

Granted by DBC with confirmation of an agricultural use condition.

The meeting closed at **8.45pm.**

The next meeting is on **Monday 17th January, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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