



LITTLE GADDES DEN *parish council*

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

17th January, 2022

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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, (from 8.15pm) and twelve members of the public and two PCSO's

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 Simpson said that he was annoyed by the loud music coming from the Winter Wonderland at Ashridge over the Christmas period and with the fireworks generally. He felt that they need not be broadcasted at such a high volume and had complained to Ashridge House.

A further email of complaint had also been received from a resident at Ashridge Cottages. Cllr Kelly noted the complaints and it was agreed that Cllrs would speak to residents about this to get better feedback from the village and then liaise with Ashridge House.

John Russell said that he was aware that various groups would like to do something to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and he suggested that to avoid any clashes of events he would like to host a meeting in the new Church Hall on 5th Feb at 10am so that all interested clubs, societies etc could put their thoughts forward in a coordinated way. Everyone supported the suggestion.

3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) Church Road update

Cllr Kelly advised that he had met Joe Guiten from DBC and Police Inspector Scott at Church Road but the meeting whilst helpful at maintaining the dialogue did not lead to any particular conclusions. It was acknowledged that everyone was waiting for the enforcement notice appeals to be determined. Cllr Kelly advised though that the Enforcement Officer at DBC had commenced a new Enforcement enquiry into residential use of the caravan.

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

(b) Report from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The Clerk confirmed that the Police report contained only one item for last month, theft of an electricity meter.

In Lee Clements absence, two PCSO's (Julian and Katie) kindly attended the Parish Meeting to understand any concerns from villagers. The principal concerns raised were about speeding through the village and the PCSO's undertook to update Lee Clements on the comments received.

(c) Speeding in the Village

Cllr Thompson confirmed that a submission had been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safety Fund and that the following response had been received:-

Please see update on our process below with approximate timeframes concerning all Road Safety Fund bids submitted within the most recent round:

- We are currently assessing all Expressions of Interest forms that were submitted by 12th Jan 2022 deadline – by end Jan
- The proposals that pass the above assessment will be asked to complete/submit a full Application Form before a set deadline – deadline likely to end of Feb/early Mar
- Full applications to be scrutinised/assessed by the Herts Road Safety Partnership – during Mar
- Recommendations made to the Commissioner – Mar/Apr

The timeframes may seem long but there is a lot of checks we need to carry out – clashes with other Highways works/projects being a major one and ensuring bids are scrutinised by the wider Road Safety Partners.

Residents from Ringshall advised that they felt in danger when exiting from the access road to Ringshall Cottages due to the speed of the traffic there, if anything traffic seemed to speed up into the dip rather than slow for the junction and observe the 30mph limit.

Cllr Thompson said that Cllr Douris may wish to comment on road signs, in particular the request for a 30mph roundel on the surface before the dip into Ringshall coming from Berkhamsted direction, which might help slow approaching traffic near the dangerous Beacon Road junction.

Cllr Douris agreed to speak to the Highways Engineer to check if the roundel was included in the planned line markings following the road re-surfacing.

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

There was some discussion about relocating the SID (Speed Indicator Device) and also a suggestion that a second one be purchased but it was agreed that the Parish Council would wait to see what proposals the PCC came up with before discussing the SID further.

(d) Footpath maintenance Ringshall to Beaney Corner

Cllr Douris advised that he had asked for footpath siding out work to be completed on the stretch between Vine Cottage and Cromer Close and also on the stretch between Ringshall and Beaney Corner. On this latter stretch it was hoped to widen the walkable area from c.90cms. to c.160cms. which it was felt would give pedestrians a safer journey along what has become a fast section of road. It was agreed that prior to the works being carried out it would be very useful if residents could cut back their hedges, right back to the original boundary, because many hedges had overgrown the path significantly in places.

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

It was understood that the proposed siding out work was not instead of the re-kerbing work on the Ringshall to Beaney corner section, which was still acknowledged as necessary but was rather a longer-term project due to its cost.

(e) Road markings

Cllr Douris advised that the yellow zig zag markings in front of the school were still in DBC's plan.

(f) Replacement road name sign for the top of Hudnall Lane

It was agreed that the signs were very worn and unclear and should be replaced with the current 'Conservation Area Standard sign of black lettering on a white background. Cllr Douris asked for confirmation from the Clerk so that he could action replacements by DBC.

(g) Annual Risk Assessment document and the Financial Regulations

The Clerk confirmed that he had circulated the documents for approval with minor changes only from the previous versions, both were re-adopted at the meeting.

4. ADMINISTRATION

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

The Clerk advised that the Tennis Club wished to carry out a refurbishment of the courts creating a new surface and replacing the fencing. Cllr Kathryn Magson kindly agreed to liaise with the Tennis Club and others regarding the proposed works.

(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 Church Road Play Area on 17th January and on the Cromer Close one on 13th January. There were no new matters for the Clerk to report, except that Sovereign had still not delivered the replacement pole for the swings to David Brattle and that they would be chased up.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Jim Townsend suggested that there be a record kept of the outstanding Enforcement issues in the village so that they did not get forgotten. The suggestion was supported in principle and the precise method was to be agreed, a possible solution being to add those issues to the Planning Agenda sheet.

Cllr Hyde advised that the Conservation Team at DBC had collated the responses to the consultation that took place in November and once the final changes were made it would be heading for the 15th March Cabinet for approval of the CACA. Any adjustments the report needed were to be completed by the 27th February. The CACA team had agreed to add some photographs, and update a couple of others.

FINANCE SCHEDULE

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

Clerk & Village Hall Manager – Salary & PAYE for Jan

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

MWAgri – £1,264 ex vat for Jan (NB cricket club to reimburse grass collection, £572 ex vat

Petty Cash payment to Clerk Jan £21.93 ex vat phone rental and calls Dec

Scottish Power £12.27 inc vat per month direct debit

Hire of Sports Pavilion on 4th Jan at £30 no vat

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

b. Cheques/payments received

LGVH Management Committee - Village Hall Manager salary

PLANNING SCHEDULE - CURRENT APPLICATIONS (status at 17th January 2022)

Applications received since the last meeting.

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

Christmas House Nettleden Road North, Extension to existing garage. 21/04598/FHA

Supported by LGPC

Bailiffs, Nettleden Road. Construction of garden shed. 21/04593/FHA

Supported by LGPC

46 Nettleden Road North. Works to trees 21/04713/TCA No comment was necessary from LGPC as it had already been Granted by DBC

Mosshall Farm, Nettleden Road. Side and rear extension. 21/04801/FHA

Further time required for LGPC to review. Response to DBC to be considered at the February meeting.

The Granary, Home Farm. Fell and works to trees. 22/00023/TCA

David Simpson, the owner, advised that his property should be known as Granary Cottage. It was agreed that no comment was to be submitted by LGPC on this application

Little Brownlow Farm, Nettleden Road. Works to trees. 22/00040/TCA

It was agreed that no comment was to be submitted by LGPC on this application

For applications below LGPC has already submitted its consultation response.

(Red text show changes since previous meeting)

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, DBC decision awaited

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

Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

The Red House, Nettleden Road. Works to trees. 21/04520/TCA

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

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

21/04560/FHA Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

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

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 **Approved by DBC**

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'. **Granted by DBC**

3 The Red House. Single storey hardwood conservatory. 21/04123/LBC & 21/04122/FHA
Supported by LGPC. **Granted by DBC**

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 took a neutral stance, **Granted by DBC decision**

8 The Lye. Single storey orangery extension to rear and side. 21/04127/FHA
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'. **Granted by DBC**

Little Witch Alderton Drive. Replacement dwelling. 21/03784/FUL
LGPC's consultation response was 'Neutral'. **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, **Granted by DBC**

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 **Appeal allowed by Planning 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**

The meeting closed at **9.00pm.**

The next meeting is on **Monday 21st February, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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