



LITTLE GADDES DEN *parish council*

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

April 11th, 2022

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<https://littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk>

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Hyde, Kelly, Saner & Townsend. Also in attendance, Alastair Greene (Clerk) and six members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Fruish, Magson, Thompson & County and Borough Councillor Terry Douris

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.

2. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr. Kelly asked if anyone wished to raise any matters not already covered in the agenda but there were no matters raised at this point.

3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) Report from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Three PCSOs attended in Lee Clements' absence. The Police report for crimes in March were:-

Theft x 1 – Theft of a ring

Burglary x 1 - attempted burglary of tools

Residents were advised to make sure outbuildings were secured with locks.

(b) Church Road Enforcement appeal

Cllr Kelly confirmed that everybody was awaiting the outcome of the Planning Inspector's determination but in the meantime the Parish Council had arranged a meeting with Dacorum for 13th April to review the overall status of activities on Church Road.

(c) Signage and parking restrictions at the Bridgewater Arms.

Cllr Townsend explained that two planning applications had been submitted to Dacorum and that he had reviewed them and provided a brief synopsis for Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application but would review the objection if certain measures were put in place. The final wording to be agreed and submitted to DBC. It was suggested that the Parish Council's objection should be sent out as a newsletter to residents.

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

(d) March Drivesafe statistics

Cllr Hyde advised as follows:-

Location – Home Farm, Nettleden Road – 177 vehicles passing into the village over 2 hours; 56 were speeding = 32% speeding, 49 letters were sent.

(e) Request from the VPA for financial support for the new roof and electrics)

Cllr Kelly said that he had received a request from the VPA for financial support to replace the leaking roof on the Store next to the Village Hall and replace the electrics which had been condemned. The overall cost was £8,772 including vat and the VPA were able to fund two thirds and had received a grant from County Councillor Douris's Locality Budget of £1,000. Councillors agreed to give a grant of £2,000.

(f) Queens Jubilee celebrations June 2022

Broadly it was agreed at the last Organising Committee meeting, that Sunday afternoon, 5th June, would feature a number of events, which might include a dog show, horse riding, maypole dancing, WI teas, soap box derby, BBQ, market stalls etc.

At a previous meeting there was interest expressed in having a party on the Saturday night using the marquee. Sarah Gall volunteered to help organise it and it was agreed that volunteers who could help should meet at the Sports Pavilion at 6.30pm on 26th April to start the planning.

(g) Commemorative mugs

Sarah Gall confirmed that she had agreed in principle the design and cost of the Little Gaddesden styled Commemorative mugs for selling before, during and after the Jubilee event. County and Borough Councillor Terry Douris had previously said that he would make available £1,000 towards the purchase from his Locality Budget, an offer which was very much appreciated. The Parish Council agreed to underwrite the purchase of 300 mugs @ £3,465 plus vat and Sarah said she would take advice on sale pricing of the mugs.

(h) Soil Association's Stakeholder Consultation – re Forest Management carried out by The National Trust

It was agreed that the Parish Council did not really have the expertise to respond to the consultation.

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

The Clerk advised that he had received correspondence from a resident regarding a track which ran from the bottom of Golf Club Road to the College Road which had recently been blocked by logs. It was agreed that the track had no official status as a footpath/bridleway and the Clerk had replied to the resident to that effect.

The Clerk had also received an email from the Football and Cricket Clubs regarding some works that they were hoping to carry out to improve the grass density and drainage of the Church Road playing fields. Details were to follow.

(ii) Finance

- (a) The schedule of payments was approved together with the report on expenditure for the previous month.
- (b) The Clerk confirmed that in accordance with previous discussions he had opened an account with the Unity Trust Bank for dual authorisation of payments. The next step was to set up Councillors as approvers on the system.

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

- (c) The Clerk confirmed that in accordance with the Parish Council's instructions following the Finance Meeting, the budget had been set and the precept had been requested with a zero increase and the Council was now in receipt of the precept/grant of £39,554 for the year 2022-23.
- (d) The Clerk explained the audit timetable for approval of accounts and administration for the year 2021-22.

(iii) Health and Safety

The Clerk confirmed that the monthly H&S inspection had been carried out on the Church Road and Cromer Close Play Areas on 10th April.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

No additional points were raised other than Cllr. Kelly reminded Councillors we had committed at a previous meeting to do the survey of residents regarding the mowing of the Green. The Clerk undertook to prepare that.

FINANCE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

MWAgri – **£692 + 7% ex vat for Apr**

Petty Cash payment to Clerk **Apr** £61.93 ex vat phone rental/calls and ICO fee

HAPTC Annual Subscription £643.60 no vat

Lyn Hyde - Reimbursement of £29.14 ex vat for Tree watering bags Jubilee Tree

Scottish Power £12.27 inc vat per month direct debit

b. Payments received

LGVH Management Committee - Village Hall Manager salary

Football Club contribution towards playing field maintenance for 2021-22 £520

Dacorum Borough Council - £39,554 precept and concurrent grant.

PLANNING SCHEDULE - CURRENT APPLICATIONS (status at 11th April 2022)

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 Chapel Close, 2-storey side extension and replacement of single storey rear extension.

22/00921/FHA It was agreed that Councillors needed to visit Chapel Close

Beggars Roost, Alderton Drive. A two-storey garage extension, driveway extension and a swimming pool. 22/00840/FHA

LGPC reviewed the application and objected for the following reasons:-

1. The new garage, being two storeys and being on the boundary with the neighbours, will be intrusive

2 the addition of another storey is potential for future residential development

3 the size is excessive.

If the application was simply for the swimming pool, with no change to the garage the Parish Council would not object.

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

Wood Ash, Gatesdene Close. Fell beech tree and sycamore tree. 22/00938/TCA
No objection from LGPC

28 Ringshall Cottages. Fell tree. 22/00998/TCA **No objection from LGPC**

The Bridgewater Arms Car Park. Installation of 2 ANPR cameras to be mounted on a single pole. 22/01036/FUL. Also Addition of 6 pole mounted signs. 22/01037/ADV
LGPC objected and the full background and detail of the objection and possible way forward is available on the LGPC web site and notice board next to the Village Shop.

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

Church Farm House, Church Road. Construction of a detached store building. 22/00507/FUL
Supported by LGPC, DBC decision awaited

22 - 23 Nettleden Road North, Works to trees. 22/00700/TCA **Supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC**

4 Ringshall Road, Ringshall. Fell 2 trees. 22/00899/TCA **Supported by LGPC, Granted by DBC**

9 Little Gaddesden House, Nettleden Road, Erection of external porch. 22/00116/LDP
DBC approved prior to hearing comments from LGPC. This was because that particular element of the building (the Porch) was not listed.

Mosshall Farm, Nettleden Road. Side and rear extension. 21/04801/FHA
Consultation response from LGPC reads:- 'Little Gaddesden Parish Council (LGPC) have adopted a neutral position on this application. LGPC understands from a discussion with the Planning Officer that the Permitted Development rights for this property were removed in 2015 and further understand that those permitted rights cannot be reinstated, it would be helpful if that could be mentioned in the Officers report/decision letter'.
Decision awaited from DBC

Enforcement actions

Church Road land. Creation of a means of access, erection of fencing and construction of buildings on Plot 5 & 6. APP/A1910/C/21/3282333 **Inspector's decision awaited**

Land South East of Church Road.

Material change of use of land from agriculture to a mixed use of agriculture and the siting of a caravan for residential use. **Case opened by the Enforcement Team, E/21/00448/NPP.**

Bridgewater Arms Car Park

Erection of posts, cameras and signage within the car park. **Case opened E/22/00019/LBG**

Coach House Beaney Farm Nettleden Road

Change of use from private to commercial (equestrian) **Case opened E/20/00301/NPP**

The meeting closed at **9.30pm.**

The next meeting is on **Monday 16th May, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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