



LITTLE GADDES DEN *parish council*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Monday 16th October 2023

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<https://littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk>

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Hyde, Kelly, Scott, Townsend.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Hartwell and C/Cllr - Terry Douris who attended part of the meeting. 4 Members of the Public were present for the duration of the meeting.

1. FORMALITIES

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

The attendance of Councillors was noted in the register and the register was updated to reflect Councillor attendance at the last meeting.

Approval of the Minutes. The Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and were signed at the end of the meeting.

There was no declared conflict of interest

2. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no matters raised.

3. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING

(a) To receive a report from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

There was no one present from Hertfordshire Constabulary, and no report had been received by the time of the meeting.

(b) **Update on the current enforcement issues at Church Road** - Cllr Kelly

The scheduled hearing for the Enforcement of the Section 215 was adjourned to 25/10/2023. The court session was due to cover Section 215 Enforcements involving 4 other Councils. A member of the Public requested generic information about Section 215. **Action:** Clerk

(c) **To consider the application to fill one of the vacancies of Councillor and to vote on their Co-option** - Cllr Kelly

The Council considered

- the application received from Penny Holland to become a Cllr and
- if the unfilled post could be filled by Co-option.

Agreement to both was unanimous and Penny Holland was appointed as Parish Councillor

Proposed: Cllr Scott **Seconded:** Cllr Hyde

Formal Acceptance of office and Declaration of interests were signed and accepted for forwarding to Dacorum Borough Council.

Signed by the Chairman.....  Dated..... 20/11/23

(d) Request for new Councillors**- Cllr Kelly**

The Parish Council noted one post remained unfilled. A request for expressions of interest to be made soon as possible to any Councillor or to the Clerk.

(e) To discuss LGPC participation in the Climate and Ecology Bill**- Cllr Scott**

Cllr Scott reported that contacted had been made by a political group seeking support for a Private Members Bill. Participation was considered and it was agreed that LGPC should not participate in national political activities and should retain a local focus supporting DBC with their activities.

(f) To approve CPRE Membership Renewal**- Cllr Hyde**

It was agreed that the work of the CPRE was relevant and helpful and that membership should be renewed. It was noted that subscriptions had increased to £60.00 and that an option was being provided to renew at £36.00 as last year. LGPC was seeking to renew at the same rate as before but would pay the full rate if necessary.

Proposer: Cllr Hyde. **Agreement:** Unanimous

(g) To propose exploring 20mph speed limit for school hours from Beaney Bend

Following concerns about speeding and the dangers to pedestrians LGPC propose to explore implementing a 20mph zone from Beaney Bend to the School during school drop off and pick up times. It was agreed that a Working Group be set up to consult on this including the location of signs. **Action: Cllrs Scott and Hartwell to lead on this.**

(h) DriveSafe / SID update. Road Safety concerns

Cllr Hyde reported that

- The Drive safe took place on 20 September at Home Farm.
- the statistics were positively affected by the installation of a SID at Cromer Close. Of 193 cars 22 were travelling at 36+ mph (11.4%). This compares with 199 cars of which 67 were 36+ mph (33.7%) on our last visit to Home Farm in June 2023.
- the weekly presence of a police speeding van was also having a positive impact

Overall it was agreed that it was good news that the village now had 2 "mobile" Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) and 1 permanent SID at Ringshall which replaces an obsolete unit. Its location and the lack of consultation about its location has caused some residents concern. LGPC were grateful to David Lloyd for financing the new SID. It was hoped that the SIDS would reduce dangerous driving.

(i) FSCS Insurance Cover**- Clerk**

The meeting was informed that L:GPC had been contacted by Unity Bank to confirm that LGPC was eligible for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme for funds up to £85,000. LGPC had responded to confirm this.

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

This had been responded to with one requiring the Clerk to lodge a fly tipping report.

(ii) Finance:

- The Council approved the Clerks Salary, PAYE and Pension.
- The schedule of payments was approved together with the report on expenditure for the previous month.
- The monthly financial report against budget and bank reconciliation was approved.

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(iii) Health and Safety

It was noted that

- no concerns had been raised via the Whatsapp monitoring group nor from the public regarding hazards on the playground areas.
- repairs noted by ROSPA were outstanding pending Cllr Kelly attaining his qualification. This was underway so that repairs could be scheduled in.

(iv) Planning Schedule

The Planning Schedule was discussed and annotated. In all cases where LGPC had received and reviewed the applications at the meeting, the responses were Neutral.

5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE/ Agenda Items for next meeting

Cllr Hyde

- thanked David Brattle and Paul Kelly for putting up the shelving and Andrew Jackman for donating and sourcing boxes and the planning chest. It was noted that there were electrical cost associated with the Archive which would need to be agreed.
- acknowledged that donations of materials could not be received until the cataloguing methodology had been agreed and implemented.
- noted that the Wreath needed to be ordered for Remembrance and the soldiers Unknown Tommy to be put up on the Green in line with the start of the Poppy Appeal.

The Clerk noted that Paul Miller from the National Trust would be joining the next meeting at 19:30 to talk about the NT Protect our Roots Project.

Cllr Kelly noted that

- The arrangements for the Christmas Carols on the Green were under discussion and would be agreed at the next meeting. Meanwhile, a tree could be ordered.
- following the announcement of changes to constituency boundaries resulting in the Ashridge Ward joining Berkhamsted, Harpenden and Tring, Little Gaddesden may wish to arrange a briefing with relevant parties to understand what impact / difference this was going to have. It was agreed that that LGPC should not organise this and remain apolitical.

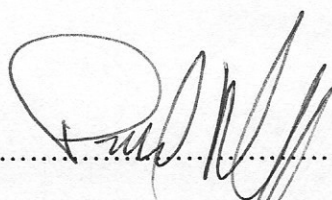
David Brattle questioned if the Precept could be raised to assist with financing the village hall roof. The proposal would be considered and put on the Agenda.

There were no other updates.

6. The next meeting is on Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at c20.35

Signed by the Chairman.....



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Item 4 (ii) Finance – Schedule

a) To approve the appended schedule of payments for October

Payee	Purpose	Expenditure ex vat	Vat	Expenditure inc vat
Reimbursement	Expenses-LGPC monthly phone fees 7 Oct to 6 Nov	10.28	0.00	10.28
Reimbursement	Expenses-Microsoft-Clr Emails 25/09to24/10	15.00	3.00	18.00
Reimbursement	Expenses-Microsoft-LGPC MSO & Email 25/09to24/10	9.40	1.88	11.28
Reimbursement	Expenses- paper	12.25		12.25
Reimbursement	Expenses-playground maintenance materials	420.00		420.00
Reimbursement	Expenses – Defibrillator light	36.00		36.00
Scottish Power	Electricity	11.69	.58	12.27
Village Hall	LGPC Official Monthly Meetings - Room Hire	64.00	0.00	64.00
MW Agri	Grounds maintenance- Oct estimate	741.00	148.20	889.20
CPRE	Membership renewal costs	36.00		36.00
SRT Warden Services	Warden Services for October	220.00	44.00	264.00

Signed by the Chairman.



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Planning Applications received since the last meeting of the Parish Council
For public comment before decision by Parish Council

Date	Address	Post Code	Proposal	Applic Number	LGPC Decision
21/09/2023	Ashridge Management College Ashridge		Removal and replacement of a non-original gate and two non-original doors.	23/02246/LBC	Neutral
26/09/2023	60 Nettleden Rd Nrth LG	HP4 1PL	Felling to tree.	23/02257/TCA	Neutral
29/09/2023	Little Brownlow Farm Nettleden Road	HP4 1PL	Construction of extension	23/02158/FHA	Neutral
03/10/2023	Little Gaddsedden Lodge Brownlow Gate Ringshall	HP4 1NR	Tree works.	23/02360/TCA	Neutral
04/10/2023	61 Nettleden Rd Nrth LG	HP4 1PL	Addition of insulation and repairs to main roof. Installation of new rooflights.	23/02366/FHA	Neutral
05/10/2023	Silver Birches Nettleden Rd Nrth LG	HP4 1PE	Use as a dwelling house in breach of previously imposed condition	23/02376/LDE	Await further info
06/10/2023	Spring House The Grovells LG	HP4 1QJ	Single storey extension at ground floor rear, addition of 2 new bay windows and addition of 3 new conservation rooflights.	23/02343/FHA	Neutral
04/10/2023	61 Nettleden Rd Nrth LG	HP4 1PL	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.	23/02367/FHA	Neutral

For Planning Applications – DBC Decision awaited or where DBC Planning status has changed since the last meeting see next sheet

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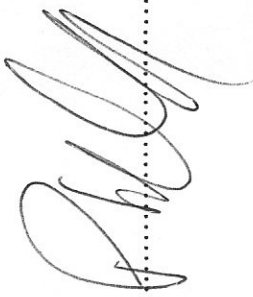
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DBC Decision awaited or where DBC Planning status has changed since the last meeting

Address	Post Code	Proposal	Application number	LGPC Decision	Final DBC Planning Outcome
The Spinney, Nettleden Rd Nrth LG	HP4 1PE	Creation of natural swimming pond	23/01923/FHA	Neutral	Granted
Keepers Cottage, 38 Nettleden Road Nrth LG	HP4 1PQ	Replacement of 9 existing timber windows with 9 new timber window	23/01904/FHA	Neutral	Granted
Woodland Immediately East of NT- Nettleden Rd car park LG to Boundary with adjoining land		Fell works to trees.	23/01973/TCA	Neutral	Granted
Ashridge House, Golf Club Rd LG	HP4 1LY	Two storey and single storey side extension and enclosed patio area	23/02061/FHA	Neutral	With planning case
Church Farm, Church Rd LG	HP4 1NZ	Fell Works to Trees	23/02157/TCA	Neutral	With planning case officer

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