



## LITTLE GADDESSEN *parish council*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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<https://littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk>

**The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Hartwell, Hyde, Scott and Kelly. and thirty six members of the public, 10 members left after session (b) and a further 8 left before the administration section.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Townsend and C/Cllr - Terry Douris attended part 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

Cllr. Kelly welcomed David Evans from Ashridge House acknowledged there was a session early in the agenda to take questions and asked if anyone wished to raise any matters not already covered in the agenda.

The state of the footpath from Cromer Close leading to the Green and the footpath on the Green were raised. The paths were narrowing, debris needed to be cleared up and hedges needed to be cut back. This was a matter for the residents whose properties formed a boundary with the various paths. LGPC would discuss this with the various residents to ask them to maintain these areas to enable use of paths.

### 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) To receive an update from David Evans at Ashridge House regarding their activities, plans and any mitigation of the impact of these on Little Gaddesden

David Evans explained the relationships between the businesses under the Ashridge House umbrella and the decision to concentrate on the core business, the Business School, during the education day, weddings and corporate events: events which are fitting for their business and the house including

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supporting the Hospice with their annual events, cinema and Christmas lights. There would be no Christmas lights in 2023 and an application for these was being made for a 5 year period. Ashridge were keen to understand the impact of their activities on the community and were exploring how best to mitigate noise arising from any and all activities. David encouraged residents to let him know dates and times of noise disturbance so that further mitigation could be explored.

David responded to questions and shared that Ashridge were not making a profit, wanted to grow visitors to the Gardens, were reconsidering pricing and their offerings in Acres, the Vault and the Bakehouse, were not able to offer rooms to anyone that wasn't attending a course or wedding at the venue as they didn't have facilities to be a hotel.

Members of the public asked if there could be any concessions for residents and David undertook to consider this. The Public and The Council thanked David for his time and responsiveness to the issues raised.

**(c) To discuss the current enforcement issues at Church Road - Cllr Kelly**

Cllr Kelly informed the meeting that LGPC were waiting for updates on the dates for the Planning Inspectorate to visit the site, on the court date for the removal of the paraphernalia from the site and the progress of court costs. Cllr Kelly asked residents to let LGPC know if they witnessed any activities on the land that caused them concern and or which might not be consistent with the use of the land such as the riding and training of horses.

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

The Parish Council noted that they were still looking for two new Councillors, and requests were made if anyone was interested to contact the Clerk or speak to any Councillor to find out more.

**(e) Actions / Response to National Trust Save our Roots - Cllr Kelly**

Cllr Kelly reported that a number of Cllrs and residents had attended the drop in consultation being run by the National Trust at Ashridge. In summary the NT were seeking to protect the area of Scientific Interest by re directing existing and future visitor numbers away from the sensitive area to other areas of the estate through the creation of hubs (information centres/cafes/car park, the use of red lines preventing parking at the road side, the reduction of parking at the monument. They were also seeking to increase their income to enable the conservation of the land.

**(f) Update on playground ROSPA Report actions**

- The ROSPA report highlighted some areas which needed addressing.
- Cllr Kelly confirmed that he and David Brattle would address the issues raised shortly.  
**Action:** Cllr Kelly
- The Council were grateful for residents help in inspecting the play equipment and confirmed that the Whatsapp reporting was working well.
- It was noted that the Cromer Close playground needed repainting and that hammerite had not been used despite LGPC request and that action was required. **Action:** Cllr Kelly

**(g) Winter Salt Inspection /Preparations**

It was confirmed that LGPC had sufficient supplies of winter salt and that Cllrs Kelly and Harwell would check the level of salt in the bins and replenish these from existing supplies in the coming weeks. **Action:** Cllrs Kelly and Hartwell.

**(h) DriveSafe / SID update. Road Safety concerns**

Cllr Hyde reported that ,

Drive safe in August took place on the B4506. 323 cars passed through 45 of which were exceeding 35mph. The impression was that there were in excess of this number but it was

difficult to capture details when there was a group of fast moving cars. The village had been grateful for the deployment of speed vans at Home Farm.

It was noted that:

on Tuesday evenings cars and bikes were heard speeding through and around the village at various points in the evening as if there was a speed track. Attendees at the Quiz night were aware of 3 noisy cars racing past during the quiz night and again around 10:30 pm. A villager confirmed that Little Gaddesden was on a car racing route on line and would find out more about this.  
there had been a near miss with horses.

**(i) Scottish Power Contract renewal**

- Clerk

The meeting was informed that the contract for the electricity cabinet on The Green adjacent to John O'Gaddesden's house powered by Scottish Power was due for renewal effective 30 September. LGPC used about 100 kwh per annum for Christmas lights and various services on the Green. A two year contract had been suggested by the Council which would have a standing rate of 44.05p per day and 26.67 per kwh subject to price increases. The renewal was agreed.

**4. ADMINISTRATION**

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

**This had been responded to and resulted in actions:**

- Correspondence had been received about the increase in dog fouling, the frequency of pooh bags running out in dispensers and questions about the possible lack of planning permission. These questions were being dealt with.
- Near miss with horses and oncoming traffic from overtaking.

**(ii) Finance:** The schedule of payments was approved together with the report on expenditure for the previous month.

**FINANCE SCHEDULE**

a. Cheques /payments for approval. The Council agreed the following payments:-

☑ Clerk Salary and PAYE

☑ Clerk expenses:

The Finance Schedule was agreed and Councillors and the chair reviewed the monthly financial report against budget and bank reconciliation.

The Clerk raised that additional invoices of £42.18 had been received from JRB for the provision of pooh bags and an expense claim from David Brattle for the provision of shelves in the archive for £383.98. Both were approved.

**(iii) Health and Safety**

**(iv) Planning Schedule**

The Planning Schedule was discussed and annotated. In all cases responses were Neutral.

**5. COUNCILLOR UPDATE/ Agenda Items for next meeting**

Cllr Hyde thanked David Brattle for the repairs he had undertaken to the benches.

There were no other updates.

**6. The next meeting is on Monday 16th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

The meeting closed at c20.55

Signed by the Chairman.....

Dated.....

16/10/2023

18 September 2023

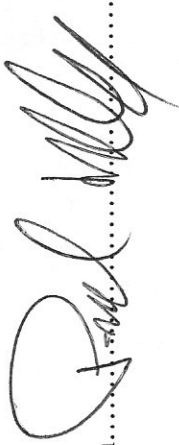
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Item 4 (ii) Finance – Schedule

## a) To approve the appended schedule of payments for September

Payee	Purpose	Expenditure ex vat	Vat	Expenditure inc vat
Reimbursement	Expenses-LGPC monthly phone fees 7 Sept to 6 Oct	10.28	0.00	10.28
Reimbursement	Expenses-Microsoft-Clir Emails 25/08to24/09	15.00	3.00	18.00
Reimbursement	Expenses-Microsoft-LGPC MSO & Email 25/08to24/09	9.40	1.88	11.28
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- Sept including below	741.00	148.20	889.20
MW Agri	Costs for Cricket Club pitch	600.00	120.00	720.00
DBC	Uncontested Election costs	260.00		260.00
SRT Warden Services	Warden Services for September	220.00	44.00	264.00

To note the transfer of the majority of Council Funds from Nat West to Unity Bank and the retention of a small balance with Nat West as agreed.

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## Item 4 (iv) Planning – Schedule

## LGPC Council Meeting

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

Date received	Address	Post Code	Proposal	Application number	LGPC Decision
09/08/2023	The Spinney, Nettleden Rd Nrth LG	HP4 1PE	Creation of natural swimming pond	23/01923/FHA	Neutral
09/08/2023	Keepers Cottage, 38 Nettleden Road Nrth LG	HP4 1PQ	Replacement of 9 existing timber windows with 9 new timber window	23/01904/FHA	Neutral
14/08/2023	Woodland Immediately East of NT Nettleden Rd car park LG to Boundary with adjoining land		Fell works to trees.	23/01973/TCA	Neutral
31/08/2023	Ashridge House, Golf Club Rd LG	HP4 1LLY	Two storey and single storey side extension and enclosed patio area	23/02061/FHA	Neutral
07/09/2023	Church Farm, Church Rd LG	HP4 1NZ	Fell Works to Trees	23/02157/TCA	Neutral

For Planning Applications – DBC Decision awaited or where DBC Planning status has changed since the last meeting see next sheet. Clarification is awaited on several enforcement matters.

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Address	Post Code	Proposal	Application number	LGPC Decision	Final DBC Planning Outcome
Ash Riding, Gatedene Close Little	HP4 1PB	Single storey rear extensions, porch, bay window, 1st floor side extension, front and rear dormer windows and associated external works	23/00674/FHA	Supported	With planning case officer
5 Little Gaddesden House Nettled	HP4 1PL	Construction of outbuilding	23/00872/FHA	Condition support subject to only being used in conjunction with the main dwelling	Approved
Church Farm House Church Rd LG	HP4 1NZ	Retention of 1.2m high post and rail fencing and 5[no] access field gates as installed to enclose and protect recent areas of tree planting.	23/01173/RET	Neutral	With planning case officer
Manor Cottage Nettleden Road	HP4 1PL	Single storey side extension	23/01208/FHA	Neutral	With planning case officer
Manor Cottage Nettleden Road	HP4 1PL	Single storey side extension	23/01209/LBC	Neutral	With planning case officer
1 Little Gaddesden House Nettleden Rd LG	HP4 1PL	Felling of T1 and T2	23/01315/TCA	Supported	Granted
33 Nettleden Road North Little	HP4 1PF	Two Storey side extension minor internal alterations. Minor alterations to landscaping. Access gate to side.	23/01290/FHA	Neutral	Granted
The Bungalow Home Farm Works Nettleden Rd LG		Demolition of existing bungalow and annex and construction of replacement dwelling. Change of use of listed and curtilage listed barns to residential use, conversion of curtilage listed barn to ancillary accommodation for replacement dwelling, demolition of modern extensions to listed barn	23/01340/FUL	Supported	With planning case officer
The Bungalow Home Farm Works Nettleden Rd LG		Demolition of existing bungalow and annex and construction of replacement dwelling. Change of use of listed and curtilage listed barns to residential use, conversion of curtilage listed barn to ancillary accommodation for replacement dwelling, demolition of modern extensions to listed barn			
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Old Cottage Paddock Nettleden Rd North LG	HP4 1PE	Demolition Construction of new dwelling with detached garage, additional access, new pond, bund and associated landscaping.	23/01359/FUL	Neutral	Withdrawn
5 Little Gaddesden House Nettleden Rd LG		Construction of outbuilding	23/00872/FHA	Neutral	Approved
Pinetrees The Grovells LG	HP4 1OJ	Garden Room Outbuilding.	23/01476/FHA	Neutral	Awaiting final decision
9 Nettleden Rd North LG	HP4 1PA	Installation of bike shed behind hedge at front of property	23/01546/FHA	Neutral	Granted
54 Nettleden Rd LG	HP4 1PL	Replacement windows and internal glazed screen to Listed Building and potting shed in curtilage of Listed Building.	23/01555/FHA	Neutral	Granted
54 Nettleden Rd LG	HP4 1PL	Replacement windows and internal glazed screen to Listed Building and potting shed in curtilage of Listed Building.	23/01556/LBC	Neutral	Granted
2 Brownlow Gate LG	HP4 1NR	Felling to trees.	23/01642/TCA	Raise no Objections	Raise no Objections
3 Little Gaddesden House Nettleden Rd LG	HP4 1PL	Works to trees	23/01771/TCA	Raise no Objections	Raise no Objections
The Old Rectory Nettleden Rd North LG	HP4 1PA	Demolition of garden room and construction of single storey rear extension.	23/01779/FHA	Neutral	Awaiting final decision
4 Church Road LG	HP4 1NX	Single storey rear extension. Replacement of garage with garden room. Outbuilding to the rear, replacement of porch and front bay window. Addition of two rooflights to front main roof slope and creation of dormer window to rear.	23/01756/FHA	Neutral	With planning case officer
October House, 5 Nettleden Rd	HP4 1PA	Works to trees.	23/01570/TCA	Raise no Objections	Granted

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