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21st April 2020

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 8.00pm on Monday, 20th April 2020

Online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88565977830?pwd=bms0THI5VUFaOEZZeGdYTIBkc3RzQT09>

and by phone on: 0203 481 5237 or 0131 460 1196

Present: Councillors L Wilson (Chair), K Fitzgerald, J Lowrie, T Martin, M Stodell & A Thompson.

In attendance: Cllr J Timmis (Dacorum Borough Councillor), Cllr T Douris (County Councillor for item 20/044 only), A Farrow (Parish Clerk), and 5 members of the public

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- 20/037 New legislation regarding virtual meetings**
Noted: that the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") come in to force on 4 April 2020 enabling local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until 7th May 2021 and removing the requirement to hold an annual meeting.
- 20/038 Apologies for Absence**
None.
- 20/039 Interests**
- a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None
 - b. To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
None
 - c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
None
- 20/040 Minutes**
Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 18th March 2020 circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
- 20/041 Outstanding Matters**
- a. **Parish Paths Partnerships**
Provisionally agreed to erect four notice boards with maps of local footpaths highlighting the

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two main footpaths in the area, The Hertfordshire Way and The Chiltern Way.

- i. The entrance to footpath 68 by Sybden House on the south side of the road by the style
- ii. The junction of footpath 66 and Nettleden Rd on the north side of the road
- iii. The junction of footpath 23 where it intersects Gaddesden Row on the south side of the road.
- iv. The junction of footpath 13 where it intersects Gaddesden Row on the south side of the road

The next step will be to determine the ownership of the proposed sites and to seek permission to install the noticeboards, but this may not be possible until after the coronavirus pandemic has passed.

b. Coronavirus pandemic

Noted: that the Council had arranged for the contact details at Hertfordshire County Council to be distributed alongside the Parish newsletter and placed on the Council's website and Facebook page for anyone needing help or able to provide help during the pandemic.

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Public Participation

See 20/045.c for representation made with regard to planning application 20/00824/AFU.

20/043

Correspondence or other communication

- a. Sir Mike Penning MP has confirmed that he has written to the Minister at the Department of Health and Social Care regarding the VETS scheme relating to the defibrillators. Cllr Stodell reported advice from The Community Heartbeat Trust that a number of ambulance services had agreed to activate VETS but not yet East of England.
- b. Mrs Sarah Wickens, Headteacher at Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School had written to express the schools thanks for the grant of £3,000 made by the council to the school in 2019. The grant had been used to purchase an outdoor writing shed, wellie racks, black board writing tables and boards, an outside construction area and raised beds in which vegetables had been grown.
- c. Mrs Jo Connell had asked in her capacity as Deputy Lieutenant of the county whether there were any good news stories that could be used by the Lord Lieutenant on the Lieutenantcy web site. Various possibilities were discussed which the clerk will convey to Mrs Connell.

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Highways

(Cllr Douris was only present for this agenda item)

a. Nettleden Rd – possible layby

Cllr Douris advised that this would not be pursued for the time being as the necessary staff had been re-allocated to work essential for tackling the coronavirus pandemic.

b. Cleaning of Pipers Hill pavement between the garden centre and school

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c. Local Plan

Cllr Timmis agreed to update the Council on plans for the Local Plan after a meeting at Dacorum BC later this week.

20/045

Planning

a. To note the responses made to planning & licensing applications received between 18th March 2020 and 30th March 2020 under the Clerk's delegated powers:

20/0431/FUL Plot 5 Cupid Green

Objection lodged

Construction of field shelter, provision for static caravan and hard standing for plant store at field entrance.

b. To consider the following planning application

20/00706/FUL Stags End Equestrian Centre, Gaddesden Lane,
Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HN

No objection

Demolition of antique showroom, antique store, showroom and storage buildings. 15 new dwellings including one to the walled garden.

The proposition was discussed in some detail. It was accepted that the development of the site which was well set back from the road and involved the replacement of existing farm buildings was suitable for a development of this size. There was concern regarding the impact on local roads of increased traffic, particularly during the construction phase, but it was generally accepted that once finished the development was unlikely to result in a significant increase in traffic compared to current usage. The Council considered that the development would be ideal for the installation of a grey water system. It was agreed by a majority of five to one not to lodge an objection but to express concerns regarding traffic.

c. To consider planning applications received between the date of the Agenda and the Council meeting

Representation was made by members of the public with regard to planning application 20/00824/AFU, the conversion of a steel-framed single storey agricultural building to commercial office space on two floors with associated car parking at The Barn, Bradden Lane, Gaddesden Row, HP2 6JB which had been published by Dacorum BC on 2nd April but had not been circulated to the Parish Council for comment. No response had been received from Dacorum BC to explain why the council had not been approached. Significant concern was expressed by members of the public as to the intent of the development and that it was inappropriate for the area. Given the lack of notice on this application, the Parish Council did not conclude a view at this stage pending further information from Cllr Timmis.

Action: Cllr Timmis to investigate.

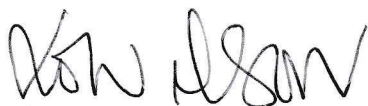
d. Building work in West Dene - damage to verge

Cllr Timmis had received assurances from Hertfordshire Highways that they were responsible for ensuring the reinstatement of the verge on completion of the building works.

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Allotments

The minutes of the Annual Allotment Meeting held on 6th April had been circulated. Cllr Thompson advised that grab lorries were still operating and it was agreed that he would



arrange for one to clear the pile of rubbish near the Gaddesden Row allotment car park subject to a member of the allotments being available to supervise the clearance.

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Finance and administration

a. Monies received

Dacorum BC	Precept (£9,046.18), Concurrent Services Grant (£5,503.10) and Council Tax Support Grant (£120.72)	£14,670.00
Allotment rental (cheque)		£27.00
Allotment rental (cheque)		£20.25
Allotment rental (online)		£16.87
Hertfordshire CC	Locality grant from Cllr Douris in respect of the planned improvements to the Gaddesden Row Methodist Chapel.	£50.00

b. Payment of invoices

DCVS	Payroll monthly administration fee and annual membership fee	£96.00
DCVS	Clerk's salary	£786.90
A Farrow	Clerk's expenses	£62.00
Friends of Great Gaddesden School	Grant toward concrete base for outdoor classroom	£500.00
Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils	Annual membership subscription	£527.51
Affinity for Business Ltd	Water supply for allotments	£95.72
J Florido	Spare part for water tank in Gaddesden Row allotments	£10.65

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Date of next meeting:

8pm on Monday, 18th May 2020 either virtually (details to be advised) or at Great Gaddesden Village Hall, depending on Government policy regarding public gatherings at that time.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chair AS Wilson

Date 23 May 2020