

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at **8.00pm on Monday, 15th February 2021 at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83216114564?pwd=MFdSUXRJJEIhT1ZuQ1pqMXltVTMzd09>

Present: Councillors L Wilson (Chair), B Cosbie Ross, K Fitzgerald, J Lowrie, R MacGillivray and T Martin.

In attendance: Cllr B Chapman (Borough Councillor), Cllr T Douris (County Councillor), A Farrow (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

Agenda number	Agenda subject and action
21/014	Apologies for Absence None
21/015	Interests a. There were no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. b. No written requests for dispensations for declarable interest had been received. c. There were no requests for any grants of dispensation.
21/016	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 16th November 2020 and 18th January 2021 and circulated to members be signed as a correct record.
21/017	Outstanding Matters a. Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan Agreed not to respond to the consultation.
21/018	Public Participation a. People had been observed entering a hairdresser outside the parish. Breaches of Covid-19 measures could be reported online to the police.
21/019	Correspondence or other communication None
21/020	Highways a. Pipers Hill i. Cllr Douris advised that placing planters along the pavement between the garden centre and Church Meadow to prevent parking would not be allowed. ii. Cleaning the pavement between the garden centre and Church Meadow was scheduled in the 2021/22 work plan. b. Leighton Buzzard Rd Cllr Douris agreed to raise the question of flooding at the bottom of Rd Lion Lane with Highways.

21/021 Planning

- a. **Noted** that no planning applications had been received after the last Council Meeting requiring responses to be submitted under the Clerk's delegated powers.
- b. **Noted** that no planning applications had been received since the last Council Meeting.

20/03454/FUL Plot 2 Cupid Green Lane, Hemel Hempstead

No objection

Retrospective change of use of land to mixed agricultural and equestrian use. Creation of a point of access, agricultural/equestrian buildings and hard standing.

There was some concern regarding emerging traffic onto Cupid Green Lane but the Parish Council would support the expert view from Highways.

- c. No planning applications had been received between the date of the agenda and the Council meeting.
- d. **Noted** that Cllrs Lowrie and MacGillivray would discuss issues raised by Gade Mead, Pipers Hill, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BY outside the meeting.
- e. **Agreed** to raise technical concerns with Dacorum BC regarding the proposed change of use of the Barn at Bradden Lane, Gaddesden Row, from agricultural use to a flexible commercial use (21/00265/NOT)
- f. **Noted** the new proposed off-plan development of land west of Leighton Buzzard Road for up to approximately 400 dwellings and publicly accessible open space (21/00171/SCE), some of which lay within Great Gaddesden Parish.

Agreed to write to Dacorum BC expressing concern at the potential impact alongside the other development proposals in the Local Plan.

g. Dacorum BC Local Plan

- i. **Resolved** that Cllr Wilson be authorised to sign a joint letter from the Town and Parish Councils in Dacorum to Dacorum BC as submitted to members, and if necessary to accept minor alterations to the wording proposed by other authorities.
- ii. **Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to submit the Parish Council's response to the Draft Local Plan as submitted to members subject to any minor amendments that might be submitted and circulated to members.

h. Changes to planning process with Dacorum BC

Noted the proposed changes and agreed to write expressing broad support with some observations.

21/022 Open spaces

a. Parish Warden

Agreed that the Clerk could open discussions with potential service providers with a view to submitting a proposal to Council by April 2021 at the latest.

b. Allotments

- i. **Noted** that a grant application for £905 had been submitted to Dacorum BC toward the purchase of a composting toilet.
- ii. **Noted** that £983 of an anticipated £1,118 rental had been received and that reminder emails had been sent to those plot holders who have yet to pay.

21/023 Finance and administration

a. Financial statement

Noted the financial results as at 15th February 2021 as circulated to members.

b. Noted monies received

Interest	January	£0.35
Allotment rent	Cheque	£13.50
Allotment rent	Online	£473.62

c. Approved payment of the following invoices

DCVS	Payroll administration fee for February 2021.	£25.20
DCVS	Clerk's salary for February 2021.	£786.90
A Farrow	Clerk's expenses	£17.19
CPRE	Annual membership (by Direct Debit)	£36.00
The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd	Annual support for three defibrillators	£522.00
Great Gaddesden Parish Newsletter	Cost of colour printing for February edition required by the Parish Council's article on the Local Plan	£39.00

d. Taxi scheme to vaccination centres

Noted that there have been no claims under the scheme established by the Council to cover the cost of vulnerable parishioners attending vaccination centres.

e. Administration of Council Meetings

- i. **Noted** that the government is not currently planning to extend the remote meeting regulations beyond 7th May 2021 and so at present the meeting on Tuesday 18th May will be held physically.
- ii. **Resolved** that the Clerk to sign a letter to Sir Mike Penning asking that he approach the Government to extend the power of Parish Councils to meet virtually as circulated to members.
- iii. **Resolved** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th March to be followed by a Council Meeting.
- iv. **Resolved** to start future Council Meetings at 7.30pm with effect from 16th March 2020 (the March 2020 meeting to start as soon as the Annual Parish Meeting has concluded).
- v. **Resolved** to hold a regular council meeting in the second week of December with effect from 13th December 2021

f. Risk assessment

Noted the updated risk assessment as presented to members and the actions required.

21/024 History of Great Gaddesden Parish project

Noted that a website had been created and that a request would be made for a small grant to support the project at the Council's March meeting.

21/025 Date of next meeting:

7.30pm on **Tuesday**, 16th March 2021 (or as soon as possible after the Annual Parish Meeting) either virtually (details to be advised) or at Gaddesden Row Village Hall, depending on Government policy regarding public gatherings at that time.

The meeting finished at 22.00

Signed

Dated