

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.30pm on Monday, 18th October 2021

at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

Present: Councillors L Wilson (chair), C Griffin, J Lowrie, R MacGillivray, & T Martin.

In attendance: Cllr T Douris (County Councillor until 8pm), Cllrs B Chapman and J Timmis (Borough Councillors), A Farrow (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

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21/088	Cllr Cosbie Ross' apologies for absence were accepted.
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21/089	Interests
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| a. | There were no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. |
| b. | There were no requests for grants of dispensations for declarable interests. |

21/090	Minutes
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Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 21st September 2021 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously

21/091	Outstanding matters
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a.	White 'H' bar outside Gaddesden Row Methodist Church
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The possibility had been discussed with both Hertfordshire Highways and Dacorum BC without success and with regret it was concluded that this possibility could be pursued no further.

b.	Water End Bridge CCTV
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Further research has determined that this is likely to be complicated with no evidence that the cost and time would justify the benefit. It was agreed to take no further action.

21/092	Public participation
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| a. | Concern was expressed regarding the use of the water meadows at Great Gaddesden, particularly commercial dog walkers not collecting dog poo. It was suggested that enforcing the existing Dacorum Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (see 21/0983.a) or that public access should be stopped altogether; the proposal to improve the stile (21/096.b) was opposed. It was noted that other members of the public had expressed support for improving access and that ultimately the way forward would be determined by Gaddesden Estate as the landowner. Agreed to refer back to the Estate to ascertain their views. |
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21/093	Correspondence or other communication
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a.	Dog Control Public Space Protection Order
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This issue had also been raised by a member of the public in advance of the meeting and see 21/092 above. Noted that PSPO's could only apply in public spaces and that as the water meadows were private it would not apply. It was suggested that the Parish Warden could act as an authorised official of Dacorum BC able to enforce the PSPO, but even on public land this would not be possible.

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b. Hedge maintenance

Cllr Martin noted that there were hedges in the parish encroaching on the highway and that it was the responsibility of the landowners to cut them back. However it was recognised that the requirements of hedge maintenance, animal welfare and motorists were sometimes incompatible. Agreed to include an article on best practice in the next newsletter.

c. Memorial bench, Gaddesden Row

A site had been identified outside the chapel on land owned by Gaddesden Estate who had confirmed that a bench and hard standing could be installed subject to Highways agreement to ensure sight lines on the corner were adequate. Cllr Martin will provide details of the location and the Clerk will liaise with Highways.

21/094 Highways

a. DriveSafe

Following a Facebook post there had been no expression of interest from Great Gaddesden and two from Gaddesden Row which was insufficient for the scheme to progress. It will be mentioned in the next Parish Magazine.

b. Pipers Hill pavement

Noted that no firm date could be given for the changes other than that they would be completed in the current financial year.

21/095 Planning

a. Noted the response given to a planning application under the Clerk's delegated powers.

21/03611/TCA	St John the Baptist Church, Church Meadow, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BU	No objection
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Work to trees

b. Agreed responses to the following planning applications.

21/03702/FUL	Barn at Bradden Lane, Gaddesden Row, Herts	Defer
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Proposed cladding and external alteration works

A decision was deferred pending a site visit by Cllr MacGillivray.

21/03750/FHA	Gade Mead, Pipers Hill, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BY	Defer
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Conversion of existing garage building to provide annexe accommodation for main house.

A decision was deferred pending an explanation of why a second apparently identical application to 20/03256/FUL was necessary. Cllr MacGillivray will take forward.

21/03806/FUL	Berry Farm Cupid Green Lane Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire	Object
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One barn and one polytunnel

c. No planning applications had been received between the date of the agenda and the Council Meeting.

d. Bridens Camp development

The decision by Dacorum BC to refuse permission for 9 houses to be built next to the Crown and Sceptre Pub, Bridens Camp (20/02711/FUL) has been appealed by the applicant. **Agreed**

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to restate the Parish Council's original response to support a lower density of development on the site.

e. Local Plan

An update on Hemel Garden Communities was deferred to the next meeting.

21/096 Open spaces

a. Allotments – annual rent renewal letters will be issued shortly.

b. Stile on Pipers Hill – see 21/092.a

c. Queen's Green Canopy

The Clerk is continuing to plan an extension of the Gaddesden Row communal orchard. A grant of £350 is available from Hertfordshire County Council. See also 21/096.f below.

d. Parish Warden

After a meeting with Cllr Lowrie and the Clerk the Warden's priorities had been revised to focus initially on issues of concern to the community as communicated via the Clerk (such as the clearance of nettles from Pipers Hill and the bus stop in Gaddesden Row and the reinstatement of the pavement along Gaddesden Row). Then on litter clearing from the core area of the Parish (roughly Jockey End to Red Lion Lane in the north to Water End and St Margaret's in the south), followed by litter picking elsewhere when time allowed.

Agreed that the warden should mend the bench at the Gaddesden Row bus stop and target litter clearance in St Margaret's.

e. Defibrillator

An earlier attempt to arrange defibrillator training didn't attract enough interest but thanks to the help of Julie Kuzel one of the 7th or 20th November were looking positive.

f. Christmas Tree

Agreed to purchase a c 2.5m rooted tree to be planted at the corner of Pipers Hill and the B440. Gaddesden Estates had already given their permission. The Clerk will take forward.

21/097 Finance and administration

a. Financial statement

Noted the financial report as at 18th October 2021 as presented to members. The Clerk will present a draft budget for 2022-23 for discussion at the November meeting which will include an allowance for professional support in commenting on Dacorum's Local Plan.

b. Approved payment of the following invoices

DCVS	Clerk's salary for October	£786.21
DCVS	Payroll administration	£25.20
A Farrow	Clerk's expenses	£29.54
Village Garden Services Ltd	Village Warden fees for September	£463.20
Great Gaddesden PCC	Replacement fence for old churchyard (see 21/075.g)	£3,226.00

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c. **Noted** receipt of the following payments

Interest	September	£0.37
Sally Wileman	Proceeds from sale of apples from Gaddesden Row allotments (credit to Orchard Account)	£300.00

21/098 Date and time of next meetings:

7.30pm on Monday 15th November 2021 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed

Dated