

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meetingheld at **7.30pm** on **Monday, 15th November 2021**at Great **Gaddesden Village Hall****Present:** Councillors L Wilson (chair), B Cosbie Ross, C Griffin, J Lowrie, R & T Martin.**In attendance:** Cllr T Douris (County Councillor until item 21/106), Cllrs B Chapman and J Timmis (Borough Councillors, until item 21/109), A Farrow (Parish Clerk) and four members of the public.

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21/100	Cllr MacGillivray's apologies for absence were accepted.
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21/101	Interests - there were no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda or requests for grants of dispensation for declarable interests.
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21/102	Minutes
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	Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 18 th October 2021 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
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21/103	Outstanding matters – covered elsewhere in the agenda.
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21/104	Public participation – no matters were raised.
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21/105	Correspondence or other communication – covered elsewhere in the agenda.
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21/106	Highways
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| a. | DriveSafe – noted that only four expressions of interest had been received and that a minimum of ten were required. Agreed to write a more self-explanatory article for the next newsletter. |
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	Noted that the scheme only operated where there was a 30mph limit and so wasn't appropriate for the B440 but that requests could be made for the Hertfordshire Police and Crimes Commissioner to deploy a Road Safety Camera Van
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| b. | White 'H' bar in Jockey End – agreed that the white H bar should run from the right hand side of the dropped kerb outside the Methodist Chapel to the right hand side of the bus stop. The Clerk would provide Cllr Douris with details and he would advise whether it was necessary for the Parish Council to make a contribution. |
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21/107	Planning
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| a. | No responses had been given to planning applications under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last council meeting. |
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| b. | Agreed responses to the following planning applications |
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21/03702/FUL	Barn at Bradden Lane, Gaddesden Row, Herts	No objection
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	Proposed cladding and external alteration works
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21/03750/FHA	Gade Mead, Pipers Hill, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BY	No objection.
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	Conversion of existing garage building to provide annexe accommodation for main house.
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21/04036/FHA	20 West Dene, Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HU	No objection
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Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension

- c. No planning applications had been received between the date of the agenda and the Council Meeting.
- d. **Land off Pipers Hill (Bishops Tip)** – noted that following the rejection of the appeal we were waiting to hear from Dacorum BC about the timescales for enforcing compliance with the Planning Inspector’s decision.
- e. **Local Plan** – noted that Cllr MacGillivray and the Clerk had met representatives of the Hemel Garden Community programme and gained a better understanding of the relationship between their activities and the Local Plan. There remained concern that housing in HGC would be developed in advance of jobs. Another meeting was to be arranged.

21/108 Open spaces

- a. **Allotments** – noted that invoices for 2022 had been issued. The allotments had been inspected and no additional risks had been identified.
- b. **Stile on Pipers Hill** – following the decision by Gaddesden Estates to close the stile and access to the water meadow no further action could be taken.
- c. **Parish Warden report** – litter picking and reporting of fly tipping continued. The bench at Gaddesden Row bus stop is to be repaired. St Margarets had been patrolled twice but no evidence of drugs had been found. Agreed that the warden should be asked to cut back the allotment hedge on Pipers Hill
- d. **Defibrillators**
 - i. Noted that over fifty people had signed up for the two sessions including a number from Potten End as a result of which Nettleden with Potten End PC would cover the cost of one session.
 - ii. Agreed that a bid would be submitted for a defibrillator at Great Gaddesden village hall.
- e. **Christmas Tree** – noted that a tree had now been planted at the corner of Pipers Hill and Leighton Buzzard Rd with the agreement of Gaddesden Estate.
- f. **Great Gaddesden Tommy silhouette** – noted that the original silhouetted had been removed without authorisation and a replacement had had to be ordered. Agreed to consult the community on whether it should be concreted in to become a permanent feature or whether it was preferable that it only be a temporary installation with the risk that it be removed again.

21/109 Finance and administration

a. Financial statement

Noted the financial report as at 15th November 2021 as presented to members.

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	£258.17

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Village Garden Services Ltd	Village Warden fees for October	£463.20
Nettleden with Potten End PC	Reimbursement for Christmas Tree	£257.50

c. Noted receipt of the following payments

Interest	October	£0.34
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- d. Budget 2022-23** – Agreed that the budget should be prepared on the basis that £5,000 needed to be raised to pay for possible professional advice for the next version of the local plan to ensure that the parish responded appropriately to any proposals and that the budget for supporting local causes should be retained at £4,000. This would require a very significant increase in precept which should be communicated to the community for feedback in advance of a decision being taken in January 2022.

- e. Zoom subscription** – agreed to cancel the zoom subscription.

- f. Small Acts of Kindness** – agreed to submit names to Cllr Corran and to include a Christmas Card from the Parish Council.

- 21/110** Cllr Lowrie announced that he would be resigning from the Council with effect from the 13th December 2021. The Council expressed their thanks for all of Cllr Lowrie's work on behalf of the council and the parish.

21/111 Date and time of next meetings:

Agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 13th December and that the next meeting would therefore be at 7.30pm on Monday 17th January 2022 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall