

## Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

at Gaddesden Row Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors L Wilson (chair), B Cosbie Ross and C Griffin.

**In attendance:** Cllrs B Chapman and J Timmis (Borough Councillors), T Douris (County Councillor), A Farrow (Parish Clerk) and five members of the public.

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| 22/024 | <b>Apologies for absence</b> were received and accepted from Cllrs Martin and Ristoff |
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| 22/025 | <b>Interests</b> |
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There were no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda or requests for grants of dispensations for declarable interest.

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| 22/026 | <b>Minutes</b> |
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**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.

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| 22/027 | <b>Outstanding matters</b> |
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| a. | <b>Luton Airport Consultation</b> |
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**Resolved:** that the draft response as presented to members be agreed for submission. Agreed unanimously.

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| 22/028 | <b>Public participation</b> |
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| a. | In response to a question, the Clerk confirmed that a single grant of £350 was available from Hertfordshire County Council toward the planting of one or more trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. |
| b. | A representation was made in respect of a potential planning application to meet the needs of a young child with a very rare genetic disease.                                                                       |

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| 22/029 | <b>Correspondence or other communication</b> |
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| a. | Cllr Douris undertook to monitor when the siding out of Leighton Buzzard Rd was planned to see whether it was possible to dig the blocked drains at the same time.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| b. | A request had been made regarding the possible expansion of the Gaddesden Row play area which is managed by Dacorum BC. Cllr Timmis had provided the Clerk with a contact at Dacorum to take this forward.                                                                                                                                                                |
| c. | <b>Noted</b> that notice of the proposed closure of the old churchyard at St John the Baptist Great Gaddesden would be published on 1 <sup>st</sup> April.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| d. | <b>Noted</b> the announcement from Dacorum BC that because action was needed to help protect Ashridge Estate and Tring Woodlands from increasing visitor pressure that there will be additional checks on planning applications that involve the development of new homes (and some other types of development) within or close to the affected areas, known as the 'Zone |

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of Influence' which covers all of Dacorum and some surrounding areas. No decisions will be issued for affected applications until a mitigation strategy is in place.

## 22/030 Planning

- a. **Noted** that no responses had been given to planning applications under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting.
- b. **Agreed** the following responses to planning applications received since the last meeting prior to the issue of the agenda.

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| <b>22/00464/ROC</b> | Dropshort Cottage, Ledgemore Lane, Great Gaddesden, HP4 6HB | No objection |
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Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 21/03529/FHA – Side and rear extensions to dwelling house.

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| <b>21/04727/FUL</b> | The Paddock Jockey End Gaddesden Row Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 6HR | No objection |
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Retention of and proposed alterations to a building incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling known as The Paddock

- c. **Noted** that 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 Dacorum Enforcement had acknowledged a problem with the implementation of the enforcement notice on Bishops Tip that they were investigating.

### e. Local Plan

**Noted** that Cllr Corran and the Clerk had met with the project team at Hemel Garden Communities. Timescales had slipped and it was unlikely that a community presentation would be possible before the Autumn. The importance of the Parish developing a plan had been discussed.

**Agreed** that the Clerk would investigate how to develop a plan and whether the increase in the precept agreed for 2022-23 could be used to help finance it.

## 22/031 Open spaces

### a. Allotments

**Noted** that Dacorum had a waiting list of over 700 for allotments and were willing to introduce a manageable number to fill any vacancies.

**Agreed** that the Clerk should present draft procedural changes to ensure that parish residents received priority at the next meeting.

### b. Parish Warden – litter picking continued

### c. Queen's Platinum Anniversary celebrations

Cllr Douris was thanked for his contributions of £500 to both Great Gaddesden and Gaddesden Row toward their celebrations. Discussions continued between the Council and Gaddesden Estates for a parish-wide celebration based around a beacon on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## 22/032 Finance and administration

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**a. Financial statement**

**Noted** the financial report as at 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 as presented to members.

**b. Approved payment of the following invoices**

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| DCVS                                      | Clerk's salary for March                   | £786.21 |
| DCVS                                      | Payroll administration                     | £25.20  |
| Village Garden Services Ltd               | Village Warden fees for February 2022      | £463.20 |
| A Farrow                                  | Clerk's expenses                           | £18.85  |
| Great Gaddesden Parochial Church Council  | Reimbursement of a grant from Cllr Douris. | £500.00 |
| Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd | Annual support contract for defibrillators | £522.00 |

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

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| Interest         | February                                                                               | £0.26   |
| Herts CC         | Grant toward jubilee celebrations at Great Gaddesden from Cllr Douris' locality budget | £500.00 |
| Allotment income |                                                                                        | £13.50  |

**d. Clerk's salary**

**Note** the salary award for 2021-22 and associated back pay as presented to members.

**22/033 Co-option of new councillor**

**Resolved:** to co-opt Guy Halsey as Parish Councillor with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Agreed unanimously.

**22/034 Date and time of next meetings:**

7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall (note change of date and venue)