

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.30pm on Monday, 17th October 2022

at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

Present: Councillors L Wilson (chair), B Cosbie Ross, C Griffin and T Martin

In attendance: B Chapman (Borough Councillor), T Douris (County Councillor until 7:55pm), A Farrow (Parish Clerk) and five members of the public.

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22/069	Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Halsey and Ristoff
22/070	The proposal to elect Cllr Martin as Chairman for the meeting was not passed as Cllr Wilson was able to attend.
22/071	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest from councillors or requests for grants of dispensations for declarable interests on items on the agenda.
22/072	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 21 st June 2022 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously. Noted that the meetings scheduled for 18 th July and 20 th September 2022 had not taken place.
22/073	Outstanding matters – any matters of note were covered elsewhere in the agenda.
22/074	Public participation - none
22/075	Correspondence or other communication a. Maintenance of Pipers Hill pavement beds Agreed that the beds would be left as is rather than be grassed over for the next 12 months. b. Noted that the Council had received notification of a proposed new build on Willows Lane but that no action was required until a formal planning application had been received. c. Noted that Thames Water were proposing to undertake work to the oaks along Dean Lane in early November.
22/076	Highways a. Noted upcoming road works as presented to members b. Noted that Cllr Douris had obtained a quote of £50,000 to repair the layby opposite the houses on Leighton Buzzard Rd which he could not prioritise and which the Parish Council couldn't afford. Cllr Timmis had raised the question of the repair with Dacorum BC. c. Winter salt – agreed that no more salt need be ordered.
22/077	Planning

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- a. **Noted** decisions by Dacorum BC on previous planning applications as submitted to members.
- b. **Noted** responses given to planning applications under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting as presented to members.
- c. **Agreed** responses to the following planning application.

22/02558/TPO	The Lodge, Bingham's Park Farm, Potten End Hill, HP1 3BN	Defer pending further information
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Work to trees

22/02837/FUL	Corner Farm, Gaddesden Lane, Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HN	No objection
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Part change of use from equestrian to garden. Construction of detached garage with revised driveway and parking arrangement, replacement swimming pool and landscaping.

22/02925/FHA	18 West Dene, Gaddesden row, HP2 6HU	No objection
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Single storey rear extension.

- d. **To consider** any planning applications received between the date of the agenda and the Council Meeting.

22/02864/LBC	Central Weir, Water End, South Bridge, Leighton Buzzard Road, HP1 3BH	Defer
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Removal of the central weir at Water End South Bridge on the River Gade, incorporating channel restoration and habitat improvements in the area between Water End Bridge North and Water End Bridge South.

- e. **Cupid Green Lane**

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Sir Mike Penning MP regarding government policy that allowed unchecked development of agricultural buildings on Green Belt land. Agreed unanimously

- f. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Resolved - to agree the provisional motivation and timetable for creating a Neighbourhood Plan, and a budget of £500 to cover initial ad hoc costs. Agreed unanimously

Noted feedback from the public consultation meeting on 10th October. Agreed to publish a summary of the feedback, an online questionnaire so those unable to attend could contribute, and to arrange a meeting for those people who have expressed an interest in forming the Neighbourhood Plan Team.

22/078 Open spaces

- a. **Allotments** – noted that all rents had now been received and that the allotments are full with a short waiting list. No new risks had been identified.
- b. **Parish Warden** – litter picking and reporting of fly-tipping continued.
- c. **St John the Baptist, Great Gaddesden** – noted that confirmation has been received of the formal closure of the old churchyard.

22/079 Finance and administration

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| a. | Funding request for Parish Newsletter – Resolved to increase the support for the Parish Newsletter to £450pa. Agreed unanimously. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. | Financial report – noted the report as at 17 th October 2022 as presented to members. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c. | Noted payment of invoices since the last meeting as presented to members | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d. | Agreed payment of the following invoices | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| f. | Noted the External Auditor's response to the 2021/22 AGAR as presented to members. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| g. | Resolved - not to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements for 2022-23 until 2026-27. Agree unanimously. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

22/080 Date and time of next meetings:

7.30pm on Monday 21st November 2022 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

7.30pm on Monday 16th January 2023 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall