

## Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

at Gaddesden Row Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors T Martin (chair), C Griffin, M Griffin, G Halsey (until item 23/062), and C Turner

**In attendance:** T Douris (County Councillor from item 23/063), A Farrow (Parish Clerk) and 17 members of the public.

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| 23/055 | <b>Election of Chair</b> - proposed that in the absence of Cllr Cosbie Ross that Cllr Martin act as chair of the meeting. Agreed unanimously |
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| 23/056 | <b>Apologies for absence</b> – were received and accepted from Cllrs Cosbie Ross and Ristoff. |
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| 23/057 | <b>Declaration of Interests</b> – Cllr Martin in item 23/062.c. |
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| 23/058 | <b>Minutes</b> |
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**Resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Subject to 23/047.b being amended to reference a link to Herts Highways rather than Dacorum BC. Agreed unanimously.

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| 23/059 | <b>Public participation</b> |
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| a. | With regard to 23/060.a Concern was expressed at the ongoing developments at Cupid Green Lane and the risk that this was about to be replicated at the land next to Rose Cottages, Gaddesden Row. Noted that CGL is green belt and land next to Rose Cottages is AONB but both sites are owned by the same company. |
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Concern was expressed at the resourcing of both Dacorum Planning and Planning Enforcement.

Agreed:

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| i.   | Residents would consider how to generate publicity; the Parish Council would support but not lead.                                                                                              |
| ii.  | The Parish Council would identify landowners and ensure that they were aware of the limitations of what could be built.                                                                         |
| iii. | The Parish Council would ask for representatives of Planning and the Chilterns Conservation Board to attend a future meeting to explain the practical limitations of development on both sites. |
| iv.  | Every opportunity should be taken to lobby Cllrs Timmis and Barradell and the Development Management Committee about the risk of development on both sites.                                     |
| b.   | With regard to 23/060.b concern was expressed that children should not be playing in the road.                                                                                                  |
| c.   | With regard to 23/060.c it was represented that there was no need for speed humps in West Dene.                                                                                                 |

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| c. | With regard to 23/062.c concern was expressed at the access route to the proposed development. |
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**23/060 Correspondence received**

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| a. | <b>Land at Cupids Green (Berry Farm)</b> – see 23/059.a above                                                                          |
| b. | <b>Slow children signs in Gaddesden Row</b> – deferred in the absence of Cllr Cosbie Ross who had asked for the item to be considered. |
| c. | <b>Speed humps in West Dene</b> - deferred in the absence of Cllr Cosbie Ross who had asked for the item to be considered.             |
| d. | <b>Council entry in newsletter</b> – agreed to the proposed revisions.                                                                 |

**23/061 Matters Outstanding** – none not covered elsewhere.

**23/062 Planning**

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| a. | <b>Planning applications</b> – noted decisions by Dacorum BC on previous planning applications as submitted to members.          |
| b. | <b>Planning applications</b> – noted that no responses had been given under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting. |
| c. | <b>Planning applications</b> – agree a response to the following application                                                     |

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| <b>23/01279/LBC &amp; 23/01278/FUL</b> | Pump House & Water Tower At The Hoo, Ledgemore Lane, Great Gaddesden, HP2 6HD | Deferred |
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Partial conversion of the Pump House to a 2-bed residential accommodation and general repairs to the building.

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| d. | <b>Planning applications</b> – no applications were received since the date of the agenda.                |
| e. | <b>Enforcement action</b> – noted the update provided to members.                                         |
| f. | <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – received an update on progress including a first draft vision and objectives. |

**23/063 Open spaces** – not discussed.

**23/064 Finance and administration**

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| a.  | <b>Payment of invoices</b> – agreed as presented to members together with an invoice of £29.15 to Castle Water.                                                                |
| b.  | <b>Payments received</b> – noted as presented to members.                                                                                                                      |
| c.  | <b>Annual return for 2022/23</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| i.  | Internal Audit – noted the comments from the Internal Auditor and agreed the response as presented to members.                                                                 |
| ii. | Annual Governance Statement – Resolved that the Annual Governance Statement as presented to members is correct and may be signed on behalf of the Council. Agreed unanimously. |

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| iii. | Accounting Statements - Resolved that the Accounting Statements as presented to members are correct and may be signed on behalf of the Council. Agreed unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| iv.  | Exercise of Public Rights - Resolved that the Clerk may publish the approved sections of the Annual Governance Review, the completed statement of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return, and the notes which accompany the Notice on the Parish Council's website from 26 <sup>th</sup> June to 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. Agreed unanimously. |

**23/065 Governance policies** – reviewed and agreed the following policies:

- i. Child protection
- ii. Document retention
- iii. Equality and diversity
- iv. Grant and donation

**23/066** Resolved that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press should be excluded from item 23/066 of the agenda of this meeting as it includes disclosure of commercial information. Agreed unanimously.

**23/067** See separate confidential notes

**23/068 Date and time of next meetings:**

7:30pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

There is no Council meeting in August.

7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall