

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at **8:00 pm** on **Monday 20th November 2023**

at **Great Gaddesden Village Hall**

Present: Councillors B Cosbie Ross, (chair), C Griffin, M Griffin, G Halsey, T Martin, W Ristoff and C Turner

In attendance: A Farrow (Parish Clerk), Cnty Cllr T Douris, Borough Cllr J Timmis and four members of the public.

Agenda number	Agenda subject and action
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23/102	Apologies for absence - none.
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23/103	Declaration of Interests – none
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23/104	Minutes
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Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 16th October 2023 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.

23/105	Public participation
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- a. The location of a tree to commemorate the late Queen was agreed and will be submitted to Dacorum for approval.
- b. The contractors working at Gaddesden Row had agreed to undertake some repairs to the allotment path from the spoil they were excavating. Agreed to provide a small token of appreciation if this was achieved.

23/106	Correspondence received
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- a. Noted the new Westminster parliamentary boundary changes as reported to members.

23/107	Matters Outstanding – noted updates provided to members, in particular:
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- i. That the changes to the bank mandate had been implemented.
- ii. That Cllr Timmis ask for a Planning Officer to attend future meetings on a regular basis.

23/108	Highways
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- a. **Bradden Lane** – Cllr Douris was asked whether Bradden Lane could be added to the primary gritting route for the duration of the road works on Gaddesden Row.
- b. **HertsLynx** – Cllr Douris reported that the new service should be operational from mid-December. It was suggested that a review of use after 6 months or some appropriate period would be useful.
- c. **29 Bus** – there had been two occasions when the bus hadn't arrived at the Jockey End stop during the disruption caused by the road works. Red Eagle hadn't responded to the clerk's request for an explanation. Cllr Douris undertook to make enquiries.

23/109	Planning
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- a. **Planning applications** – noted decisions by Dacorum BC on previous planning applications as submitted to members.
- b. **Planning applications** – noted that no responses had been given under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting.
- c. **Planning applications** – agreed the responses to the following planning applications.

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	23/02632/FHA & 23/02633/LBC Eastleigh, 38 Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HL No objection
	Part ground floor/part first floor rear extension to create enlarged kitchen and additional en-suite bedroom
	23/02478/FHA & 23/02713/LBC The Kirkstile Barn, Pipers Hill, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BY No objection
	Internal division of the existing garage into two
	d. Planning applications – no planning applications had been received since the date of the agenda.
	e. Dacorum Local Plan – agreed that the Clerk would finalise a response for agreement by the Parish Council before the next council meeting.
23/110	Open spaces – nothing to report
23/111	Finance and administration
	a. Clerk's salary – noted changes as reported to members
	b. Remembrance Service Wreath – Resolved that in accordance with the council's powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that it should incur the expenditure of £21.24 being the cost of a wreath for remembrance day, which in the opinion of the council is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Agreed unanimously
	c. Payment of invoices – agreed as presented to members together with payments of £2.62 to Castle Water for the Gaddesden Row allotments and £20 to J Kuzel for expenses relating to Gaddesden Row allotments received after the agenda was circulated and the £800 grant approved under 23/111.f.
	d. Payments received – noted receipt of a grant for £5,987 from Groundwork UK toward the cost of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan (see 23/111/e).
	e. Grant for Neighbourhood Plan – noted that the Clerk had accepted the terms of a grant for £5,987 from Groundwork UK on behalf of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities toward the cost of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.
	f. Gaddesden Row Methodist Church – approved payment of a grant application for £800, the final part of a grant for £3,500 for decoration to the Church agreed in February 2020 (20/017).
	Resolved that in accordance with the council's powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that it should incur the expenditure of £800 being the cost of a internal and external decoration of the Gaddesden Row Methodist Chapel, which in the opinion of the council is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Agreed unanimously
23/112	Resolved that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press should be excluded from item 23/113 of the agenda because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Agreed unanimously
23/113	Council budget – agreed the first draft of the budget for 2024/25 as presented to members.

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23/114	Date and time of next meetings:
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7.30pm on Mondays 15th January and 19th February 2024, both at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21:28

Signed

Dated