

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:30 pm on Monday 17 June 2024

at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

Present: C Griffin, M Griffin, R Hamilton, C Turner and W Ristoff

In attendance: A Farrow (Parish Clerk), Cnty Cllr T Douris (to item 24/062) and twenty members of the public.

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24/059	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Cosbie Ross and Halsey and received from Cllr Timmis.
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In the absence of Cllr Cosbie Ross, Cllr Hamilton proposed and Cllr Turner seconded that Cllr C Griffin act as chair for the meeting. Agreed unanimously.

24/060	Declaration of Interests - none
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24/061	Minutes
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Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2024 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.

24/062	Public participation
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- It was requested that the white lines at the junction of St Margarets and Potten End Hill be refreshed.
- The new fencing between Anthony Betts and the Suzuki Garage was noted and it was agreed that Mr MacGillivray would report it to Dacorum Planning.
- There were a significant number of comments about the proposed Potten End Hill Sang (24-066.c below, 24/01239/MFA). The location of the SANG did not fit with Dacorum's commitment to active travel because realistically the majority of visitors would arrive by car. If the LA3 site had been retained at 900 houses rather than being increased to 1,100, would it have been possible to accommodate the necessary green space on site? Concern was expressed that access to the carpark was off the busy Potten End Hill and that the carpark would facilitate the use of the site by motorbikes and other wheeled vehicles and risked becoming a location for fly-tipping. The carpark would be better located either at the light industrial estate at the western end of the site or slightly to the east below Heizdin's Wood alongside the football pitch where it could also serve as a community facility. Four ground nesting bird species were present in the SANG and would be impacted by free-ranging dogs.

24/063	Correspondence received – none not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
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24/064	Matters outstanding – noted as presented to members.
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24/065	Highways – no issues
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24/066	Planning
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- Past planning applications** – noted decisions by Dacorum BC as submitted to members, in particular the decision to approve 24/00686/LDE for Oaklands Farm contrary to the objection of

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the council which was permitted because it was a Lawful Development Certificate. Agreed that this would be raised with DBC Planning.

- b. Planning applications since the last meeting** – to note the response given under the Clerk’s delegated powers since the last meeting.

24/00721/FUL Meadow Farm, Bradden Lane, Gaddesden Row, HP2 6JB No objection
Replacement dwelling including demolition of existing dwelling

- c. New planning applications** – to agree a response to the following planning application.

24/01239/FUL Land, Nettleden Road, Potten End Object
Change of use from agricultural land to Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space (SANG), together with a vehicular access, car park, paths, fencing and landscaping.

Agreed that the Council’s default position was to object but that the Clerk should seek an extension from Dacorum to enable a detailed response to be debated at the July meeting.

- d. No planning applications had been received since the date of the agenda**

- e. Neighbourhood Plan**

- a) Noted the call for sites
- b) Agreed that the grant offer of £7,850 for 2024/25 may be accepted
- c) Noted that a meeting was to be held pulling together all the contributors to the plan.

24/067 Open spaces

- a. Memorial Tree at Gaddesden Row allotments**

- i. Agreed not to proceed with the proposal from Dacorum BC to plant a black mulberry on the green opposite West Dene because of the cost.
- ii. Agreed to fund the purchase of a Victoria Plum tree in the allotments at Gaddesden Row at a cost not to exceed £50.

24/068 Finance and administration

- a. **Insurance** – noted the renewal of the council’s insurance
- b. **Payment of invoices** – agreed as presented to members together with a payment of £18 to Unity Trust Bank
- c. **Payments received** – noted as presented to members.

24/069 Policy review

Resolved to agree the following policies unchanged from last year.

- i. Child Protection Policy
- ii. Code of Conduct
- iii. Document Retention Policy
- iv. Equality and Diversity Policy
- v. Grant and donation policy

24/070 Date and time of next meetings:

7.30pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall

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There is no meeting in August

7.30pm on Monday 16 September 2024 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

The meeting closed at 20:46.

Signed Dated