

Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024

at Gaddesden Row Village Hall

Present: R Hamilton, C Turner and W Ristoff

In attendance: A Farrow (Parish Clerk), and thirty members of the public.

Agenda number	Agenda subject and action
24/071	Apologies for absence – were received and accepted from Cllrs Cosbie Ross, C Griffin, M Griffin and G Halsey. Apologies were also received from County Cllr T Douris and Borough Cllr J Timmis. In the absence of Cllr Cosbie Ross, Cllr C Turner proposed and Cllr R Hamilton seconded that Cllr W Ristoff be elected chairman for the meeting. Agreed unanimously.
24/072	Declaration of Interests - none
24/072	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2024 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
24/074	Presentation by Sarah Caleb of Affinity Water on the works being undertaken on the Gade The works stretch from the bridge by the Red Lion Pub to the one-way bridge and will cost in the region of c £0.5m as part of Affinity's £12m five-year river restoration programme. Details of the work are available on the Dacorum Planning Portal (ref 22/02836/MFA). Following the discovery of water voles work has stopped and will not recommence until the Autumn at the earliest when it will be close to the brown trout spawning season; permission to re-commence work will be controlled by the Environment Agency. It is not believed that the river level above the Red Lion bridge will drop appreciably with the removal of the weir because the weir has been broken for some years. The silt that is upstream of the weir will be removed so as not to impact the river downstream. SC agreed to clear litter around the single lane bridge and to provide details of Affinity's water extraction plan to show how it will achieve its objectives of reducing the reliance on extraction from the chalk aquifer.
24/075	Public participation the only comments related to 24/074 and 24/079.c (24/01239/MFA – the Potten End Hill SANG).
24/076	Correspondence received a. Dacorum Community Safety Partnership – Cllr Ristoff agreed to be the Parish Council's contact point. b. Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment Programme – agreed that the two allotment sites should participate in a Natural England-sponsored programme.
24/077	Matters outstanding – noted as presented to members, in particular that no further action was to be taken with regard to the cars parked on the verge along West Dene.

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24/078 Highways – noted that the HertsLynx service was now running in the evenings on Fridays and Saturdays.

24/079 Planning

- a. **Past planning applications** – noted decisions by Dacorum BC as submitted to members.
- b. **Planning applications since the last meeting** – noted that no responses had been given under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting.
- c. **New planning applications** – to agree a response to the following planning application.

24/01239/MFA 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.

The Council agreed the detailed terms of the objection and thanked the Clerk for his work in analysing the application and collating the response.

24/01392/FHA 33 Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HL No objection
Partial conversion of non habitable existing part of detached outbuilding to habitable use.

24/01476/FHA Gatherley, Potten End Hill, HP1 3BN No objection
Single storey side extension

24/01513/FHA 3 Rose Cottages, Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HJ No objection
Rear ground floor kitchen extension to existing covered external area by installing new glazing/doors into existing openings.

- d. **Planning applications received since the date of the agenda** – none received
- e. **Enforcement** – noted that the status of the car storage site at Cupid Green Lane reported to DMC in July was unchanged from the report submitted in January. Agreed to ask Cllr Timmis to ask Dacorum why no action appeared to be being taken.
- f. **Planning appeal** – noted that an appeal has been lodged against Dacorum's decision to refuse permission for construction of 390 dwellings on land west of Leighton Buzzard Rd and north of Galley Hill (21/04508/MOA. Appeal reference: W/24/3345435).

24/080 Open spaces

- a. The Warden would be undertaking a deep clean of Red Lion Lane whilst the work to trees was underway. The noticeboards had been re-varnished, vegetation had been cleared from the Gaddesden Row allotments and posts to which the standpipes in the Great Gaddesden allotments were attached had been repaired.
- b. A preliminary meeting had taken place to re-institute an Upper Gade Society to pull together everyone with an interest in the river.

24/081 Finance and administration

- a. **Payment of invoices** – agreed as presented to members.
- b. **Payments received** – noted as presented to members.
- c. **Financial results** – noted the results as at 30 June 2024 as presented to members.

24/082 Date and time of next meetings:

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- There is no meeting in August
- 7.30pm on Monday 16 September 2024 at Great Gaddesden Village Hall
- 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October at Gaddesden Row Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed

Dated

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