

## Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:30 pm on Monday 16 June 2025

at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

**Present:** C Griffin (chair), M Griffin, G Halsey, R Hamilton, W Ristoff and C Turner

**In attendance:** Mr A Farrow (Clerk), Mr R MacGillivray (Planning Working Party Lead) and three members of the public.

| Agenda number | Agenda subject and action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 25/063        | <b>Apologies for absence</b> were received from County Cllr C Smith-Wright and Borough Cllr J Timmis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 25/064        | <b>Declaration of Interests</b> - none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25/065        | <b>Minutes</b><br><br><b>Resolved</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2025 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 25/066        | <b>Public participation</b><br><br>a. Representations were made in support of 25/072.c (25/01342/LBC).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25/067        | <b>Correspondence received</b><br><br>a. <b>Reform of planning committees</b> – noted that the changes under consideration in a national technical consultation seemed likely to reduce the power of Borough Councillors and Parish Councils to challenge planning applications. No action required.<br><br>b. <b>Neighbourhood Plan grant</b> – noted that the national funded grants for Neighbourhood Plans would not be renewed which made it unlikely that the Parish Council could continue with its programme. Agreed that the Clerk would talk to the Neighbourhood Plan consultant to explore any possible options to continue and write to Victoria Collins MP to explain how this change discriminated against smaller councils. |
| 25/068        | <b>Borough and County Councillor updates</b> – none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 25/069        | <b>Matters outstanding</b> – noted the report submitted to members.<br><br>a. Noted that Victoria Collins MP was writing to Dacorum BC asking about the time taken on enforcement issues at Cupid Green Lane. Agreed that the Clerk should highlight the issue of the car storage site.<br><br>b. Noted that there had been no response from Dacorum Planning regarding Oaklands Farm. Agreed to ask Cllr Timmis to raise the issue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 25/070        | <b>Highways</b> – nothing to report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 25/071        | <b>Planning</b><br><br>a. <b>Past planning applications</b> – noted the report submitted to members<br><br>b. <b>Planning applications since the last meeting</b> – noted the following response given under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 25/01011/MFA  | Amaravati Monastery, St Margarets, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No objection |
|               | Demolition of existing buildings and construction of replacement Vihara buildings with associated landscaping.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| <b>c.</b>     | <b>New planning applications</b> – to agree responses to the following planning applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| 25/01246/FHA  | 18 West Dene, Gaddesden Row, HP2 6HU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Object       |
|               | Construction of garage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |
| 25/01342/LBC  | 1 Church Cottages, Church Meadow, Great Gaddesden, HP1 3BU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No objection |
|               | Painting over ceiling and wall exposed wooden beams to a lighter colour. Use of water based Earthborn Clay Paint and natural browning wax.                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| <b>d.</b>     | To note that no planning applications had been received since the date of the agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| <b>e.</b>     | <b>Planning appeal</b> – noted that an appeal has been lodged against Dacorum’s decision to refuse planning permission for the creation of a SANG at Land Nettleden Road (25/00019/REFU). Agreed that the Clerk and Mr MacGillivray would consider whether to make a submission and if so what to include in it. |              |
| <b>f.</b>     | <b>Hillside, Potten End Hill</b> – agreed not to revise the council’s “no objection” response to this planning application (25/01165/FUL) in the light of resident’s comments but to raise the issue of bonfires with Environmental Health.                                                                      |              |
| <b>25/072</b> | <b>Open spaces</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
| <b>a.</b>     | Gaddesden Row allotments: grass cutting – no update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| <b>25/073</b> | <b>Finance and administration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| <b>a.</b>     | <b>Payment of invoices</b> – agreed as presented to members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| <b>b.</b>     | <b>Payments received</b> – none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| <b>c.</b>     | <b>Policy review</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
|               | Agreed the following policies:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
|               | i. Child Protection Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
|               | ii. Code of Conduct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
|               | iii. Document Retention Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
|               | iv. Equality and Diversity Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
|               | v. Grant and donation policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| <b>d.</b>     | <b>Councillor resignation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
|               | i. Noted the resignation of Cllr Ristoff with immediate effect. Cllr Ristoff was thanked for his contribution to the Parish Council.                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
|               | ii. Agreed that the Clerk may advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| <b>25/074</b> | <b>Date and time of next meetings:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |
|               | 7:30pm on Tuesday 15 July 2025 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
|               | There is no meeting in August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |

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7:30pm on Tuesday 16 September 2025 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Signed .....

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