

## Minutes of Great Gaddesden Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:30 pm on Monday 15 June 2026

at Great Gaddesden Village Hall

**Present:** C Griffin (chair), M Griffin and R Hamilton

**In attendance:** A Farrow (Clerk) and nineteen members of the public.

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| 26/061        | <b>Apologies for absence</b> were received and accepted from Cllrs Body, Halsey, Turner and Wood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26/062        | <b>Declaration of Interests</b> - none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 26/063        | <b><a href="#">Minutes</a></b><br><br>Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2026 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 26/064        | <b>Public participation in the remainder of the agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Concern was expressed at the level of speeding through Briden Camp. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue with the County Councillor.</li><li>b. Concern was expressed at anti-social behaviour by cyclists at Bridens Camp. The resident was advised to report this through the online tool.</li><li>c. There were a number of requests for a history of the Bishops Tip site, an update on its current planning status, and for clarity regarding claims made in an anonymous note that had been widely circulated claiming that there were plans for the site to be used to house travellers. The clerk explained that neither the Parish Council nor Dacorum BC were involved with the anonymous note. That the site had been used as a licensed landfill sight in the early 1980's, that it had been put up for sale in April 2026 and that no planning applications had been received. If a planning application were received the Parish Council would make every effort to advise local residents. If residents saw signs of unauthorised development activity they were asked to contact either the Borough Councillor or Parish Clerk. See also 26/068.f.</li></ul> |
| 26/065        | <b>Correspondence received</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Concern had been expressed regarding building work at the water tower and approach roads on The Hoo estate, but after investigation it was considered that there was insufficient evidence of unauthorised work to justify involving Planning Enforcement</li><li>b. Concern had been expressed at what appeared to be raw sewage to the north side of Dean Lane. Thames Water had advised that it wasn't anything to do with the pumping station at the junction of Dean Lane with Clements End Road. The clerk would continue to investigate.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 26/066        | <b><a href="#">Matters outstanding</a></b> – noted as presented to members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 26/067        | <b>Borough and County Councillor updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>County Councillor</b> – none received</li><li>b. <b>Borough Councillor</b> – none received</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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**26/068 Planning**

- a. [Past planning applications](#) – noted the report submitted to members.
- b. **Planning applications** – noted that no responses had been submitted under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last meeting
- c. **New planning applications** – agreed responses to the following application:
  - i. [26/01210/TCA](#) – 11 Leighton Buzzard Rd, HP1 3BH - Reduction of crown by 4 meters to Spruce due to overhead power cables and proximity to outbuildings. Fell 3 Birch trees, due to age and proximity to road and buildings. Support
  - ii. [26/01192/LBC](#) and [26/01191/FHA](#) – 12 Leighton Buzzard Rd, HP1 3BH – single storey rear extension. Support
- e. No planning applications had been received since the date of the agenda
- f. **Bishops Tip** – see also 26/064/c. Agreed that the potential risks associated with the site precluded the Parish Council from considering purchasing it. Agreed that the council would continue to communicate any developments on the site to residents as promptly as possible.

**26/069 Open spaces**

- a. **Allotments** – noted that there had been some anti-social behaviour at the Gaddesden Row allotments and that the allotment holder had been advised to report it to the police.

**26/070 Finance and administration**

- a. [Payment of invoices](#) – agreed payment of invoices as presented to members
- b. **Payments received** – none
- c. [CIL funds distribution](#) – the council has £22,767 unallocated CIL funds and agreed the following:
  - i. **Upper Gade Valley Conservation Society – information boards:** to fund a maximum of 75% of the cost or £300 whichever is the lesser subject to confirmation from Gaddesden Estate that they can be installed on the footbridges over the Gade.
  - ii. **Gaddesden Row Village Hall – fire doors and replacement driveway:** to fund a maximum of £2,750, payable in two tranches if appropriate. The grant for the fire doors is conditional on confirmation of the cost. The grant for the driveway is conditional on confirmation of the cost and confirmation from Herts Highways that the work can be undertaken.
  - iii. **PCC of St John the Baptist – accessible toilet:** to provisionally allocate £2,500 to the project but with no commitment that it would be available should the council wish to support other projects before the full funding package is completed.
  - iv. **Work to oak trees along Dean Lane:** to provisionally allocate up to £5,000 to the project subject to a) independent confirmation that the trees are sufficiently noteworthy in the parish and b) that the landowner supports the work.
  - v. **Dacorum BC – improvements to play equipment at either/both Great Gaddesden and/or Gaddesden Row:** to fund a maximum of 15% of the cost of any improvements to a maximum of £2,500 subject to Dacorum BC funding a minimum of 85% of the cost.
  - vi. Consideration of tentative applications from Great Gaddesden School and Gaddesden Row Girl Guides was deferred in the absence of detailed information.

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- 26/071    Date and time of next meetings:**
- 7:30pm on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall
- 7:30pm on Tuesday 15 September 2026 at Gaddesden Row Village Hall
- There is no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Signed .....

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