

HADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of Hadstock Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 26 October 2023 at 7 30pm in the Village Hall Hadstock.

Present: Parish Councillors: Keith Nuttall, Jude Hannam, John Lockton, David Johnson & Parish Clerk Sara Beckett.

Also present 3 members of the public and District Councillor John Moran

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, reminded Councillors and members of the public of the fire safety procedure and announced that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Wells which were discussed and approved **RESOLVED 23/10/02**
3. Declaration of Members' Interests & to remind Councillors of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests and to receive any Members' Dispensations – none notified or received.
4. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **28 September 2023** were accepted and approved. **RESOLVED 23/10/04.** The Chair signed them as a true record.
5. **Public participation** ~ individual members of the public
 - ✚ expressed concerns about the consultation process of the Local Plan
 - ✚ spoke to the planning application which is a listed building consent
 - ✚ commented on the condition of the gang mowers owned by HPC which had not been used for at least 2 years ~ would they be repaired or replaced as currently using own equipment and facing increasing costs related to the grass cutting. Further arrangement needs to be considered . HPC asked for revised charges and ideas on options for the future ~ noted by the Clerk for a future Agenda item.
6. County Councillor Foley had sent his apologies.
7. District Councillor Moran responded to a member of the publics concerns about consultation process for the Local Plan. There would not be an allocation of dwellings for Hadstock but larger surrounding Villages do have allocations which he was not entirely comfortable with and will be expressing his views appropriately. A meeting of Uttlesford District Council on Monday 30 October the ***Uttlesford Local Plan 2021 – 2041 will be proposed for public consultation 3rd November 2023 to 15th December 2023.*** Cllr Moran is seeking to extend the consultation period into 2024.
Cllr Moran had asked to meet the Highways responsible Cabinet member in the Ashdon and Hadstock so that the problems can be visualised to support the need e.g. no footpaths but no further update. He is also engaging with the MP Kemi Badenoch. Essex County Council are still saying that 20's plenty is for urban areas. Cllr Moran suggested getting a group representing the villages who would wish to pursue 20's plenty to aid to the evidence of need.
Cllr Moran spoke of financial support which he would give to the value of £500 for Village projects i.e fencing on Linton Road & the recreation ground, Lens path bench. The Clerk would prepare a note for submission with the application for Cllr Moran.
8. **Action points and matters arising from previous meetings:**
 - a. The Clerk reported:
 - ✚ emailed Essex County Council salt scheme re the delivery of the salt without notice but no response to date

✚ Received Emergency Plan v10 from Cllr Lockton and will distribute as requested

b. Report from Councillors:

Cllr Hannam has written to FDL about the provision of a Christmas ready for the Advent Service on Sunday 03 December 2023. No response to date but will continue to make contact.

c. Opportunity for Councillors report concerns from residents ~ none to note

9. Planning Application/s - UTT/23/2558/LB | Installation of 300mm terracotta chimney pot and hanging cowl | Roundhill Cottage Bartlow Road Hadstock Cambridge CB21 4PF following a discussion and a review of the detail it was **RESOLVED 23/09/09** to support the application

10. Decisions made by UDC on planning application/s ~ None

11. Governance~

[j]To consider donation requests received ~The clerk informed HPC that 2 requests had been received and the details of previous years donations. HPC would give this some further thought and investigate local needs and make a decision at the next meeting. The total budget allocation is £100 which can be divided.

[ii] HPC discussed convening a meeting to enable HPC to consider making an informed response to the proposed Uttlesford District Council draft local plan. It was **RESOLVED 23/10/11ii** to call a public meeting to enable comments to be fed through. To ask District Councillor Moran to attend to 'lead' the event
ACTION Clerk to contact Cllr Moran.

[iii] HPC discussed the appointment of an internal auditor for 2023/24. The Clerk had prepared a report with a recommendation but following further discussion it was **RESOLVED 23/10/11iii** to defer

12. FINANCE 2023/2024

[a] HPC noted the Finance report, budget report and bank reconciliation of 2023/24 to 30 September 2023 and reported that there has been little financial movement in the month and was confirmed with signature of Chairman

[b] HPC approved the use of delegated powers by the Clerk for the purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday * This was handed to Cllr Johnson who will represent the Parish Council

[c] The payments below were agreed and approved

[d] The clerk presented one payment with invoice received after Agenda issued **

Cheque	Payee	Description	Net amount	VAT	Total
101453	Ms S Beckett	Clerks salary month 7 October 2023	350.87		350.87
101454	Ms S Beckett*	Reimbursement for Poppy Wreath	19.98	4.00	23.98
101455	Ms S Beckett**	Reimbursement recreation signage	17.81	3.56	21.37

13. Highways ~ to receive an update on highways issues and discuss.

[a] Highways ~ nothing new to report but a watching brief. The Chair would like to contact the Essex Highways Officer for Hadstock to report the concerns of speeding through the Village. It was noted that a car had been reported in the field near the airfield and a member of the public reported cars being in the ditch at Little Walden

[b] Speed watch~ Cllr Nuttall reported that this continues but has been postponed a number of times due to weather conditions. A member of the public offered to join the team.

[c] Pothole reporting update ~ No further update and issues remain. Cllr Hannam will locate areas with What3words so Clerk can update the data already collected.

[d] 20's Plenty ~ Cllr Nuttall will continue to liaise with Cllr Moran to move this along although Essex Highways as discussed earlier are very negative about the scheme. Will need to push with an interested group to take it forward and give weight as evidence of need.

14. Recreation Ground Report ~

[a] HPC discussed funding as per UDC Sports Provision Grant which closes on 04 December 2023 and **RESOLVED 23/10/14a** to apply for the work already identified as a refit. **ACTION** Clerk inform IB to defer.

[b] Monkey Challenge ~ The Clerk had researched details of the provision of a Monkey Challenge a climbing wall designed to be traversed horizontally. HPC discussed and **RESOLVED 23/10/14a** that Cllr Johnson should investigate further

[c] Cllr Johnson confirmed the recreation ground is in good order and **ACTION** Cllr Johnson would collect key from previous key holder

[d] Cllr Johnson confirmed the play equipment has been visually checked and useable apart from the piece of equipment currently still taped off but will replace signage. **ACTION** Cllr Johnson will collate information to map with photographic evidence of what and where play equipment is situated

[e] The report and quote for removal of a dead tree and the exact location confirmed on the recreation ground was discussed ~ **ACTION** Cllr Nuttall to confirm condition of tree in case there was life left in it.

15. Parish Land Report & PRow's ~

[a] HPC discussed the land adjacent to Ducky Barn which borders Bartlow Road with the report presented by the Clerk. This land is registered with the Village Green as Parish Land. Work is required in the long term and this will be investigated further. Cllr Lockton and the Village group will clear the immediate vegetation by the road on 05 November that is needed particularly around the signage and salt bin.

[b] HPC **RESOLVED 23/10/15b** there was no requirement for hedging but would request 3 trees for the Tree Planting Initiative for the planting season 2023-24. The detail to add to the orchard was kindly supplied by a resident who would also take delivery and arrange planting.

[c] placement of Coronation tree was deferred

16. To discuss fencing on Linton Road ~

Having endeavoured to seek quotes to mend just the broken end of the fencing which was problematical a resident had kindly agreed to give a view on how best to deal with this and the bench near Len's path

[a] Fencing ~ remove dog bin and place independently of fence. Cut horizontal rails off with a saw to prevent damage and re-use them. 8-10 posts need replacing. Commence where the damaged posts start (i.e. away from the end) and work to the end (near Lens path). Fix in posts and re attach rails **RESOLVED 23/10/16a** accept quote but would the supply of post for dog bin be included.

[b] Bench near Len's path ~ cut off legs at base of bench leaving old base in situ having tidied it and refix bench approx. 3 ft further back to 4 concrete spurs. Clerk to contact IB to finalise details **RESOLVED 23/10/16a/b.**

17. To consider how to approach issues of Linton Road 'ditch' Deferred but intention to approach farmer to discuss. Cllr Nuttall & Cllr Lockton and bring back to HPC

18. Renovation & painting of the Listed Telephone box ~ deferred

19. Village Hall Report ~ Cllr Hannam reported very busy and gaining a good reputation. Trees have been cut back by car park. Heating is sorted and working well slight problems with wi-fi.

20. Emergency Planning ~ update from Cllr Lockton ~ reported that the final version was complete and ready for distribution as agreed which included the ways that it would be uploaded onto the website.

21. Defibrillator ~ Cllr Wells had informed the clerk that she would be arranging for the monthly check in her absence. A member of the public had contacted the clerk about the use of the defibrillator and had been advised accordingly. This brought about a discussion as to how HPC can direct residents to information about its use and Cllr Lockton would discuss further with Cllr Wells

22. To receive update from Helping communities deliver net-zero: housing and energy ~ Cllr Lockton

[ii] The terms of a meeting with Dr Chris Dodge of Saffron Walden Community Energy and interested persons on 09 November 2023 were confirmed.

Cllr Lockton discussed various ways to undertake projects within the village and to take forward this initiative The Clerk would attend the initial meeting and prepare terms of reference going forward.

RESOLVED 23/10/22.

[iii] HPC **RESOLVED 23/10/22iii** the ideas detailed from initial discussions and the result of the meeting on 9th November would inform the Parish Council if they should apply for funding from Zero **Communities Grants which closes on 04 December 2023**

23. Community pay back scheme ~ the clerk reported that contact had been made with the regional co-ordinator from the Justice Dept who had outlined exactly how the scheme worked and reported this to HPC. Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED 23/10/23** not to investigate this matter further

24. Warm Hubs ~ This subject was considered in previous years resulting in a decision not to take forward due to the practicalities. It was **RESOLVED 23/10/24** that the situation remained the same and not to take forward

25. Items for next agenda were noted through the meeting

- 26. To note the next Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 30 November 2023 @7.30pm
- 27. Public exempt ~ not required.
- 28. Reminder to Councillors to be considering budget requirements for 2024/25
- 29. The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.59pm

..... Chairman.
Signed as a true record and RESOLVED to approve on 30 November 2023

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