



Minutes of Hadstock Parish Council Meeting

Held on

Thursday 26 June 2025

at 7.45pm in the Village Hall Hadstock.

Present: Parish Councillors: David Johnson [Vice Chair] Jude Hannam, John Lockton, Simon Gosling, Parish Clerk & 1 member of the public.

1. The Chair for the meeting Councillor Johnson welcomed all to the meeting, reminded Councillors of the fire safety procedure and announced that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
2. Apologies from Parish Councillor Wells were received and approved **RESOLVED 25/06/02**
Apologies had been received from County Councillor Martin Foley. District Councillor Moran was absent
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.
4. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 29 May 2025** were accepted and approved **RESOLVED 25/06/04**. The Chair signed them as a true record.
5. **Public participation-** a member of the public enquired if there was an update to the drain issue in Bilberry End and had hoped to have an update from D.C Moran. **ACTION** Clerk to email Cllr Moran
6. **Report from County Councillor** – email report to follow
7. **Report from District Councillor Moran** – no report
8. **Action points and matters arising from previous meetings:** Updates for information only.

Clerks report

- Annual Governance and Accountability Return had been sent to and received by the External Auditors

Councillors report

- Cllr Lockton reported that the drainage issue on Walden Road has still not been resolved
ACTION Cllr Lockton will follow up with relevant stakeholders.
9. **Planning Application/s UTT/25/1542/FUL** | Airfield works comprising two new taxiway links to the existing runway (Rapid Access Taxiway and Rapid Exit Taxiway) to enable continued airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and an increase in passenger throughput from 43 million terminal passengers to up to 51 million terminal passengers, in a twelve-month calendar period HPC considered this planning application and **RESOLVED 25/06/09 to** object with the following comments
Hadstock Parish Council object to the planning application **UTT/25/1542/FUL**, submitted by Stansted Airport Limited, for the proposed development at **London Stansted Airport, Bassingbourn Road, Stansted CM24 1QW**

Whilst we acknowledge the airport's role in regional connectivity and economic activity, we believe this proposal raises significant and unresolved concerns across multiple domains:

Cumulative Pressure on Local Environment, Infrastructure, and Public Services

- **Air Pollution:** Increased passenger throughput will likely result in higher emissions from aircraft and ground transport, which are harmful to public health

- **Road Congestion:** The local road network, is already under strain. Increased airport traffic will exacerbate congestion and queuing
- **Public Transport** is insufficient to support the projected growth
- **Housing developments** in the immediate and surrounding areas has increased dramatically in recent years and there are more that are underway, the cumulative impact on infrastructure and services has not been fully assessed to meet reality

Questionable Economic Justification

- The application promises **economic benefit** and **5,000 new jobs**, but these projections are **optimistic**
- Past expansions have not always delivered the promised long-term benefits to local communities.
- The proposal appears to offer a **temporary boost to business leaders** rather than sustainable, inclusive growth.

Fundamental Concerns About Strategic Justification, Oversight, and Long-Term Impact

- This is not a new runway but a **feeder to the existing one**, yet it facilitates a significant increase in passenger numbers without a corresponding increase in flight caps—raising questions about operational intensity and safety.
- Concerns on how mitigation measures will be enforced or monitored.
- There are long-standing community concerns, especially from those who believed this battle had already been fought and settled.
- The proposal contradicts broader climate goals and local sustainability ambitions.
- It prioritises short-term commercial gain over long-term environmental stewardship and community well-being and/or benefit

We respectfully request that Uttlesford District Council **refuse planning permission** for application UTT/25/1542/FUL. The proposal is not aligned with sustainable development principles and poses unacceptable risks to the environment, infrastructure, and quality of life for local residents.

10. To note decisions made by UDC on planning application/s – none to note
11. To receive an update on planning matters –
12. Applications still awaiting determination - **UTT/25/0871/FUL | Demolition of buildings and structures associated to car repair business (Class B2) and erection of 3 no. residential dwellings (Class C3) and associated works.** The Council had been informed that a site visit by UDC planning committee had been arranged for Monday 30 June at 11.00 it was **RESOLVED 25/06/12** that Cllr Wells and Hannam would attend and request to voice record [Clerk to enquire] and for Cllr Hannam to represent HPC at the Planning committee meeting on 02 July 2025 and the Clerk to attend to observe

13. Governance ~

[a] The 'roles/responsibilities/volunteers' for village activity was discussed in line with the report. The issue of the monthly report to the magazine was deferred for input by the absent Chair. The list was revised to be published noting that the Welfare aspect needed further discussion and would be an agenda item in September **RESOLVED 25/06/13a** It was noted that the additional keys to the noticeboard do not work and needs to be rectified possibly with a new lock assembly.

[b] Green skip arrangements for 28 June 2025 – The Clerk report that following further discussion with UDC the skip would now attend the Village Green first at 11:45 until 12:15 and then move up to Bilberry End **RESOLVED 25/06/13b** to notify via social media and Hadstock info. Cllr Wells and Lockton would attend and oversee at the Village Green

14. FINANCE

[a] It was confirmed by the Clerk that the **2024/2025** AGAR detail for year-end has been sent to the external auditor and all required detail published on the website.

2025/2026

[b] the income, bank balance £25263.07 which included 1st part of precept and reconciliation £22,240.58 at end May 2025 was presented by the RFO and noted by HPC

[c] HPC agreed and approved the payments listed below **RESOLVED 25/06/14c** and

[d] agreed and approved the notification by the accountants/payroll provider for payment to HMRC for PAYE due on 22 July 2025 before the next scheduled meeting which was received after Agenda issued **RESOLVED 25/06/14d**

[e] internet banking had been previously discussed and further investigated by the Clerk. HPC are now registered for internet banking and with further clarification of authority required and update to financial regulations HPC will be able to proceed **RESOLVED 25/06/14e**

[f] Cllr Gosling as an additional signatory is on going

[g] a savings account has been automatically opened with Barclays. Additionally council wish to investigate further avenues of interest-bearing accounts. The Charity Bank in particular. **RESOLVED 25/06/14f**

Cheque	Payee	Description	Net amount	VAT	Total	
101581	Ms S Beckett	Clerk Salary month 3	390.79		390.79	
101583	Ms S Beckett	Re imbursement of expenses	269.46		269.46	
101582	HMRC	PAYE Q1	251.20		251.20	

15. to receive an update on highways issues, discuss and resolve actions

[a] Highways ~

[b] Speed watch~ The speed watch co-ordinator reported 10 car drivers have been reported at the last session and is happy to continue in this role.

[c] Bartlow Road v BT cables – a resident has reported to the clerk concerns about cables [initially thought to be UK Power network cables] but is in communication with BT [identified as the responsible company] This is the second reporting of concern re cables and whilst the resident mentioned above is happy to continue the conversation with BT **ACTION** Cllr Lockton will speak to another resident who's property it concerns

16. The Sustainable Hadstock Working Group [SHWG] - Cllr Lockton gave an update to the report already distributed.

- Quieter period
- 2nd Sustainable Uttlesford evening attended
- Presence at the Fete was successful
- Presentation at pub will commence again in the Autumn the next topics being Waste and Nature
- Focusing on home and energy focus working on VH blue print and strategy talking to suppliers
- Reviewing survey and feedback forms to consider actions required
- Biodiversity surveys being carried out
- WhatsApp group and email address created for communicating to Green Team

17. Village communication particularly related to planning applications -Cllr Gosling gave an update on progress with suggestions

- Link to planning applications on website possibly as a separate page and some narrative to advise. Update with relevant information. Requires a structure to consult with NextNorth
- Download planning documents
- Link to other relevant services

18. Salt bag partnership – the service was explained to HPC and discussed **RESOLVED 25/06/18** to remain registered but no requirement for salt this coming winter

19. Update to information board re 100 Parishes funding application – Cllr Hannam reported that this was ongoing and has yet to make contact with artist.

20. Recreation Ground Report ~

[a] to receive report

i. on recreation ground –

- palings that had been kicked out have been replaced

- the bench as previously resolved to purchase was not available. Cllr Lockton was disappointed that a wooden bench had been resolved to purchase as when previously discussed the recycled robust plastic bench had seemed to be preferred with SH contributing towards the cost.

- Old wooden bench removed

ii. Cllr Johnson confirmed recreation ground is in good order and

iii. Cllr Johnson will update play equipment plan and the asset register will need to be updated

iv. to confirm all play equipment has been visually checked and useable

RESOLVED 25/06/2020ai-iv

[b] playground inspection report yet to be received **ACTION** Clerk to check

21. Defibrillator - Cllr Wells confirmed all in order

22. Listed Telephone Box Maintenance in Cllr Wells absence it was reported Cllr Wells it will be repainted commencing on Monday 30 June 2025.

23. Parish Land Report & PRow's ~ Cllr Lockton reported that part of an ash tree had fallen which is situated on footpath 25 behind village hall. Footpath has been cleared and warning tape and signs in situ to advise not to use footpath from Church car park. There is still a branch hanging down and a bee nest. The tree is on Church land and reported to highways who will inspect within 56 days. To await report and revert. **ACTION** in addition Clerk to contact PRow officer

It was also noted that a wasps nest has been located on Arnolds Lane and requires taping off with a sign **ACTION** Cllr Johnson in conjunction with SH and contact PRow officer.

Concerns re overgrown vegetation particularly on Bartlow Road being a problem again will initially be being addressed by letter to residents as in previous years. Suggest that residents undertake themselves or we organise a group to reduce the cost payable by land owners. Walden Road was also brought to the attention of HPC where lorries are avoiding hedging on Walden Road by Glebe Cottage and moving into the middle of the road **ACTION** Clerk to contact Highways and Cllr Johnson to contact previous Chair to catch up on correspondence. It was noted that the inspection hatch on Linton Road has been replaced.

24. Village Hall Report ~ Cllr Hannam reported that the Fete raised a considerable amount of funds some of which will support the VH. Unfortunately, a regular weekly booking has dropped out. A wedding has been booked [reminder for Clerk to email VH and Church **ACTION**]. A license application has been applied for.

25. HPC discussed UCNA volunteers as per email sent previously this was of interest to HPC and **ACTION** Clerk to find further details

26. To note items for next agenda- noted throughout meeting.

27. To note the next Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 31 July 2025 at 19.45pm.**

28. A public exempt not required

29. Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 pm

..... **Chairman.**

Signed as a true record and RESOLVED to approve on 31 July 2025.