

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council

held at **8.00pm on Thursday, 21st March 2024**

at the **Church Room, Church Rd, Potten End, HP4 2QY**

Present: D Burfot (chair), J Berry, D Grimsdale, S Nelson, and E Spanswick.

In attendance: A Farrow (Parish Clerk), K Furness (Parish Warden) and eighteen members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Mr Rod McClean, Chair of the Trustees of Berkhamsted Golf Club on conservation grazing on Berkhamsted Common which was attended by thirty members of the public.

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24/030	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Brennan, Smith and Westenholz-Smith, and received from Cnty Cllr Douris.
24/031	Declaration of interests – Cllr Grimsdale declared an interest in item 24/039.c.
24/032	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council at 8:00pm on the 15 th February 2024 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
24/033	Public Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none">Noted that the pudding stone on the corner of The Green would be replaced once the daffodils had stopped flowering.With regard to 24/039.e a question was raised as to why an appeal had been allowed since it was more than 6 months since the decision.
24/034	Correspondence received <ol style="list-style-type: none">Path from Frithsden Copse to Frithsden – noted that the path had deteriorated during the erection of a fence by the National Trust to enable grazing on the field. The condition of the path will be monitored as the weather improves.Horse riding on Ashridge Estate – noted the meetings regarding proposed changes had been scheduled for 27th March, and that as these had proved very popular further meetings had been scheduled for 3rd April.HertsLynx – noted that children travel free over Easter.Little Jim’s bus service – noted that Little Jim had suspended his service. Pending further information notices had been placed in the bus stops advertising HertsLynx.Police - noted that the police would be at Cedars on 23rd March if anyone had any issues they wished to raise.

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24/035	General matters outstanding – noted the update provided to members. <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. .gov.uk email addresses – noted that all council email addresses have now been changed.									
24/036	Parish Warden – there had been little litter because of the Berkhamsted Fun Run. The commemorative plaques at the burial ground had been replaced. Three incidences of fly-tipping had been reported including one involving cannabis plants. The road sign at the war memorial and chevrons at the top of Gravel Path had been knocked over and would be reported. Progress was being made cleaning road signs.									
24/037	Report of Traffic and Highways Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Outstanding issues – noted the update presented to members.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Cllr Douris had agreed to have the footpath behind Cedar repairedb. Roadworks – noted the update presented to members.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Hempstead Lane will be closed for 4 weeks from 2nd April to allow work to be undertaken in relation to the flooding.ii. Potten End Hill will be closed twice in May and June.c. 40 mph speed limits – resolved not to take this forward. Agreed unanimouslyd. Village entry gates on The Common – resolved to have gates installed by Highways at a cost of £2,500 during the work to reduce the speed limit on The Common. Agreed unanimously. Agreed that the project would be funded from the CIL Reserve.e. DriveSafe – an exercise had been carried out on Water End Rd on 20th March between 9am and 11am. 21% of cars entering the village and 7% leaving it were travelling in excess of 35mph and were reported to the police.									
24/038	Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Wildlife board by pond – resolved to install as presented to members. The Council thanked Alan and Joyce Osborn for the generous donation which would cover the full cost of the installation.b. National Trust Estates Committee – noted the change of parish representative to Chris Grimsdale. The Council thanked Geoff Brown for his time on the committee.c. Frog survey – noted that permission has been given for the village pond to be used as a test site by Heriot-Watt University.									
24/039	Report and update from the Planning Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Decisions by Dacorum BC on planning applications – noted as presented to members.b. Planning Applications – noted that the following response had been given under the Clerk’s delegated powers since the last Council Meeting.<table border="0" data-bbox="316 1765 1410 1892"><tr><td>24/00368/FHA</td><td>Spring Lodge, Hollybush Close, HP4 2SN</td><td>No objection</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Reinstatement of existing 3.5m wide gated access to western end of rear garden. New 5 rail timber field gate.</td></tr></table>c. Planning applications – agreed a response to the following applications:<table border="0" data-bbox="316 1960 1410 1993"><tr><td>24/00459/FHA</td><td>18 Hempstead Lane, HP4 2SD</td><td>No objection</td></tr></table>	24/00368/FHA	Spring Lodge, Hollybush Close, HP4 2SN	No objection	Reinstatement of existing 3.5m wide gated access to western end of rear garden. New 5 rail timber field gate.			24/00459/FHA	18 Hempstead Lane, HP4 2SD	No objection
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Propose New Pitch Roof Over Garage and Front Porch, Work to Include External Render, new windows and Doors.

- d. **Planning applications** – noted that no applications had been received since the agenda was published.
- e. **Planning Appeal** – noted that an appeal has been lodged against Dacorum’s decision to refuse permission for work to trees at Browns Spring Wood (23/00314/TPO). Dacorum had queried with the Planning Inspectorate why an appeal had been allowed more than six months after the original decision in March 2023.

24/040 Report and update from the Finance and Administration Working Party

- a. **Bank reconciliation** – noted as presented to members.
- b. **Payment of invoices** – agreed as presented to members together with a payment of £440 in respect of grass cutting at St Lawrence Church, Nettleden.
- c. **Payments received** – noted as presented to members.

24/041 Date and time of next meetings

The next meetings will be held at the Church Room, Potten End at

7:30pm on Thursday, 18th April 2024 for a presentation from Mr David Evans, Managing Director, Ashridge House to be followed by the Council Meeting at 8:00pm.

7:30pm on Thursday 16th May 2024

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed

Dated