

Minutes of the Council Meeting of

Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council

held at **7.30pm on Thursday, 20th April 2023**

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

Present: D Burfot (chair), J Berry, S Nelson, H Smith, E Spanswick and D Westenholz-Smith.

In attendance: Mr A Farrow (Parish Clerk), Mr T Douris (Borough and County Councillor), K Furness (Parish Warden), and seven members of the public.

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23/040	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Brennan and Grimsdale.
23/041	Declaration of interests – Cllr Burfot declared an interest in item 23/050.a
23/042	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council at 7.30pm on the 16 th March 2023 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
23/043	Public Issues a. Concern was expressed that despite the new signage horses were still using the footpath along the Old Green as a bridleway. Cllr Douris agreed to speak to Dacorum BC to see what further action could be taken to prevent this.
23/044	General matters outstanding – none requiring action.
23/045	Correspondence received a. Minutes of council decision of December 2022 regarding the sports field – agreed that the minutes 22/149.b were an accurate reflection of the Council’s deliberations. b. Joy riding on Spencer Holland – agreed that the tyre tracks which lead to the concern may have been caused by a tree surgeon undertaking some minor work. c. Dog poo bin on The Green – noted that this has been removed by Dacorum BC. Cllr Douris undertook to find out why and if there were any plans to remove any of the other single-use dog poo bins. Noted that dog poo could be placed in the general-purpose bins.
23/046	Parish Warden The hooks on the burial ground gates had been re-installed. Grass cutting and general litter picking continued. A mattress had been burnt on the sports ground and the remains would be disposed of. The net on the football goal and the stop netting behind it had been repaired; the stop netting will need to be replaced soon. The play equipment had been checked; there were no issues.
23/047	Report of Traffic and Highways Working Party a. Outstanding issues – none requiring action

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	<p>b. Upcoming road works – noted that the road works scheduled for Pouchen End land would probably be deferred as a result of the closure of Hempstead Lane (see 23/048.d).</p> <p>c. Speed limit on The Common – Cllr Douris confirmed that the design to enable the speed limit along The Common to be standardised at 40mph would be available for the May meeting.</p> <p>d. Hempstead Lane – Cllr Douris reported on a void that had appeared outside 76 Hempstead Lane which had resulted in the road being closed. Both the road and verges were impassable but it was too early to say what had caused the issue, how it would be repaired, or how long it would take to repair.</p>																																													
23/048	Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party																																													
	<p>a. Use of Spencer Holland for musical entertainment and tug-of-war competition – noted that approval had been given for an event on Monday 8th May.</p> <p>b. Grant for improvement to football pitch - agreed to submit a request to the Football Foundation as presented to members.</p> <p>c. Burial Ground – noted that the burial of Dorothy Hynes had been approved on the basis of her residency in the parish.</p>																																													
23/049	Report and update from the Planning Working Party																																													
	<p>a. Decisions by Dacorum BC on planning applications – noted as presented to members, and that since the report had been prepared Dacorum had refused permission for the work to trees at the end of Brown Springs (23/00314/TPO).</p> <p>b. Planning Applications – noted that the following responses had been given to planning applications under the Clerk’s delegated powers since the last Council Meeting.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>23/00276/FHA</td> <td>1 The Back, Potten End, HP4 2QS</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Single storey rear extension.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/00410/TPO</td> <td>4 Chestnut Close, Potten End, HP4 2QL</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Work to trees</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/00621/FHA</td> <td>The Grange, Frithsden Copse, HP4 2RG</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Erection of two storey side extension</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Planning applications – to agree responses to the following planning applications.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>23/00758/LDP</td> <td>Stable Cottage, Ivy House Lane, HP4 2PP</td> <td>Defer</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Single storey rear extension.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/00776/TPO</td> <td>Rear of 36 Rambling Way, Potten End, HP4 2SF</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Works to trees.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/00588/FHA</td> <td>2-3 Frithsden Gardens, HP1 3DE</td> <td>Withdrawn</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Replacement rear boundary fence panels. New close boarded fencing at rear of garden</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/00851/TCA</td> <td>The Vicarage, Church Rd, Potten End, HP4 2QY</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>&</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/00860/TCA</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	23/00276/FHA	1 The Back, Potten End, HP4 2QS	No objection		Single storey rear extension.		23/00410/TPO	4 Chestnut Close, Potten End, HP4 2QL	No objection		Work to trees		23/00621/FHA	The Grange, Frithsden Copse, HP4 2RG	No objection		Erection of two storey side extension		23/00758/LDP	Stable Cottage, Ivy House Lane, HP4 2PP	Defer		Single storey rear extension.		23/00776/TPO	Rear of 36 Rambling Way, Potten End, HP4 2SF	No objection		Works to trees.		23/00588/FHA	2-3 Frithsden Gardens, HP1 3DE	Withdrawn		Replacement rear boundary fence panels. New close boarded fencing at rear of garden		23/00851/TCA	The Vicarage, Church Rd, Potten End, HP4 2QY	No objection		&		23/00860/TCA		
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Work to trees

23/00855/FHA 5 The Back, Potten End, HP4 2QS Defer

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

23/00879/LDP The Brambles, Water End Rd, HP4 2SG Defer

Loft conversion with rear dormer and front velux windows

23/00911/TPO Camus, 60 Hampstead Lane, Potten End, HP4 2SD No objection

Works to trees

- d. **Planning Applications** – no planning applications had been received after the agenda was published.
- e. **Solar Array, Little Heath Lane (22/01106/MFA)** – noted that an appeal has been lodged by the applicant against Dacorum’s decision to refuse the planning application (23/00021/REFU).

23/050 Report and Update from the Finance and Administration Working Party

- a. **Payment of invoices** – approved as presented to members together with payments of £40 to DCVS and £450 to Bens Bouncy Castles.
- b. **Payments received since the last meeting** – noted as presented to members.
- c. **Bank account reconciliation at 31st March 2023** – noted as presented to members.
- d. **Infrastructure prioritisation policy** – agreed that Cllr Westenholz-Smith would create a more extensive survey and would consider whether an open-day event at the shop might be valuable either before or after the survey.
- e. **Investment Strategy** – resolved to open a new savings account with Cambridge and Counties Bank. Agreed unanimously.
- f. **Government consultation on the Infrastructure Levy** – agreed to respond along the lines presented to members

23/051 Date and time of next meetings

The next meetings will be held at the Church Room, Potten End at 7.30pm on Thursdays 18th May 2023 and 15th June 2023.

The meeting closed at 20:47

Signed

Dated