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

held at **7.30pm on Thursday, 16th November 2023**

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

Present: D Burfot (chair), J Berry (from item 23/133), E Brennan, D Grimsdale S Nelson, H Smith and E Spanswick.

In attendance: A Farrow (Parish Clerk), T Douris (County and Borough Councillor from item 23/133), K Furness (Parish Warden) and sixteen members of the public.

Agenda ref.	Agenda item
23/125	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from D Westenholz-Smith
23/125	Declaration of interests – Cllr Burfot declared an interest in item 23/132.a
23/126	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council at 7.30pm on the 19 th October 2023 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
23/127	Public Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none">Two representations were made objecting to the revised proposed development at 23 Water End Rd and land to the rear of 21 Water End Rd (23/133.c).The Council was thanked for the proposal manually to cut grass on one grave (23/132.a)Concern was expressed at parking on double yellow lines during school drop-off/collection. Cllr Douris to be asked to arrange for Dacorum Enforcement officers to visit again.The history of accidents on Nettleden Rd (23/128.d) was highlighted and the Council was asked to lobby for a reduction in the speed limit (see also 23/131.c).
23/128	Correspondence received <ol style="list-style-type: none">The New Westminster constituency boundaries were noted.Parking around Frithsden Green was an issue. Noting that inconsiderate parking need not solely be related to the Alford Arms it had been agreed to talk to the pub to see if it could be alleviated.Tree roots growing on the surface of the football pitch had been reported and removed.A history of accidents on Nettleden Rd had been compiled and were considered in the context of 23/131.c.Berkhamsted Golf Club had asked to present their plans for tree management at the Council's March meeting. Agreed.Concern was expressed regarding a path and electric lights installed on the verge of Vicarage Rd which would be referred to Highways.

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23/129	<p>General matters outstanding – noted as presented to members, in particular that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. it was proving difficult to re-register The Plough as an Asset of Community Value. ii. Discussions continue with Sovereign regarding the repairs necessary for the turntable. 																											
23/130	<p>Parish Warden – two graves had been topped up and would be seeded. Litter picking continued including four bags of rubbish on Bullbeggars Lane and detritus from the accident on The Green. Vegetation had been cut back on the Old Green and a fallen tree cut up. Grit bins had been installed.</p>																											
23/131	<p>Report of Traffic and Highways Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outstanding issues – noted a presented to members b. Roadworks – noted as presented to members. c. Speeding data – noted updated report and proposed actions as presented to members. Suggested that the Council give more focus to lobbying for a reduction in the national speed limit in the parish to 40mph. d. Hempstead Lane flooding – highlighted the risk of freezing and dangerous road conditions if the flooding wasn't controlled. 																											
23/132	<p>Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Burial ground grass cutting on graves – agreed to resume machine cutting of grass wef from 2024 except for Plot B15 which will be cut manually. b. Events – noted the recommendation of the steering committee that no events be held in 2024 but that the remaining earmarked reserves be retained for an event in 2025. c. Damage to The Green and village sign – noted that the insurers have been advised. 																											
23/133	<p>Report and update from the Planning Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Decisions by Dacorum BC on planning applications – noted as presented to members. b. Planning Applications – noted the following responses given to planning applications under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last Council Meeting. <table border="0" data-bbox="319 1456 1423 1724"> <tr> <td data-bbox="319 1456 526 1500">23/02154/FHA</td> <td data-bbox="526 1456 1244 1500">Evergreens. Hempstead Lane, Potten End, HP4 2QJ</td> <td data-bbox="1244 1456 1423 1500">No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="319 1500 1423 1556">Replacement window to side elevation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="319 1556 526 1601">23/02331/FHA</td> <td data-bbox="526 1556 1244 1601">Forge Farm, Nettleden Road, Nettleden, HP1 3DQ</td> <td data-bbox="1244 1556 1423 1601">No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="319 1601 1423 1646">& 23/02332/LBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="319 1646 1423 1691">Internal alterations and proposed double garage</td> </tr> </table> c. Planning applications – agreed the following responses: <table border="0" data-bbox="319 1792 1423 2000"> <tr> <td data-bbox="319 1792 526 1836">23/01211/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="526 1792 1292 1836">23 Water End Rd and land to rear of 21 Water End Rd</td> <td data-bbox="1292 1792 1423 1836">Object</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="319 1836 1423 1892">Demolition of frontage buildings and redevelopment of site for 7 dwelling houses.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="319 1892 526 1937">23/02533/TPO</td> <td data-bbox="526 1892 1244 1937">8 Olivers Close, Potten End, HP4 2SL</td> <td data-bbox="1244 1892 1423 1937">No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="319 1937 1423 2000">Works to trees</td> </tr> </table> 	23/02154/FHA	Evergreens. Hempstead Lane, Potten End, HP4 2QJ	No objection	Replacement window to side elevation			23/02331/FHA	Forge Farm, Nettleden Road, Nettleden, HP1 3DQ	No objection	& 23/02332/LBC			Internal alterations and proposed double garage			23/01211/FUL	23 Water End Rd and land to rear of 21 Water End Rd	Object	Demolition of frontage buildings and redevelopment of site for 7 dwelling houses.			23/02533/TPO	8 Olivers Close, Potten End, HP4 2SL	No objection	Works to trees		
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23/02681/FHA	Little Paddock, Frithsden Copse, HP4 2RG	No objection
	Amended scheme for a single storey garage with home office space	
23/02700/FHA	Four Oaks, Vicarage Gardens, Potten End, HP4 2RL	No objection
	Single storey wrap around side/rear extension, demolition of existing garage, new front porch and fenestration alterations.	
23/02714/FHA	Moonfleet, Frithsden Copse, Potten End, HP4 2RG	No objection
	Revised Proposal for Construction of a Small Garage	
d.	Planning applications - no planning applications had been received since the agenda was published.	
e.	Dacorum Draft Local Plan – received an update and agreed to submit a “somewhat disagree” response to the proposed changes to the strategy.	
f.	Noted that:	
	i. Dacorum Development Management Committee had rejected the application to approve 23/02040/RET, retention of replacement raised decking at 7 Olivers Close.	
	ii. The Planning Inspector had rejected the appeal against Dacorum’s decision to refuse permission for the Solar Array at Little Heath Lane (22/01106/MFA).	
23/134	Report and Update from the Finance and Administration Working Party	
a.	Bank account reconciliation at 31st October – noted as presented to members.	
b.	Remembrance Service wreath – resolved that in accordance with the council’s powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that it should incur the expenditure of £21.25 being the cost of a wreath for remembrance day, which in the opinion of the council is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Agreed unanimously.	
c.	Clerk’s salary – noted the national pay award with effect from 1 st April 2023 and back pay due.	
d.	Payment of invoices – agreed as presented to members	
e.	Payments received since the last meeting – noted as presented to members.	
23/135	Resolved that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press should be excluded from item 23/136 of the agenda because of the commercial nature of the business to be transacted. Agreed unanimously.	
23/136	Old Green – agreed the appointment of a contractor to undertake work to trees as proposed to members.	
23/137	Date and time of next meetings	
	The next meetings will be held at the Church Room, Potten End at 7.30pm on Thursdays 14 th December 2023 (note – a week earlier than normal because of Christmas) and on 18 th January 2024.	

The meeting closed at 20:45

Signed

Dated