

Minutes of the Council Meeting of

Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council

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

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

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

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

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23/080	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Burfot, and received from Borough and County Cllr Douris.
23/081	Declaration of interests were made by Cllr Brennan (23/089.c - 23/01516/FUL and 23/01562/FHA) & Cllr Smith (23/089.c – 23/01690/TCA). All councillors declared that they had or intended to sign the ePetition (23/087.f) - the Proper Officer determined that a dispensation could be granted in accordance with 13.h of the Council's Standing Orders.
23/082	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council at 7.30pm on the 15 th June 2023 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.
23/083	Public Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none">Agreed that the website should be updated with recent agendas and minutes.Representations were made with regard 23/088.f.Noted that the manually mowing of grass over graves at the burial ground would be revisited at the end of the year.
23/084	Correspondence received <ol style="list-style-type: none">Noted that a response had been given to a Freedom of Information request regarding the capacity of the burial ground.Noted that the response was being considered to a Freedom of information request regarding the cricket club safety netting.Noted that the removal of a cherry tree including a bees' nest on Hempstead Lane had been queried with Dacorum BC.Noted that the woodland at the end of Brown Springs had not been sold at a recent auction.
23/085	General matters outstanding not covered elsewhere in the minutes. <ol style="list-style-type: none">Dog bin on The Green – noted that Dacorum BC claimed that the bin had been damaged. This was disputed by residents and the Clerk was asked to query the response.

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	<p>b. Old Green use as a bridleway – the Clerk was asked to install a larger sign.</p>
23/086	<p>Parish Warden – Litter picking continued, there had been some limited fly-tipping. Hedges at the burial ground had been cut and the water butt refilled. The wasps nest at the bus shelter had been reported (see 23/088.d). Grass cutting including the burial ground continued.</p>
23/087	<p>Report of Traffic and Highways Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Outstanding issues – noted that Cllr Douris had confirmed that the Council would not be asked to contribute toward the cost of changing the speed limit on The Common.b. Upcoming road works – noted as presented to members together with the imminent short closure of Hempstead Lane for National Power.c. DriveSafe – noted the update presented to members and agreed that the Clerk should re-advertise the need for more volunteers.d. Nettleden speed survey – noted that this will be undertaken in 2023/24.e. Closure of The Common – agreed to submit a request to Hertfordshire Highways to close The Common between the junction with Hempstead Lane and The Common on the morning of 12th November 2023 for The Remembrance Service.f. Flooding in Hempstead Lane<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Noted the problems being experienced by both 74 and 76 Hempstead Lane and agreed to seek a meeting to understand any plans to alleviate the problem.ii. Resolved that the council fully supports the ePetition to Hertfordshire CC titled “Flooding @ 76 Hempstead Lane, Potten End”. Agreed unanimously.
23/088	<p>Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Noticeboard – resolved that the council authorise the purchase of a noticeboard from Green Barnes as presented to members to replace the existing noticeboard outside Cedar. Agreed unanimously.b. Events – noted the outturn of the open-air cinema.c. Play equipment – noted the recent RoSPA report. A query regarding the Carousel had been sent to Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd.d. Bus shelter – noted that a wasps nest in the bus shelter outside the Village Hall had been treated.e. Carols on The Green – agreed to hire members of the Amersham Brass Band at a cost of £250 on the 16th December 2023.
23/089	<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 that no responses had been given to planning applications under the Clerk’s delegated powers since the last Council Meeting.c. Planning applications – to agree responses to the following planning applications.
23/01516/FUL & 23/01517/LBC	<p>Brickwall Cottage, Frithsden Gardens, HP1 3DE No objection</p>

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	Extensions to Brickwall Cottage and The Annex	
23/01690/TCA	The Baptist Chapel, The Front, Potten End, HP4 2QR	No objection
	Work to trees	
23/01698/FHA	3 Hempstead Lane, Potten End, HP4 2QJ	No objection
	Two storey side extension	
23/01562/FHA	2-3 Frithsden Gardens, HP1 3DE	No objection
& 23/01635/LBC		
	Replacement of existing timber fence panels to rear of property. Replacement of wire mesh fencing. Painting of front wooden window frames	
d. Planning Applications	– to consider the following planning application received after the agenda was published.	
23/01160/FUL	Lindens, 17 Hempstead Lane, Potten End	No objection
	Construction of 2no. dwellings	
e. Registration of The Plough as an Asset of Community Value	– agreed to submit an application to Dacorum BC.	
f. Dacorum Local Plan	– noted the update presented to members.	
23/090 Report and Update from the Finance and Administration Working Party		
a. Bank account reconciliation at 30th June	– noted as presented to members.	
b. Financial position as at 30th June	– noted as presented to members.	
c. Payment of invoices	– agreed as presented to members.	
d. Payments received since the last meeting	– noted as presented to members together with a payment of £769.28 relating to the interment of the ashes of Dorothy Chalmers.	
23/091 Date and time of next meetings		
	There will be no Council Meeting in August. The next meetings will be held at the Church Room, Potten End at 7.30pm on Thursdays 21 st September 2023 and 19 th October 2023.	

The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed

Dated