

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

held at **8.00pm on Thursday, 18th April 2024**

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

Present: D Burfot (chair), E Brennan, D Grimsdale, H Smith, E Spanswick and D Westenholz-Smith

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

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Mr David Evans, Managing Director, Ashridge House, detailing plans for future events.

Agenda ref.	Agenda item
24/042	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Berry and Nelson
24/043	Declaration of interests - none
24/044	Minutes Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council at 8:00pm on the 21 st March 2024 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agree unanimously.
24/045	Public Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none">A car had been parked on The Green during the school run adding to damage to the edges of The Green. Advised that this was a project being considered under the CIL investment programme (see 24/052).A question was asked about the possible re-surfacing of Vicarage Rd. This had been discussed recently and no need identified but Cllr Douris agreed to revisit it.The Council was asked to revisit the decision not to consult about a grant to the Village Hall to improve the Caretaker's accommodation under the CIL investment programme (see 24/052).The Council was asked to reconsider its decision not to fund an increase in the height of the safety netting on the sports field.The Council was asked whether it would be possible for a scheduled bus service to be reinstated alongside HertsLynx. It was thought unlikely.
24/046	Correspondence received <ol style="list-style-type: none">DENS Hillbuster cycle ride – noted that this would take place on 28th April with routes through the parish. No roads would be closed but there will be more bikes than normal.A grant request from the Cricket Club to extend the safety netting on the sports field had been added to the CIL investment programme with the recommendation that it not be included in the public consultation.

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24/047	General matters outstanding – noted the update provided to members, in particular that it had not been possible to identify a fish and chip van to visit the village.						
24/048	Parish Warden – general litter picking. Fly tipping on Vicarage Rd had been reported. A fallen tree on Little Heath Lane had been cut up. Benches on Spencer Holland had been cleaned and would be varnished.						
24/049	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 reported that no action was to be taken about the cutting of branches from a tree on Roman Road.ii. The posts on the verge outside 4 Hempstead Lane had been removed.b. Roadworks – noted the update presented to members, and the very recent announcement that there would be traffic lights on Hempstead Lane from 29 April for work by UK Power Networks.c. Buses<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Little Jim – noted the termination of the service.ii. HertsLynx – passenger numbers had increased 30% from February to March.d. Frithsden<p>Cllr Douris confirmed that at the junction of Nettleden Rd and Frithsden Lane:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the chevrons would be installed as soon as possible.ii. the sign to Ashridge House would be blanked-off.						
24/050	Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Burial of David Raggatt – noted that permission had been given on the grounds of residency.b. The Plough<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. A request to install 4 to 6 additional picnic benches on Spencer Holland was deferred pending more detail on their location and the possible impact of the restrictive covenant in the conveyance of the land to the Parish Council.ii. A request to erect scaffolding to re-paint The Plough sign at the junction of Plough Lane with Vicarage Rd. was agreed.c. Events – noted that the Clerk won't be involved in future event organisation and that more volunteers were needed if village events were to be held in the future.d. Cricket Club – noted the importance of residents giving feedback to the problem statement regarding balls clearing the safety net.						
24/051	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 the following response given under the Clerk's delegated powers since the last Council Meeting.<table border="0" data-bbox="316 1937 1415 2024"><tr><td>24/00656/FHA</td><td>Fryth View, Vicarage Rd, HP4 2RA</td><td>No objection</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Single storey rear extension, single storey side re-build and front porch extension.</td></tr></table>	24/00656/FHA	Fryth View, Vicarage Rd, HP4 2RA	No objection	Single storey rear extension, single storey side re-build and front porch extension.		
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	c. Planning applications – to agree a response to the following applications:
24/00655/RET	21 Hedgeside, Potten End, HP4 2RE No objection Create a new porch with a pitched roof. The front door relocated from left side to the centre of the house
24/00778/DRC	31 Hempstead Lane, Potten End, HP4 2RZ No objection Details as required by condition 3 (levels), 4 (materials) and 5 (landscaping) attached to planning permission 22/02354/FUL (Construction of two storey 4 bedroom dwelling)
	d. Planning applications – to consider any applications received since the agenda was published.
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 – amended or additional information
	e. Proposed Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) between Nettleden Rd and Potten End Hill – noted.
24/052	CIL funds utilisation – noted the initial prioritisation and asked that residents provide feedback, in particular if they disagreed with projects which the council proposed not be taken forward to consultation.
24/052	Report and update from the Finance and Administration Working Party
	a. Bank reconciliation – noted as presented to members.
	b. Draft accounts for 2023/24 – noted as presented to members.
	c. Payment of invoices
	i. Noted payment of an invoice to DAB Graphics since the last meeting.
	ii. Agreed as presented to members, noting that one invoice from Community Action Dacorum was for £111.60 rather than £34.80.
	d. Payments received – noted as presented to members.
24/053	Date and time of next meetings The next meetings will be held at the Church Room, Potten End at 7:30pm on Thursday 16 th May 2024 7:30pm on Thursday 20 th June 2024

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....

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