

HADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of Hadstock Parish Council Meeting

Held on

Thursday 25 July 2024

at 7.45pm in the Village Hall Hadstock.

Present: Parish Councillors: Keith Nuttall, Jude Hannam, John Lockton, Denise Wells and David Johnson
District Councillor John Moran & Parish Clerk. Also present 4 members of the public.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, reminded Councillors and members of the public of the fire safety procedure and announced that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
2. No apologies required as all Parish Councillors were present. Apologies received from Essex County Councillor Martin Foley.
3. Declaration of Members' Interests & to remind Councillors of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests and to receive any Members' Dispensations – none notified.
4. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **27 June 2024** were accepted and approved **RESOLVED 24/07/04**. The Chair signed them as a true record.
5. **Public participation-** a member of the public spoke to item 15d expressing continued concern of the implications for the Village of [a] road closures [b] signage left after road closure has ended [c] inconvenience and adverse effects related to the aims of the Sustainable Hadstock project, encourages drivers to ignore and drive through or undertake a long diversion.
HPC should write to Highways expressing dissatisfaction. **ACTION** Clerk /Chair.
6. County Councillor Martin Foley was absent
7. District Councillor Moran reported that Chesterfield Retail Park has not sold to date and may impact on future budgets. UDC will be able to progress with the draft Local Plan Regulation 19 with adoption expected in June 2026. Maintenance related to mould in local housing is a concern. Ambitious decarbonisation programme being undertaken by UDC for council owned housing. Expressed concerns related to highways leaving signage related to closures and diversions in situ.
8. **Action points and matters arising from previous meetings:**
[a] The Clerk's report would be noted throughout.
[b] Report from Councillors: Cllr Lockton reported on the UALC meeting held on 24 July 2024 and explained the organisation and where it sits in the hierarchy. Not many in attendance which was disappointing and Cllr Lockton felt that it might be worthwhile HPC being a member to support it and that he would write to them with ideas of how to improve membership and content. **ACTION** agenda item next meeting re membership.
Cllr Johnson wished to acknowledge the help of Bill Richards in dismantling the large piece of play equipment on the recreation ground.
9. **To consider a consultee comment to planning applications** UTT/24/1766/CLP | Proposed Certificate of Lawfulness for change of use from shop use (Use Class A (now Use Class E)) to residential (Use Class C3) to form 1 no. dwelling. HPC considered the detail and did not feel a comment was relevant due to the nature of the application. **RESOLVED 24/07/09**
10. **To note decisions made by UDC on planning application/s – none**
11. **To receive an update on planning matters –** The White House application for refusal by UDC had been dismissed on appeal, which HPC found puzzling, this would be discussed within the Sustainable Hadstock work as would appear to be in conflict. An enforcement matter could be discussed at item 23.
With reference the Local Plan a consultation for parish councils is to be held in August it was decided that Cllrs Nuttall/Lockton/Johnson would attend 19/08/2024 5.00pm -8.30pm to confirm attendees as limited to 2.

12. FINANCE 2024/2025

[a] The Clerk reported on the bank balance, reconciliation and budget monitor of accounts as at 30 June 2024/25 which was noted and signed by the Chair.

[b] HPC agreed and approved payments listed below **RESOLVED 24/07/12b**

[c] HPC agreed and approved the invoice received after Agenda issued from Hadstock Village Hall for 300.00 **RESOLVED 24/07/12c**

The RFO advised that all invoices should be presented to the RFO prior to approving payment.

Cheque	Payee	Description	£ Net amount	£ VAT	£ Total	
101503	Mr I Jennings	Printing for SH	69.60		69.60	
101504	ICO	Data protection fee	40.00		40.00	
101505	Mrs S Crawley	Len's path lease	15.00		15.00	
101507	Ms S A Beckett	Salary month 5 advance	300.00		300.00	
101508	Hadstock Village Hall	Venue hire – March 2025	300.00		300.00	
101509	Ms S A Beckett	Salary month 4	381.35		381.35	

13. Governance

[a] It was noted that Cllr Lockton had submitted required forms for Barclays Bank signatory process.

[b] Parish Councillors responsibilities were discussed in detail and **RESOLVED 24/07/13b** approval for list to be prepared. **ACTION Clerk**

Cllr Wells left the meeting [previously arranged]

- 14.** The Sustainable Hadstock Working Group [SHWG] - Cllr Lockton had circulated a report which was discussed and welcomed. The survey has been compiled, printed and to be delivered. The survey will be analysed. New relevant contacts have been made including members of farm clusters. UDC officer and ecologist visited Hadstock. Butterfly survey to be undertaken. habitat maps are being reviewed and planning future events. Possible collaboration with pub night. **ACTION** Cllr Lockton to email dates of next meeting for venue hire. RFO wished that known future expenditure to be incurred should be authorised at monthly meetings of working group

15. Highway Matters

[a] Highways – Cllr Nuttall reported on the meeting with Cllr Foley and the Highways Liaison Officer on Friday 19 July 2024. Issues were highlighted, verbally responded to and a subsequent email exchange resulted. It was noted that a précis of the problems and possible solutions would be reported via Hadstock info and the magazine **ACTION** KN and Clerk

[b] Speed watch~ Cllr Nuttall reported that at the speed watch earlier in the week 10 cars have been reported to the police noting excessive speeding.

[c] Pothole reporting update- within item 15a and the Clerk is updating the records although often difficult with the reporting mechanism used by Essex County Council. **ACTION** Report of possibly 9 concerns to be sent to Cllr Foley for action [Clerk]

16. Recreation Ground Report ~

[a] Cllr Johnson gave his report on recreation ground and spoke of the work that has been undertaken since the last meeting

i. large football goals - whilst the Facebook poll indicated they should remain on further inspection it was identified that one had rusted and needed to be removed. The second goal post could remain but not in a good state and should also be removed and gage reaction **ACTION** Cllr Johnson to write an article for the magazine and Hadstock Info [draft to KN] **ACTION** To undertake a further poll in the future.

ii small football posts have been secured but remain movable for grass cutting

iii large Burma bridge or timeline has been removed and grateful thanks again to Bill Richards for his invaluable help in dismantling.

iv the matting material removed with the above has been recycled to use near the dog bins

[b] Cllr Johnson confirmed recreation ground is in good order apart from a bench on the right of the recreation ground. **ACTION** Cllr Johnson will endeavour to repair. Ownership was unclear – **ACTION** to review and implement a bench policy and inventory. [Clerk] Cllr Moran/Cllr Foley funding could be used

[c] Cllr Johnson confirmed all play equipment has been visually checked and useable **RESOLVED 24/07/16c**

[d] the clerk informed that there is no further news of funding application for Monkey Challenge submitted to the National Lottery. HPC were informed of funding available from UDC for play equipment It was felt that no

further viable space is available for addition play equipment. **ACTION** Clerk to apply for monkey challenge funding through UDC as a safe guard. [to confirm and proceed if appropriate]

Cllr Lockton reported that he had replaced some deer guards and that a resident had concerns about the water that collects near the entrance. **ACTION** Cllr Johnson will have a conversation with the nearby house owner and that the Green Team could assist.

17. Defibrillator this item was discussed prior to item 14. Cllr Wells reported that a further CPR training will take place on 06 September 2024. The Village Hall has been booked at no charge as a community event which was welcomed. **RESOLVED 24/07/17. ACTION** Clerk to obtain dummy

18. Parish Land Report & PRow's ~

Cllr Lockton reported

iTree officer is due to retire which is relevant to funding as in previous years he has been the contact for replacement trees and hedging

iiThe issue of cutting the long grass which has been left for rewilding is manageable but if enlarged would require further management. Purchasing a piece of equipment that might be for communal use is an option to consider. Different cutter/mower/hire equipment This item will be rolled on a monthly basis. For discussion.

RESOLVED 24/07/18ii

iii. Lens path to be cut

iv.The green skip schedule for 24 August has been amended [Village Green first]

19. Village Hall Report ~ Cllr Hannam reported the hall is being well used during week day evenings. First occasion events are happening i.e. a wedding/engagement party. Weekends are still relatively free.

20. Items for next agenda were noted

21. Note the next Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 26 September 2024 at **7.45pm**. No scheduled meeting in August

22. It was noted that if business of the council requires to be resolved before the next meeting an extra ordinary meeting may be summoned

23. Hadstock Parish Council **RESOLVED 24/07/23** under the PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw.

Members of the public left the meeting.

HPC discussed correspondence received with regard to possible breach of planning conditions. HPC

RESOLVED 24/07/23 contact enforcement and the planning dept expressing concerns as reported.

24. The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.02pm

..... **Chairman.**
Signed as a true record and RESOLVED to approve on 23 September 2024

Sustainable Hadstock

Report: July

Overall progress: on plan

Issues: none

Finances: progressing against budget.

Activities in July: the Village Survey and new contacts

- Main activity has been to publish and start the distribution of the Survey to every home in the Parish. A group of around 15 villagers have volunteered to deliver & collect
- Contact with Newport River Group on their activities in water quality assessment
- Contact with Roding Farm Cluster organiser – to learn how these work
- Contact with several villages on what they have done for their Village Halls re. Energy Economy and green technology
- Further discussions with CommuniEnergySouth on what support they can give us
- Visit by Vicky (UDC Climate Group lead) and the UDC Ecologist to see what we have been doing and to discuss the habitat maps (Richard Dolby/Tony Morton/myself) – both very impressed and complementary on progress/approach
- SHWG monthly session (17 July).

Activities in August: the Village Survey and Habitat Mapping next steps

- Main activity is to collect and analyse the Survey – what does it tell us?
- Possible butterfly survey (in discussion)
- Review the Habitat Mapping results – determine next steps
- Start arranging sessions/events for the Autumn
- Possible energy survey of a test house using the analysis tools now available to us
- SHWG monthly session (21 August).

John Lockton

25/7/24