

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B Tol(Chair), F. O'Shea ( Vice chair), S Burton, D. McDonald, S. Oliver, D Ottolangui

In attendance: Clerk, 4 members of the public, Councillor Buckmaster and Rev Dunstan

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**22.07.01 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** No apologies received.

**22.07.02 Declaration of interest and dispensations**

- To receive Declaration of Interest and Dispensations from councillors on items on the agenda – None.
- To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests - None.
- To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate - None.

**22.07.03 Approval of minutes** of meeting held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Minutes approved.

**22.07.04 Matters Arising**

**22.07.05 East Herts District / County Councillor Reports – Cllr Buckmaster**

Cllr Toll pointed out that the quarry adjoined the proposed Village 7 of the Gilston Area housing development. Cllr Buckmaster said he will do everything he can to help, but if there are planning reasons why it can be removed, he would need to be advised what they are: **Action: Cllr Toll to provide them to Cllr Buckmaster.**

Cllr O'Shea pointed out the Minerals and Waste Plan Regulation 18 is due to go to full council on 19<sup>th</sup> July and asked if the holiday period had been taken into account.

John Felstead pointed out the issues he experienced trying to report fly tipping. Cllr Buckmaster advised he should report to East Herts as there is a designated officer, but best to put on 'what three words' location on the reporting portal. The officer dealing with fly tipping is Sam Wood.

**22.07.06 Finance – Clerk / Cllr Burton**

1. Expenditure – maintenance of streets, grounds, and equipment – administration.
  - Litter picking - Cllr O'Shea suggests we review the money paid to the litter pickers. New route to be up to Copthall **Action: Clerk to ask the litter picker if he wants to continue with the role.** Will be 4 hours per week at the hourly rate agreed from North/East Herts.
  - Clerk proposed Principal Trees carry out the tree maintenance in the Dell as per the quote: Item 1 @ £120.00. Plus 2 opt 3 @ £650.00, plus VAT. All Councillors agreed to the spend for principal trees
2. Income, including grants and VAT refunds
3. Approval of expenditure. Expenditure approved.
4. Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations. Cllr Burton agreed the accounts are accurate.

**22.07.07 Hunsdon Area Planning Applications**

**PC Responses and Decisions**

- **7 Ellison Close Hunsdon - LPA Appeal Reference: 22/00054/REFUSE.** Appeal ref: APP/J1915/D/22/3301201. The Planning Inspectorate aim to decide the appeal within 8 weeks of the start date which is 24th June 2022.

### **New applications for EHC Planning**

Places for People have submitted a Viability Assessment, claiming they will have to reduce Affordable Housing and cut back or delay on infrastructure spending. Cllr O'Shea suggests that the NP group will respond on behalf of the PC. This was agreed by all councillors.

The Referendum is on 15<sup>th</sup> September for the Hunsdon NP and Cllr O'Shea encourages everyone to vote for the plan. A village wide leaflet delivery will be made.

### **New applications for EHC Planning**

Major application for villages 1 to 6. On the viability of the villages. Cllr O'Shea suggests that the NP group will respond on behalf of the PC. Cllr O'Shea asked do we delegate the decision to the NPG. It was discussed that this has been submitted during the summer break. Cllr Toll asked if we use our consultants Urban Silence on our behalf.

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### **Decisions from EHC Planning**

- **3/21/2505/HH - PROPOSAL:** Extension and conversion of garage to create gym at 9 Acorn Street . This matter was considered by the Council on the 1st July 2022 and it was decided to **Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions**
- **3/22/1010/HH - PROPOSAL:** Side dormer, loft conversion with insertion of 2 velux skylights and 3 velux skylights to opposite side elevation at 6 Cunningham Grove. This matter was considered by EH Council on the 12th July 2022 and it was decided to **Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions**

## **22.07.08**

### **Reports (May (annual) July, Oct, Jan, March**

1. Footpaths – See Appendix 1
2. Police – See Appendix 2
3. Village Hall
  - Village Hall Authorities to sign documents. Cllr O'Shea has a new tenancy agreement with the doctors, resulting in two documents to be signed on behalf of the PC (who are the Custodian Trustee of the VH). Cllr O'Shea proposed a resolution that any two councillors out of the named three can sign the Deed of Surrender and Tenancy Agreement required . The named councillors are Cllr Toll, Cllr O'Shea, Cllr Ottolangui. This was agreed by all councillors John Felstead is applying for a grant for the floor to be restored. £2,500-3,000 for resurfacing and relaying. A new awning at the back of the VH is now in use There is also a planning application to go in for upgrade to the forecourt of the VH.
4. Allotments – Cllr Oliver said all is well, with most plots being tended and looking good. One or two people haven't taken much interest too date Most of the ditch is clear. There are four people on the waiting list. Had a call from an ex-allotment holder who wants an allotment for health reasons and wants one straight away. Cllr Oliver reaffirms that everyone has to go on the list.

Cllr Oliver informed the Council she will be stepping down at the end of December this year. Will lay the memorial and collect the allotment rents for this year. Cllr Oliver has served 26 years.

22.07.09

**AOB**

- **Churchyard maintenance** – Rev Dunstan has sent in a letter to explain why the PC support the churchyard with a financial donation. £1000 amount was agreed 5 years ago and continued until recently but was reduced to £500 pa. The PCC owns the churchyard, but anyone who lives in the parish is entitled to be buried in the churchyard if there is room, Rev Dunstan explained that:
  - **Routine maintenance costs for the lower churchyard - £2480 this year**
  - Includes the strimming of the car park, which needs to be undertaken by people with the correct insurance.
  - There is no special funding. There is a churchyard fund which is of two regular standing orders £240 per year. Occasionally get additional payments from people who have family members in the churchyard - about £50 to £100, approx.
  - Charge for burial statutory fee Church of England but that doesn't go towards the churchyard fund. No direct link from the funeral into the churchyard fund. Shortfall comes from the donations at the church or other fundraising.
  - Does the PC have a responsibility to support the upkeep of the lower graveyard? Legally it does not. Cllr Toll asked the councillors for their views on the principle.
  - Upper graveyard was closed in 1940's and East Herts District Council looks after that. No more burials in that churchyard – its full.
  - If Hunsdon cemetery were to close then district council would probably pass it to HPC to provide a site
  - Could the car park be used as a churchyard? Village 7 will be in the parish and all those people living there will have a right to be buried in the churchyard. Rev Dunstan said the obligation on the PCC for maintenance is tightly bound, pathways to be sound, trees to be maintained, hedges to be maintained
  - Cllr Toll proposes we discuss at the September PC meeting. Cllr Toll asked if there is a water supply - No water supply.
- **Solar Farm at Roydon** – organised an event at the Roydon VH 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Cllr O'Shea agreed to attend.
- **Jon Dann** – thanked the Village and PC for the donation to Ukraine.
  - **John expressed his concern regarding the speeding on** the high street, where he lives. Cllr Toll said there has always been an issue of speeding and have had very little joy getting anything done by way of traffic calming. Cllr Buckmaster said some speed and volume studies for Acorn street have been carried out and there is discussion over having a 20mph outside the school. Cllr Burton asked if the data can be downloaded from the SID's machines. **Action: Cllr Buckmaster will ask for the data.** Appears to be Sunday mornings generally. **Action: Cllr Toll to discuss with a view to starting the Drive Safe scheme.**
- **Churchyard maintenance** – Rev Dunstan has sent in a letter to explain why the PC support the churchyard with a financial donation. A £1000 per annum amount was agreed 5 years ago. We have paid all amounts voted through. The church owns the churchyard, but the main point is anyone who lives in the parish is entitled to be buried in the churchyard.

- **Routine maintenance costs for the lower churchyard - £2480**
- Includes the strimming of the car park, which needs to be undertaken by people with the correct insurance.
- There is no special funding. There is a churchyard fund which is of two regular standing orders £240 per year. Occasionally get additional payments from people who have family members in the churchyard - about £50 to £100, approx.
- Charge for burial statutory fee Church of England but that doesn't go towards the churchyard fund. No direct link from the funeral into the churchyard fund. Shortfall comes from the donations at the church or other fundraising.
- John Felstead suggests we put a portion of the precept to the upkeep of the churchyard. The PC has a responsibility to support the upkeep of the lower graveyard. Cllr Toll asked the councillors for their views.
- Upper graveyard was closed in 1940's and East Herts District Council looks after that. No more burials in that churchyard – its full.
- Lower graveyard. It is a Council cemetery and villagers have a statutory right to a burial, district council to provide. If Hunsdon cemetery were to close then district council would provide a site but may not be in Hunsdon. Cllr O'Shea asked does the church own the car park, Rev Dunstan said yes, its owned by the church.
- Could the car park be used as a churchyard. Village 7 will be in the parish and all those people living there will have a right to be buried in the churchyard. Rev Dunstan said the obligation on the PCC for maintenance is tightly bound, pathways to be sound, trees to be maintained, hedges to be maintained. To enable people to get to where they need to be.
- Cllr toll proposes we discuss at the September PC meeting to get this sorted. Cllr Toll asked if there is a water supply - No water supply.
- **Solar Farm at Roydon** – organised an event at the Roydon VH 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Cllr O'Shea agreed to attend. Also Cllr Burton will attend.
- **Jon Dann** – thanked the Village and PC for the donation to Ukraine.
- **John expressed his concern regarding the speeding on** the high street, where he lives. There are lunatics that hare up and down the road. The speeding is extreme. Cllr Toll said there has always been an issue of speeding and have had very little joy getting anything done by way of traffic calming. Cllr Buckmaster said some speed and volume studies for acorn street have been carried out and there is discussion over having a 20mp outside the school. Cllr Burton asked if the data can be downloaded from the SID's machines. **Action: Cllr Buckmaster will ask for the data.** Appears to be Sunday mornings generally. Quad bikes. **Action: Cllr Toll to discuss Drive Safe.**
- **John Felstead** – fallen tree belongs to the old rectory. Clerk to send a letter
- **Defib sign needs to be put up** – John Felstead

22.07.10

22.07.11

**Date of Next Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Close of meeting – 9.15pm**

## **Appendix 1 – Footpaths**

### **1. Footpaths on Fillets Farm**

Paths H6 and H13 near Fillets Farm have not been cleared of overgrown crops, in spite of a written reminder to the Landowner from the Countryside and Rights of Management Team. The crop of oil seed rape is due to be harvested soon, however.

### **2. A New Bench**

We understand that a positive response from the Landowner has been received to the idea of a memorial bench along H12. We await a copy of the proposed design, as promised.

### **3. Informal Inspection of Paths etc on the far side of the Aerodrome**

The Countryside and Rights of Management Team of Herts County Council have carried out an inspection, as above and reported that there was good clearance of paths by farmers in general.

A number of paths around Cock Robin Lane, however, have not been cleared of overgrown crops. A positive response has been received from one farmer and a less than positive response from a second, who has been reminded of the need for full compliance in relation to future planting and management and the consequences of non-compliance.

A number of fallen posts, previously reported by wardens, will now be replaced.

Most of the fallen trees have now been cleared.

Nicholas Maddox, who made the site visit was impressed with the length of the new bench near Eastwick Hall Farm on E6/H5.

### **4. Doggy Matters**

There has been an increase in the amount of excreta on H17 towards Hunsdon Lodge Farm and towards Blackhut Wood, a route used by dog walkers. It is suggested that this be highlighted in the regular report by the Clerk in the Parish Magazine and on Hunsdon Hub, reminding offenders of the £1,000 fine. **Action: clerk to post on Village Magazine and Hunsdon Hub plus the hotline and £1000**

### **5. Memorial at Fillets Farm**

The landowners have created a memorial route with signage in memory of their son “Paddy,” along H6, from the farm lane towards Broomlands culminating in a bench overlooking the field. Paddy of course worked on the farm and was a well-known local musician and is sadly missed by all.

**Martyn Reid & Bud Carthy 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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## Appendix 2 – Police Report

### MUCH HADHAM:

\* RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - Ducketts Lane. Suspects have gained entry to the property by breaking into rear patio windows. Property has been removed within and Suspects have made off in an unknown direction.

\* THEFT - Great Hadham Road. Suspects have gained entry to the property by cutting a hole in the metal fence. Once on site, Suspects have removed numerous power tools and equipment before making off in an unknown direction and by means unknown.

### LITTLE HADHAM:

\* BUSINESS BURGLARY- Little Hadham. Suspects have broken into a storage unit and removed 2 x golf buggies from within before making off in an unknown direction and by means unknown.

\* THEFT - a second incident with regards to the removal of books from the phone box library. This matter has been progressed by local officers and Suspects identified.

\* THEFT - A tractor has been removed from a business premises in Bury Green. Suspects have gained entry to the main yard by removing a padlock and chain and have taken the tractor from within the premises

### WARESIDE:

\* ATTEMPT BURGLARY - Wareside. Suspects have broken and removed a padlock from a gate on a business farming property in Wareside. Suspects have then left in an unknown direction and by means unknown.

There are no crimes to report for Hunsdon

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## Appendix 3 - County report for July 2022

### Minerals and Waste Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

The matter is due to go to cabinet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Full Council on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. The plan allocates 3 sites for minerals extraction, Briggens, Hatfield Aerodrome, the land adjoining coopers Lane. Coopers Lane has been through Dev Control but Decision notice is yet to be issued. 2.7 yrs. and 3.5m tonnes. Hatfield Aerodrome has had a new planning application submitted but yet to be determined. The Consultation will be for a 10-week period as we are now approaching the holiday period. I have sent some background information I requested as to the call for sites and sifting process. I have arranged a presentation from the lead officer on 20<sup>th</sup> July for the local parishes of Stanstead Abbots, Eastwick and Gilston and Hunsdon.

**Hertfordshire County Council is brightening up Welham Green, Hatfield with a wind and solar street lighting trial:** Hatfield wind solar streetlights, Cllr Bibby and Ringway team. In its ongoing mission to create a cleaner, greener, and healthier Hertfordshire, the county council is trialling new wind and solar street lighting in Welham Green, Hatfield.

The trial, which is the first of its kind on the public highway in the county, will see two LED lighting units installed on the remote footpath in Corner View, Welham Green, Hatfield, which is currently unlit. This also supports safe, active, and sustainable travel such as walking and cycling.

The lighting will operate with both zero-energy consumption and carbon emissions. It's silent in operation and operates instantly following a quick and clean installation, which was completed on Wednesday 15th June 2022. The trial will run for around 12 months to see how they perform over the four seasons (to account for variation in daylight / sun hours).

**Armed Forces Covenant - To those who proudly protect our nation, who do so with honour, courage, and commitment, the Armed Forces Covenant is the nation's commitment to you.**

After 3 years Hertfordshire residents were, once again, able to show their appreciation of our Armed Forces and veterans during Armed Forces Week (20-25 June) with local events celebrating those men and women across the county who are serving, or have served, in the military. Hertfordshire County Council Chairman, Cllr Annie Brewster is hosted a ceremony to raise the Armed Forces Day flag at County Hall in Hertford on 21 June from.

Hertfordshire County Council is a signatory to The Armed Forces Covenant, a commitment from public and private organisations to support the Armed Forces community, operating locally under the name Hertfordshire Heroes. Hertfordshire County Council is also a Forces Friendly employer and member of the Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board which works in partnership with business, military organisations, charities, NHS, and local authorities to deliver the Armed Forces Covenant locally.

ONS data estimates that there are 28,000 veterans living in Hertfordshire. There are approximately 388 children of military families attending Hertfordshire schools. Through the Covenant, Hertfordshire Heroes provides support to those who need it, including personnel looking at leaving the service and returning to "Civvy Street," and requiring support with work, housing, or schooling.

**New contracts to end landfill for Hertfordshire's waste** Hertfordshire County Council plans to stop sending waste to landfill sites by 2025 after signing new long-term contracts for disposal of the county's residual waste. Waste that cannot be reused, recycled, or composted will be sent to energy recovery facilities where it will be used to generate electricity as a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels. Cllr Eric Buckmaster, Executive Member for the Environment, said: "We want to create a cleaner and greener environment in Hertfordshire, so being able to stop sending waste to landfill sites is really a significant step for us. Of course, we want to help our residents throw away less, and to reuse or recycle as much as possible, but we're still left with around 250,000 tonnes a year that we need to dispose of, and these new contracts will help us do that in a more environmentally sustainable way." Hertfordshire residents produce around 540,000 tonnes of waste a year, and currently 52% of this is reused, recycled, or composted. Although our focus is on reducing, reusing, and recycling waste, there will always be some material left over that cannot be recycled, and the county council is responsible for disposing of this. The new disposal contracts will run from April 2024 for ten years, with an option to extend for another five. The contracts are with:

- Cory Topco Limited (three separate contracts)
- Indaver Rivenhall Limited
- Viridor Oxfordshire Limited
- Veolia ES UK Limited

Currently the waste that cannot be reused, recycled, or composted is managed through a series of short-term contracts including both landfill and energy recovery. Under the new long-term contracts, once planned new shredding facilities are operational, all of Hertfordshire's residual waste will be able to be sent to energy recovery facilities, with none going to landfill.

**Primary school pupils get a taste of rural life at Hertfordshire Schools Food and Farming Day** Over 500 Year Six primary school pupils were given a fascinating insight into the origins of the foods on their dinner plate for the first Hertfordshire Schools Food and Farming Day, held on Tuesday (28th June).

Organised by Hertfordshire Agriculture Society in conjunction with Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Catering Ltd and Hertfordshire Primary Heads Forum, the event provided an interactive experience enabling children to explore, touch and taste different foods and learn about healthy eating. Held at the Herts County Showground in St Albans, the day's activities were based around the 'Eatwell Plate' which highlights the different components of a well-balanced diet. A big-top tent was split into the different sections of the plate, corresponding to different food groups within the human

diet, each containing a range of farmers and food production experts who gave an interactive talk to pupils.

For lunch, the children had the opportunity to put together their own nutritionally balanced meal, thanks to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd, based on what they had learnt. Outside of the tent were a number of other educational exhibits such as live animals, agricultural machinery, an oil press, a mobile mill, and organisations such as the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, National Farmers Union and local Colleges Oaklands and Capel Manor. The pupils also heard from local bakeries and mills and explored the subject of bread and flour, before looking at various local wheat crops with agricultural science research centre Rothamsted Research.

### **HAPpy camps are back this summer**

HAPpy camps are back this summer: More than 80 free, fun HAPpy activity camps are running across Hertfordshire this summer. Hertfordshire County Council is funding free summer activity camps for children and young people in Hertfordshire. HAPpy (Holiday Activities Programme) camps are for children and young people who attend a Hertfordshire school and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

The camps, which are delivering healthy food and fun activities during the school holidays, are funded by Hertfordshire County Council, coordinated by Herts Sports Partnership and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF), and run by over 80 different providers.

Booking is now open for more than 45,000 places available at 190 HAPpy camps running across the county from 25 July until 31 August. Hertfordshire schools are currently giving the booking codes to families of eligible children.

At the sessions, which vary in duration from four to seven hours long, eligible children and young people can enjoy free food, free sports, and free craft activities. They will also receive advice on nutrition and cooking skills to enhance their health and wellbeing.

**Healthy little trips can help make a big difference** Hertfordshire County Council is launching a new campaign encouraging residents to think about those little trips we take and whether we can walk, cycle, scoot or use the bus instead of jumping in the car.

The campaign focuses on the healthy little trips and choices we can all make; whether it's just a walk to school or a visit to the local high street. It all adds up to improving our mental and physical health, air quality, traffic congestion and the local economy.

A new web page [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips) has just been launched, which will provide hints, tips and news of events and activities taking place across the county, helping to get us out and about that little bit more. A video has also been created showing what it means to children to travel actively to school and the adventures they have Healthy Little Trips – YouTube

### **Hertfordshire Libraries prepare to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge**

On 9<sup>th</sup> July is the launch of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a completely free, summer activity for children aged four to 11, run by Hertfordshire libraries. The Challenge - titled 'Gadgeteers' – has been created with a special science and innovation theme for 2022, aimed at sparking children's curiosity about the world around them, and how science plays a part in everything they love to do – as well as encouraging children to keep up their reading during the school holidays. Running until Saturday, 3 September, the popular initiative tasks children to read six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. Everyone who signs-up will receive a special activity-sticker pack to record their reads in, that also follows the story of six young 'Gadgeteers' who have some great experiment and activity ideas for young readers to try at home, as well as asking for their help producing cool inventions for their summer party.



**Age UK Handyperson service** will be available to all older people living in Hertfordshire.

Their team of Handy people have had a DBS check, are fully insured, and will arrive with a smile and equipment needed to complete the job safely and to a high standard. They can arrange regular visits or one-off DIY tasks such as fitting security chains, hanging shelves, fitting, and supplying key safes, changing tap washers and much more. This service costs £25 per hour, with a minimum of 1 hour per visit. For more information, or to request help with these services please contact Carla Johnson on 07951 105370

**Meet air pollution targets by 2030, says Hertfordshire Council.** As reported by Air Quality News, the English local authority has revealed calls for minimum air quality standards to be met by 2030, a decade ahead of Downing Street's aims. Following the release of a new report by the National Audit Office that the British government is failing to deliver on its air quality standards, Hertfordshire Council wants to meet limits ten years ahead of Westminster's target.

Hertfordshire County Council focus is on promoting the news that we **have joined local and regional authorities from across the UK in signing a letter to the UK Environment Secretary George Eustice, pledging to meet World Health Organisation (WHO) targets on deadly air pollution ten years ahead of the Government's 2040 deadline.** The pledge comes as a [new report from the National Audit Office](#) reveals the Government is failing to deliver on air quality standards. Councillor Morris Bright, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Public Health & Community Safety said he had signed the letter because "air pollution is one of the most significant challenges to public health and the environment that we face in Hertfordshire, and we want to work with the Government to deliver our Sustainable Hertfordshire ambition of cleaner air for all by 2030."

This letter responds to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 'consultation on environmental targets,' and pledges our collective commitment as Local and Combined Authorities to meet the WHO-10 guideline for PM2.5 by 2030 in partnership with the UK Government. Evidence that we have collated tells us that with small additional support from the UK Government, achieving WHO-10 for PM2.5 is feasible by 2030. Modelling by Imperial College for The Clean Air Fund's 2022 report 'The Pathway to Healthy Air in the UK' found that 99% of the UK is likely to comply with WHO-10 by 2030 as a result of existing Government policies and plans. This means that with a small increase in ambition, meeting WHO-10 across the whole of the UK is entirely feasible by 2030. We know from work undertaken by the CBI that this will deliver a significant economic dividend for the UK – a £1.6 billion economic benefit and three million working days gained by reducing sickness absence.

**As priorities we urge the Government to:**

- bring forward the PM2.5 target of 10ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 2030 in line with the WHO's interim guideline, and to provide local leaders with the powers and funding to meet this target.
- put in place a longer-term target to meet the WHO's updated guideline for PM2.5 of 5ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Many areas across the country already meet the PM2.5 guideline of 10ug/m<sup>3</sup>. This is still not considered to be a safe level by the WHO, and so it is important that a 35% population exposure reduction target is put in place for areas already meeting 10ug/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Establish a national public awareness campaign around the health impacts of air pollution and its causes. Domestic combustion from burning wood and coal is one of the largest contributors to PM2.5 pollution, yet many people are unaware that their heating choices are producing toxic emissions.

## Funding for domestic abuse support services

Two vital support services are now available for Hertfordshire residents experiencing 'high-risk' domestic abuse, thanks to funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership.

From 1 July, Refuge was re-commissioned to deliver Hertfordshire's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service, while Safer Places is now providing Hertfordshire's safe accommodation service, in partnership with St Albans and Hertsmere Women's Refuge and Druglink.

These services, which are funded to run for the next two years through contracts totalling more than £5m, are helping to make Hertfordshire a safe place for people who are experiencing – or who have experienced - domestic abuse.

It is estimated that more than 114,000 women and 78,000 men in Hertfordshire will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. In the last year alone, around 42,285 adults aged 16-74 in Hertfordshire will have experienced some form of domestic abuse. The Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership is committed to finding and developing services that help and support all those affected by domestic abuse in Hertfordshire.

Refuge's IDVA service provides support for women and men experiencing abuse within intimate or family relationships and are at high risk of harm or homicide. The service provides free, confidential, non-judgemental specialist support tailored to their individual needs such as housing, safety planning and emotional support.

Safer Places is providing Hertfordshire's safe accommodation service. They provide accommodation-based, and community outreach support to those who are unable to remain in their own home due to the high risk of further harm. Safer Places has a range of safe accommodation options to ensure all those who are experiencing – or who have experienced - domestic abuse, and their children, have equitable access and choice to services, including spaces for male clients.

The funding for these services is part of a whole system response to all of those affected, including children, across Hertfordshire. More information about strategic partnership's approach is included in its new [Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022–25](#).

### HOW TO GET HELP:

- **To find out more about these services or to make a referral:**
  - IDVA Service: call 0300 790 6772 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 5pm and Tuesday, Thursday 9am - 8pm) or email [hertsidva@refuge.org.uk](mailto:hertsidva@refuge.org.uk)
  - Safer Places: call 03301 025811 (24-hours) or email [info@saferplaces.co.uk](mailto:info@saferplaces.co.uk) or complete an [Online referral form](#)
- Anyone can call the Herts Domestic Abuse Helpline: 08 088 088 088 (09:00-21:00 Mon-Fri or 09:00-16:00 weekends and bank holidays) for confidential and free space to listen, consider options and signposting.
- The National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge, can be called on 0808 2000 247, 24 hours a day 7 days a week for free, confidential specialist support. You can also visit [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk) to fill in a webform and request a safe time to be contacted or to access live chat services (live chat available 3pm-10pm, Monday to Friday).

- The [Herts Sunflower website](#) is a countywide ‘hub’ of information, guidance, advice and signposting for those experiencing or using harmful or abusive behaviours, and hosts a directory of key services available to help.

### **Services for Young People leads the way in LGBT+ young people’s inclusion**

Services for Young People’s work with LGBT+ young people has been instrumental in Hertfordshire County Council and Herts for Learning being awarded the Stonewall Children and Young People’s Services Gold Champion Award.

Receiving this award means that the work we are doing with LGBT+ young people is of the highest standard, that it best supports young people who identify as LGBT+ in Hertfordshire and that others can learn from the work we are doing.

### **Hertfordshire launches new Sleep campaign for young people**

Almost half of young people in Hertfordshire don’t think they are getting enough sleep, according to a recent local survey, with ‘worrying or being unable to switch off’ being the main reasons for disruption. In addition, only one in five Hertfordshire parents and carers know that people need different amounts of sleep.

To address this, The Just Talk partnership, coordinated by Hertfordshire County Council, has launched a ‘Let’s Just Talk About Sleep’ campaign to highlight the importance of sleep and share advice on how to get the right amount.

The campaign includes Hertfordshire’s first ever sleep challenge, to help children, young people and their parents and carers better understand their own sleep patterns. Families who complete the two-week challenge will be entered into a prize draw to win a £200 voucher for a family experience of their choice.

The campaign will also share details of free workshops that parents and carers can access for guidance on helping their child to develop better sleep patterns.

Visit [www.justtalkherts.org/sleep](http://www.justtalkherts.org/sleep) to take part in the summer sleep challenge and follow @JustTalkHerts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for useful advice.

**East Herts TRO consultation** to introduce Charging as a standard day on Sundays. For Sawbridgeworth this would remove the free charging on Saturdays. Link is

<https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/highways-and-parking/parking-traffic-regulation-orders>

**Love Parks week.** Southern Country Park 26<sup>th</sup> July, Pishiobury Park 28<sup>th</sup> July. Events include Treasure Trails, Bug Hunts, dog show, tug of war, Petanque,

### **Eric Buckmaster July 2022**

## **Appendix 3 - Clerks Report**

### **Clerks Report – July / August 2022**

#### **5. Expenditure – maintenance of streets, grounds, and equipment – administration**

Principal Trees quote – suggest we take Item 1 and 2 option 3

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price (£)</b>
<b>1</b>	1 x fallen hawthorn in park – remove from site	<b>£120.00</b>
<b>2 (opt 1)</b>	1 x fallen limb of eucalyptus – remove from site	<b>£265.00</b>



<b>Hunsdon Parish Council Revenue Expenditure</b>						<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
<b>Credit</b>						<b>Credit</b>					
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Remaining period</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Variance</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Remaining period</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Variance</b>
B/F General	£6,695.52	£6,055.48		£6,055.48	£640.04	B/F Special Projects	£28,756.72	£28,992.09		£28,992.09	£235.37
Precept	£21,400.00	£10,700.00	£10,700.00	£21,400.00	£0.00	s 106		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Litter Picker	£1,942.12	£2,220.26	£278.14	£1,942.12	£0.00	East Herts Community Grant		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Allotment rents	£489.00	£0.00	£489.00	£489.00	£0.00	Parish Room Trust		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT refund rev	£3,017.83	£1,526.82	£1,491.01	£3,017.83	£0.00	VAT refund Cap	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00	£650.00	£0.00
Grant Neighbourhood Plan		£1,929.00	£0.00	£1,929.00	£1,929.00	New Homes Bonus		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	s 137		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Santander Interest		£4.44	£0.00	£4.44	£4.44	Village Event		£5,587.00	£0.00	£5,587.00	£5,587.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£33,544.47</b>	<b>£22,436.00</b>	<b>£12,401.87</b>	<b>£34,837.87</b>	<b>£1,293.40</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£29,406.72</b>	<b>£34,579.09</b>	<b>£650.00</b>	<b>£35,229.09</b>	<b>£5,822.37</b>
<b>Debit</b>						<b>Debit</b>					
Administration	£2,165.56	£1,164.18	£1,001.38	£2,165.56	£0.00	Playground Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Litter pickers	£1,600.00	£650.00	£950.00	£1,600.00	£0.00	Inspection for Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Salary	£5,762.12	£2,400.90	£3,361.22	£5,762.12	£0.00	MUGA allocation	£16,928.91	£0.00	£16,928.91	£16,928.91	£0.00
General Power of Competence	£720.00	£500.00	£220.00	£720.00	£0.00	Village Event	£0.00	£2,740.76	£0.00	£2,740.76	£2,740.76
Allotments	£340.00	£0.00	£340.00	£340.00	£0.00						
Playing Field	£700.63	£290.00	£410.63	£700.63	£0.00						
Rest of village	£1,300.00	£671.09	£628.91	£1,300.00	£0.00						
Grounds Maintenance	£5,002.00	£1,605.00	£3,397.00	£5,002.00	£0.00						
Neighbourhood Plan	£5,000.00	£1,125.00	£3,875.00	£5,000.00	£0.00						
Churchyard donation	£500.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£500.00						
S111 consultants	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00						
NP Communicator Co-ordinator	£1,000.00	£90.00	£910.00	£1,000.00	£0.00						
Defibrillator funding	£365.00	£0.00	£365.00	£365.00	£0.00						
Village Event Funding	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£26,455.31</b>	<b>£10,496.17</b>	<b>£16,459.14</b>	<b>£26,955.31</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£16,928.91</b>	<b>£2,740.76</b>	<b>£16,928.91</b>	<b>£19,669.67</b>	<b>£2,740.76</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£7,089.16</b>	<b>£11,939.83</b>	<b>£4,057.27</b>	<b>£7,882.56</b>	<b>£793.40</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£12,477.81</b>	<b>£31,838.33</b>	<b>£16,278.91</b>	<b>£15,559.42</b>	<b>£3,081.61</b>
<b>Totals</b>						<b>Totals</b>					
Revenue Surplus	£7,089.16	£11,939.83	£4,057.27	£7,882.56	£793.40	Event Profit		£2,846.24			
Capital Surplus	£12,477.81	£31,838.33	£16,278.91	£15,559.42	£3,081.61						
<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>£19,566.97</b>	<b>£43,778.16</b>	<b>£20,336.18</b>	<b>£23,441.98</b>	<b>£3,875.01</b>						



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