



# HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm – Hunsdon Village Hall 2023

Present: Cllrs B Toll (Chair) F O'Shea (Vice Chair), D. McDonald, D Ottolanguai, S. Oliver  
In attendance: Cllr John Dunlop, 6 members of the public

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- 23.07.01` To receive and accept apologies for absence.** From Clerk on annual leave, Bud and Jackie Carthy
- 23.07.02 Declaration of Interest and dispensations**
1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
  2. To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
  3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
- None received or made.
- 23.07.03 Minutes**
- To confirm the Minutes of Hunsdon Parish Council Meeting held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as an accurate record of proceedings. Confirmed and agreed
- 23.07.04 Matters Arising**
- Areas of Responsibility / Task List – Cllr Toll reported on sub committee meeting agreeing these. Action: he clerk will update the 2 schedules and circulate
  - Chair expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the PC to The Chair and Community Events committee for the very successful Summer Festival on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Ottolanguai will pass that on to the committee.
  - Thanks to the Clerk and Cllr Ottolanguai for their work on the playing fields damage and on the road sweeping- Cllr Dunlop said there were lessons EHDC could learn from the exercise around notice and communications which he would pursue.
- 23.07.05 East Herts District Councillor Report – Cllr John Dunlop**
- Written report received:
  - On St Dunstons Road grass area- Cllr Dunlop suggested taking up a resident's proposal of allowing the grass to grow and encourage wildlife - agreed that as it is an EHDC responsibility, it would be wise for them to put a definite proposal to adjacent residents to seek majority approval.
  - Cllrs O'Shea and McDonald willing to meet with Citizens Advice Centre (what are they meeting for?)
  - Discussed and agreed that Cllr Dunlop might post weekly items of interest from EHDC on the Hunsdon Community Hub and Cllr Ottolanguai on behalf of the PC.
- 23.07.06 County Councillor Reports – Cllr Eric Buckmaster written report received- In Cllr' Buckmaster's absence-**
- Delay in opening the new schools on the Bishop Stortford developments
  - With the shift in responsibility for the draft Minerals and Waste Plan to another Committee at HCC, would Cllr Buckmaster feel freed up to oppose and campaign against the Briggens allocation?



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- PC would welcome an update and further progress on the Flooding issue. Action: Cllr McDonald to enquire
- The traffic calming proposals. Action: Cllr Toll to pursue.

### 23.07.07 Finance – Clerk

1. Agreed to authorise payments made in accordance with the budget and schedule of payments
2. Expenditure -noted
3. To note receipt of Income, including grants and VAT refunds.- None
4. Received Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations- A query arose as to how the reconciliation worked- {Afternote- explained that the Balances at the Bank after the authorised payments(£42,287.44) reconciled with the Revenue and Capital Surpluses shown to date in the Revenue and Expenditure Accounts which included the above authorised payments , viz £11891.93 + 30395 =42,287.44}
5. Litter Picking update- Clerk to confirm engagement of 2 local helpers.

### 23.07.08 Hunsdon Area Planning Applications – Cllr Toll

PC Responses and Decisions - Planning Report- Noted ; on the proposed dog training facility at Little Samuels, applicant's' answers to queries from last meeting received and as no opposition voiced by neighbours, no further action by PC.

### 23.07.09 Reports

1. Footpaths – Martyn Reid-written report received
2. Police – Cllr Toll-written report received
3. Village Hall - Cllr O'Shea- reported on AGM last week
4. Allotments – Cllr Oliver
  - a. Cllr O'Shea confirmed he was not aware of any relevant requirement of one year's notice for price increase and that notice of the agreed increases should be given asap. Action: Clerk to print off notices to be prepared for Cllr Oliver to serve. If any allotment holders had difficulty meeting the new annual rent, they could be allowed to pay half yearly or quarterly though that would involve extra work for Cllr Oliver and admin.
  - b. Approval for Shed on Simon Smiths plot – 6'x3'
  - c. One current allotment holder had failed to look after his plot and given up -Cllr Oliver pressing him to hand back in as good condition, but compliance unlikely and agreed next applicant on list could have a rent-free period in return for putting in good order.
5. Playing Field
  - a. Football goal refurbishment and thanks to Clerk for organising and installing with the help of Cllr Ottolangui
  - b. MUGA Noted that application for major funding to Sports England now made by Jackie Carthy. Pending outcome of that agreed to meet with her to discuss options- Cllrs O'Shea and Ottolangui and other interested parties willing to help.
6. Highway Maintenance
  - a. Road sweeping – update -see above
  - b. Acorn Street verge clearing – reported verges had been cut back from Whitehill Cottage land to the Old Rectory though not sure if EHC or Diocesan Board. Action:clerk to check



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**Correspondence- None**

23.07.11

**AOB –**

- a. Cllr Ottolangui had informal quote for new gates on Playing Filed at £1050 and 2 quotes for Village sign the cheaper of which was £1200+vat .Subject to sight of written quotations these were approved in principle: Action:clerk to follow up.
- b. Complaints about 61 High Street’s failure to cut back hedges now overlapping the street and general neglect of front garden detrimental to appearance of the conservation area- agreed to refer hedge cutting over the street to EHDC and ask Clerk to write to occupiers requesting garden tidy up.

23.07.12

**Date of Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

23.07.13

**Close of meeting 9pm**

## Reports for July Hunsdon Parish Council Meeting

**Appendix 1 –Councillor John Dunlop – District Councillor Report**

**Appendix 2 – Councillor Eric Buckmaster – County Councillor Report  
Update on some of the schemes using my Highways locality budget.**

Acorn Street	Hunsdon	Traffic Speed and Volume Surveys (Three Devices)	WSP Data Team	Ordered
High Street	Hunsdon	20 MPH School Advisory Signs - Design	Ringway	



### **New primary school 'tops out' and moves a step closer to welcoming pupils**

A key milestone has been achieved as the new Avanti Brook Primary School, located just north of Bishop’s Stortford. Avanti Brook Primary School is the second new primary school being built to accommodate the growing population of Bishop’s Stortford. The construction of the new £14.5m primary school is being funded by Hertfordshire County Council and built by Hertfordshire-based ASHE Construction. The school will be operated by the Avanti Schools Trust which also operates the Avanti Grange Secondary School and Avanti Meadows -

another primary school which opened in September 2021 within the Stortford Fields development. The new primary school, due to open in September 2023, will eventually provide school places for 420 children living locally. The school’s first year of operation will see pupils in Nursery and Reception classes join the school; the school size will increase year on year as the school’s first pupils’ progress.

### **Stevenage’s state of the art school for SEND pupils 'tops out' as it nears completion**



On Monday 26 June, pupils from the Valley School joined county councillors, school staff, contractors and project officers to get a unique view of Stevenage from the top of their new school.

The celebratory ‘topping out’ event, marks the completion of the roof, which is a significant milestone in the development this multi-million-pound school for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). On the day, pupils from the school mingled with county councillors who’d had a

role in planning and allocating the funding required to invest in Stevenage’s new SEND school, as well as project officers and architects. The children were excited about being allowed on the roof of their new school and shared their excitement about their new school which is due to open during the Autumn Term.



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### **Hertfordshire to lead new SEND pilot for East of England**

The Department for Education has selected Hertfordshire County Council to lead the East of England Regional Partnership for its £70 million change programme to improve outcomes and experiences of children and young people with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) or in Alternative Provision (AP). The East of England RP is one of nine regional partnerships in the country. As part of the change programme, the partnership will work with the Department for Education to implement, test and refine longer-term plans – including new digital requirements for local authority EHCP processes and new national inclusion standards.

During the summer months, the county council will work alongside the Department of Education to develop a working partnership in the East of England. In the role of lead local authority, Hertfordshire County Council will be responsible for:

- Providing leadership across the RP
- Driving change and sharing practice and learning
- Delivering and monitoring progress

SEND is a key priority for Hertfordshire. It is owned strategically and politically across the system by senior leaders who are collectively ambitious for our children and young people with special needs and disabilities and their families. Indicative of this ambition is the council's commitment to invest an additional £5 million into the SEND services on an ongoing basis. The impact of this will be an improvement to the quality and effectiveness of support for children and young people with EHCPs and their families.

The investment will allow the county council to:

- Build capacity in the statutory SEND Service to reduce caseloads by around 30%.
- Recruit up to 80 new frontline staff
- Improve the quality of EHCPs and the support provided as a result
- Develop a strong and consistent approach to decision-making about EHCPs with our partners
- Develop trusted relationships with families and partners and improve communications

This work is happening alongside our other ambitious [transformation programmes across SEND services](#), and together, these will allow us to develop a new delivery model that enables us to better support all children and young people in the right way, at right time and in the right place, through a truly inclusive system.

### **Active Travel Strategy**

We want everyone to feel welcomed on our streets. Developing spaces that make walking, wheeling and cycling safer for everyone has many benefits for residents, communities and businesses.

The aim of Hertfordshire's draft Active Travel Strategy 2023-2031 is to create places where walking, wheeling and cycling are safer and so convenient that they become the natural choice for short trips.

Consultation start date: **25 May 2023**

Consultation closing date: **21 August (11.45pm)**

[Respond to the consultation about Active Travel](#)

Our survey is asking for views on what matters to you and how we can support you to leave your car behind and travel more actively more often. We share the benefits, challenges and opportunities of our approach in the draft Active Travel Strategy 2023-2031. We encourage Hertfordshire's residents, representatives of organisations and anyone who works, travels through, visits or is connected with the County to take a few minutes to complete the survey on our proposals.

### **HAPpy camps are back this summer. Hertfordshire County Council is launching its free summer activity camps for children and young people in Hertfordshire**

Fully funded holiday activity camps return for the summer holidays, providing eligible children and young people with the chance to meet friends, learn new skills and enjoy nutritious food.

The HAPpy programme, funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the Department of Education (DfE) via the government's Holiday Activity and Food programme, and coordinated by Herts Sports Partnership and



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the Hertfordshire Community Foundation, is running approximately 180 activity camps from 24 July – 31 August 2023 (not bank holiday).

With over 40,000 free activity camp places available, eligible families are being encouraged to get their booking code from their school and reserve a place at a camp near them as soon as possible. **Booking opens at midday on Monday 26 June.**

As part of its commitment to help residents manage the cost of living, Hertfordshire County Council provided funding for more than 69,000 places last year for children to attend free activity camps. Eligible families should have already received their booking code from their school. They can book their free place at a camp near them by visiting

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/booking>. Parents/carers who have not received the code should contact their school office or email [haf@herts.ac.uk](mailto:haf@herts.ac.uk)

Hertfordshire County Council also provides food vouchers during holiday periods to eligible families which are distributed through schools.

The council has dedicated advice and support for those who need it. Get in touch with [HertsHelp](#) on 0300 123 4044 to find out what support is there for you. For more information, visit: [hertfordshire.gov.uk/hereforyou](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/hereforyou)

### **Government announces Environmental Improvement Plan with £14 million Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

As reported by, [They Work for You](#), [Lord Benyon](#), [The Minister of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#) announced on Friday that the Government is committing to delivering large scale, widespread nature recovery across England.

48 local authorities will lead on the preparation of localised, tailored strategies to support and recover nature. Hertfordshire County Council will receive £240,793. **Local Nature Recovery Strategies** will be key to our drive to restore nature. They will lead on the preparation of localised, tailored strategies to support and recover nature, using the best of local expertise in the community. These Responsible Authorities, supported by **£14 million government funding**, will now begin to engage across their areas to prepare the strategies, working closely with landowners, farmers and land managers. [Regulations](#) and [statutory guidance](#) setting out the process responsible authorities must follow and what they should include in the strategies were published in March 2023

### **Our Tree Your Future campaign**

The response to this year's 'Your Tree Our Future' tree giveaway has been very positive, with almost 60,000 trees given away. The campaign has been seen over 400,000 times across our channels, as well as across all ten district and borough partner's channels.

### **Sustainable Hertfordshire Youth COP, 6th July 2023, North Herts College, Hitchin Campus.**

On 6<sup>th</sup> July I helped Host a conference of 14 of Hertfordshire Secondary Schools at North Herts College. The conference was held in two parts split into morning and afternoon sessions. One part was to take part in a Climate Debate (En Roads model) which enabled students to take on different roles in the global economy and to see the impact of their decisions on global warming. It helped them understand the competing interests including how national and international economies are impacted. There were also workshops on Climate Adaptation, Carbon Neutrality, Cleaner air, and Enhancing Nature. Just two days before the news said that we had experience the warmest average global temperature on record. There was also a surprise when a scientist joined us by video link from the arctic and told us the temperature there was a warm 17 degrees.

In my opening and closing remarks I emphasised that while we rely on decisions made by national governments and big business we all have a role to play in local behaviour change. Particularly around keeping our environment litter free, increasing recycling especially reducing wasted food, more active travel, and helping air quality through not idling in cars when stopped.

**Hertfordshire and west Essex Integrated Care System** Work is underway in Hertfordshire and west Essex to develop a proposal for a clearly defined role for local government within the [Hertfordshire and west Essex Integrated Care System](#) (HWEICS). There is an opportunity for our system to make more visible the existing





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contribution that local government has as health promoting organisations and create a shared vision for the future role of local government for strategic decision-making and operational delivery within the Hertfordshire and west Essex ICS. The work intends to draw out specific proposals for the role of district and borough councils, working with health partners, within the ICS. Over the next six months a newly established Task and Finish group of Local Government, NHS and Integrated Care Board (ICB) representatives will work to coproduce a proposal for presentation to system partners in November 2023. The work programme, initiated by the Hertfordshire & west Essex Integrated Care Partnership, is being led by Sarah Perman, Director of Health and Care Integration at Hertfordshire County Council and Richard Cassidy, Chief Executive, East Herts Council.

This new Task and Finish group will:

- connect with national policy work
- review good practice within our system and elsewhere
- plan a facilitated workshop in September for a wider stakeholder group
- develop a written proposal for the ICB

### **Hertfordshire County Council proposal to move staff from County Hall in Hertford in bid to save £3m,**

Hertfordshire County Council has drawn up plans to relocate staff from its landmark County Hall headquarters. The changes in Hertford could cut the authority's costs by £3m a year. Staff could start moving to the council's Stevenage office campus from September, with only a small part of County Hall remaining in use as a "democratic and civic hub". The proposals say employees now travel to Hertford less often as part of a post-Covid pandemic move to hybrid working.

### **Ready, Set, Read! The Summer Reading Challenge comes back to Hertfordshire**

Hertfordshire libraries has teamed up with the Reading Agency and Children's Charity, Youth Sports Trust and are preparing to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a completely free, summer activity for children aged four to 11, which runs from Saturday 8 July to Saturday 24 September when there will be a Prize Draw Event at Welwyn Garden City Library with Loretta Schauer (illustrator and creator of this year's characters and mascots).

The Summer Reading Challenge is Hertfordshire Libraries' single biggest promotional campaign of the year aimed at keeping children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, and this year's theme is 'Ready, Set, Ready' empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

Involving all 46 libraries, children of all ages are encouraged to sign up for FREE, borrow and read six library books over the summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge shines a light on the power of public libraries as a hub for local communities and this year brings together the benefits of sport, play and creativity. The Youth Sport Trust has developed fun family activity cards, which alongside the official 2023 Summer Reading Challenge book collection, will aim to keep imaginations moving over the school holiday.

This year children can join the challenge at their local library to take part in person. The library will give the children a special collector folder, stickers, and other special incentives, and help them find books.

Alternatively, children can take part in the Challenge online by signing up [here](#).

Children are invited to set their own reading goals, review their books and add them to their profiles. They can also earn digital rewards such as online badges and certificates.

**SEGRO buys £120 million worth of land** Warehouse space developer SEGRO has completed a £120 million acquisition of 419 hectares of land in Colne Valley, Hertfordshire. The £120 million that was spent on the three sections of land that make up the entire site (of which 50% is deferred for 12 months), were bought from Hertfordshire County Council, Tarmac, and Gorhambury Estates Company. SEGRO received planning permission from the Secretary of State for the development, which is recognised by the Government as 'nationally significant' infrastructure which will deliver 'major' benefits on a national, regional, and local scale.



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### Appendix 3 – Clerks Report

<b>Hunsdon Parish Council</b>					
<b>Revenue Expenditure</b>					
<b>Credit</b>					
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Remaining period</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Variance</b>
B/F General	£6,232.08	£6,815.47		£6,815.47	£583.39
Precept	£26,600.00	£13,345.00	£13,255.00	£26,600.00	£0.00
Litter Picker	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Allotment rents	£489.00	£0.00	£489.00	£489.00	£0.00
VAT refund rev	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grant Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Santander Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£33,321.08</b>	<b>£20,160.47</b>	<b>£13,744.00</b>	<b>£33,904.47</b>	<b>£583.39</b>
<b>Debit</b>					
Administration	£2,738.00	£816.04	£1,921.96	£2,738.00	£0.00
Litter pickers	£1,600.00	£30.72	£1,569.28	£1,600.00	£0.00
Salary	£6,050.00	£2,430.90	£3,619.10	£6,050.00	£0.00
General Power of Competence	£320.00	£800.00	-£480.00	£320.00	£0.00
Allotments	£490.00	£0.00	£490.00	£490.00	£0.00
Playing Field	£700.00	£1,443.00	-£743.00	£700.00	£0.00
Rest of village	£1,300.00	£738.86	£561.14	£1,300.00	£0.00
Grounds Maintenance	£6,252.00	£912.97	£5,339.03	£6,252.00	£0.00
Planning Consultants and Advice	£6,000.00	£527.61	£5,472.39	£6,000.00	£0.00
Insurance		£568.44	-£568.44	£0.00	£0.00
Churchyard donation	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Defibrillator funding	£365.00	£0.00	£365.00	£365.00	£0.00
Village Event Funding	£800.00	£0.00	£800.00	£800.00	£0.00
Projects	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£0.00
Contingencies	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£33,115.00</b>	<b>£8,268.54</b>	<b>£24,846.46</b>	<b>£33,115.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£206.08</b>	<b>£11,891.93</b>	<b>-£11,102.46</b>	<b>£789.47</b>	<b>£583.39</b>
<b>Totals</b>					
Revenue Surplus	£206.08	£11,891.93	-£11,102.46	£789.47	£583.39
Capital Surplus	£11,256.32	£30,395.51	-£18,352.03	£12,043.48	£787.16
<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>£11,462.40</b>	<b>£42,287.44</b>	<b>-£29,454.49</b>	<b>£12,832.95</b>	<b>£1,370.55</b>



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<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
<b>Credit</b>					
	Budget	To date	Remaining period	Year	Variance
B/F Special Projects	£29,608.35	£30,395.51		£30,395.51	£787.16
VAT refund Cap	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£29,608.35</b>	<b>£30,395.51</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£30,395.51</b>	<b>£787.16</b>
Playground Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Inspection for Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
MUGA allocation	£18,352.03	£0.00	£18,352.03	£18,352.03	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£18,352.03</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£18,352.03</b>	<b>£18,352.03</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£11,256.32</b>	<b>£30,395.51</b>	<b>-£18,352.03</b>	<b>£12,043.48</b>	<b>£787.16</b>
Receipts Check		TRUE			
Payments Check		TRUE			
Reconciliation Check		TRUE			





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### Bank Reconciliation

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**9th July 2023**

Santander bank

Litter picker money

£2,021.44

£41,774.29

**Total £43,795.73**

### Payments agreed but not cleared bank

#### Payments to be agreed

C Page	Salary for July	Salary	£384.18
HMRC Cumerbaud	PAYE for Clerk	Salary	£96.00
M Newman	Website invoices for HANPG	Planning Consultants and Advice	£68.45
M Newman	Website invoices for village website	Planning Consultants and Advice	£159.16
Kompan	Annual playing field inspection	Grounds Maintenance	£216.18
David Gibson	New St. George flag for Village Hall	Administration	£104.14
C Page	Salary for August	Salary	£384.18
HMRC Cumerbaud	PAYE for Clerk	Salary	£96.00

£

1,508.29

Balance at Bank

**£42,287.44**



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Planning Applications <a href="https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk">https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk</a>	HPC Response
<b>3/23/1146/FUL</b> <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Demolition of 2 outbuildings. Erection of Dog training facility with WC and kitchen, with associated external training area at Little Samuels Farm Widford Road <b>Deadline: Please send your comments to EHC by: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	
<b>DECISIONS</b>	
<b>3/23/0827/LBC</b> <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Repair / replacement of existing stone grotesques, copings window cills and window hoods as required at Gate House Hunsdonbury Lane Decision: This matter was considered by EH Council on the 23rd June 2023 and it was decided to <b>Grant Consent subject to Conditions</b>	
<b>3/23/0875/HH</b> <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Insertion of rear roof light, dormer window and ground floor window. Replacement ground floor rear windows and rear dormer windows. Replacement ground floor front and side window. Infill of existing side door and insertion of replacement side door. Alterations to fenestration and landscaping to courtyard at Coach House Hunsdonbury Lane <b>Decision:</b> This matter was considered by EH Council on the 4th July 2023 and it was decided to <b>Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions</b>	
<b>3/23/0876/LBC</b> <b>As above</b>	
<b>3/23/0641/FUL</b> <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Change of use and conversion of games room/ residential annexe into a three bedroom dwelling; alterations to fenestration and openings; front open sided porch extension and installation of electric vehicle charging point (part retrospective) at Land Adjacent To Hunsdon House Lodge Church Lane <b>Decision:</b> This matter was considered by EH Council on the 7th July 2023 and it was decided to <b>Refuse Planning Permission</b>	

Appendix 4 – Planning Report



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## **Appendix 5 – footpaths**

### **1. General Condition of the Footpaths**

The paths are generally in good condition and very walkable.

### **2. Overgrowth on the Paths**

This year there is a lot of new growth and although the usual mowing and strimming has been undertaken very well by County, regrowth over the paths has occurred in some places. County have been very prompt in responding to requests to undertake additional clearance around H10 and H17 at the end of Drury Lane/Amiens. The wardens have also undertaken some clearance of brambles and this is ongoing.

### **3. Paths on the land owned by Taylor Wimpey**

The new landowners of the Village 7 site have installed new security gates at some points on their land, but these have not affected the footpaths.

### **4. Meeting with Knight Frank, Land Agents for the aerodrome**

A meeting is being arranged by the Chair of HPC, the wardens and the Land Agents to discuss issues regarding the aerodrome and also the future plans as a community space.

### **5. General Maintenance - Posts**

The condition of marker posts is generally good. The fallen post on H17 has been reported and HCC will replace as part of their ongoing programme.

**Bud Carthy and Martyn Reid 11/07/2023**



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### Appendix 6 – Police Crime Report June 2023

**ANSTEY** - No reported crimes

**HORMEAD** - No reported crimes

**BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN** - CRIMINAL DAMAGE Whitebarns Lane, Security gate damaged.

**STOCKING PELHAM** - No reported crimes

**FURNEUX PELHAM** - no reported crimes

#### **ALBURY**

- THEFT Sign of The Times Festival, Theft of Bag.
- THEFT Construction Site, Theft of Trailer.

#### **LITTLE HAHDAM**

- **CRIMINAL DAMAGE Ash valley Golf Club**, criminal damage, trial bike riding over green.
- THEFT Ashcroft Lane, Theft from property.

#### **MUCH HADHAM**

- THEFT Moor Place, Theft of money from car.
- Attempted Theft Hadham Cross, Attempted theft of car.

#### **HUNSDON**

- THEFT Widford Road HUNSDON, Theft of vehicle, vehicle was recovered.
- THEFT Acorn Street, Theft of bag from vehicle.

**WIDFORD** - No reported crimes.

**WARESIDE** - No reported crimes

**EASTWICK & GILSTON** - No reported crimes

**BRAUGHING** - CRIMINAL DAMAGE Greenhill close, tyre cut on vehicle.

#### **STANDON & PUCKERIDGE**

- **THEFT Dawkins Close, Theft from vehicle and Number plates.**
- **Attempted Theft Latchford, Attempted theft of tractor.**

#### **Other news and updates:**

- o [LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY set objective](#) - To address threats to livestock and pets in and around the WESTLAND GREEN area.
- o The next OWL sign up event is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Please encourage the members in the community to use the police non-emergency number 101 to report incidents directly. This is the most effective and efficient way to contact police.



## HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

### Appendix 7 – Playing Field

#### Playground Report for Hunsdon Parish Council July 2023

##### Playground

An incident of vandalism has resulted in both the cradle swings being damaged. The seat bars are bent, but are still safe and usable.

There has also been an issue of someone digging holes in the playing field and playground and not replacing the turfs. It is thought that it is someone using an unauthorised metal detector. Before the Festival on the Field, David Ottolangui and Carole spent time filling in the holes with top soil as the holes were a trip hazard.

We are currently awaiting a firm date for our annual play equipment inspection. Carol and I have done some pre-inspection work on the equipment – washing off algae and bird droppings, and removing weeds from the rubber mulch.

##### MUGA

Following conversations with Frank and Mike Newman, I contacted East Herts Planning again about the need to obtain planning permission for the MUGA. I was told that as we were only planning for outdoor sports we did not require planning permission, as there was no change of use.

I am currently getting quotes for just replacing the fencing and surfacing on the courts. Also looking at the possibility of getting the existing fencing re-wired at the top.

I have also just submitted a funding application to Sport England. Fingers crossed!!

Jackie Carthy  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2023