



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 7.30PM**

Present: David Oxley (Chair)  
Simon Bagnall  
David House  
Amanda Parker  
Jan Pledger

Members of the Public: Mark Parrott  
Robert and Gemma Caldwellader

County / District Councillors: DC Geoffrey Williamson

Police: None

Apologies: Andrew Marchant

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed attendees to the second meeting of the year, Cllr Marchant was absent from tonight's meeting.

- 60.1 **Apologies received:** Councillor Marchant.
- 60.2 **Personal / Prejudicial Declarations :** None received/raised.
- 60.3 **District Councillor Comments :**  
No update from CC Jones was noted.

DC Williamson confirmed the changes to waste collections will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> August which include:

New food waste 5L caddy to be collected weekly.  
Blue lidded bin – cardboard/paper recycling collected 3-weekly.  
Black lidded bin – mixed recycling collected 3-weekly.  
Purple lidded bin – general residual waste collected 3-weekly.  
Brown Bin – garden waste collected fortnightly.  
Further information can be found on the website :  
[Bin Collection Changes | East Herts District Council](#)  
EH communications will be made to residents.  
Good bin signage was recommended to remind residents.



- 60.4 **Public Comments**  
No specific comments raised, noted that highway repairs were carried out at St George's End within 24hrs.
- 60.5 **Police**  
The Feb-25 crime report listed two residential and one business burglary – the details of which were discussed. It was also noted that car registration number plates were stolen from Moatside/High Trees.
- 60.6 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
The minutes were approved and the Chairman authorised to approve for the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- 60.7 **Planning**
  - 60.7.1 **Fiddlers Lodge SG9 OBW :** 3/24/2320/PASE – no PASE required, this was covered under permitted planning.
  - 60.7.2 **Puttocks End Farm SG9 ODG :** 3/24/2259/HH – Granted 06/2/25.
  - 60.7.3 **High Trees SG9 OBE :** 3/24/2194/HH – Granted 17/2/25 (garage) and an appeal lodged for gates/entrance.
  - 60.7.4 **8 Moatside SG9 ODD :** 3/24/0155/HH – Appeal lodged 23/04/24.
  - 60.7.5 **8 Moatside SG9 ODD :** 3/23/2214/HH – Appeal lodged 25/04/24.
  - 60.7.6 **Bentleys Cottage SG9 OBL :** 3/25/0304/HH – Demolition of outbuildings, conservatory and ext to garage annexe with carport, mezzanine level, insertion of rooflight, flue and external alterations - concerns as to whether it would reduce



the car parking spaces for the occupants for the annexe and main house were discussed. Councillors submitted no comments on the planning application.

**60.8 Finance**

**60.8.1 Summary of funds** for this financial year approved and accepted.

Cheque raised for EHDC Election 2023 fees : £54.15.

**60.9 Highways / Vegetation**

The school picture is not visible on the School Triangle Sign – Cllr Oxley/Parker to photograph for clerk to report.  
A road closure was noted on the C11 northwards in April to allow repairs/replacement of telegraph poles.  
Potholes outside Essex Cottage to be reviewed and reported as needed.

**60.10 Flooding**

- a) The Well was discussed in 59.3 above – a blocked culvert is flooding the phone box and causing difficulties for school children to safely pass when walking to school. This was reviewed by CC Jones and an engineer. Some action has been taken but no pipework has been located. Rainfall is awaiting to review any improvement.
- b) Silkmead flooded during snowfall – there is an overgrown culvert. Some improvement was noted.
- c) Cave Gate still requires a gully to be dug but it is somewhat improved.

**60.11 Litter Picking**

The NHDC village wastebin emptying service currently in place was confirmed to be adequate.  
A local litter pick is arranged for Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am – meet at the Village Hall.

**60.12 Playing Field** – the annual inspection notification is awaited.

**60.13 Church**

The 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bomber Squad and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St George's memorial window is being commemorated on 11<sup>th</sup> June with a service at St George's Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.  
The repair/attention of the church gates was noted.

**60.14 School / St George's End Parking** – no concerns raised, remains to be monitored.

**60.15 Village Hall**

Three weekly exercise classes, a monthly film club and intermittent bookings continue at the hall.  
Two fundraisers are organised to support the hall's £3,000 p.a. costs as a supplement to the annual funding received from Ansteys Fayre. Beat the Blues Live Music event arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb-25 raised £550 profit.  
The Annual Village Hall Quiz is arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> March with 70+ bookings.  
The new fire doors are performing well. Annual heating service has been carried out.

**60.16 Newsletter**

Deadline for copy/submissions was today, 10<sup>th</sup> March.  
NFU approached the newsletter for advertising but this was declined on the grounds of being a national company and advertising focuses on local businesses. Raising the advertising fee will be considered for next year.

**60.17 Ansteys Quarry**

Enforcement are taking no action to the planning conditions breach by the new owners.  
Buildings have not been removed, and the enforced spoil height reduction is not actioned.  
As per planning conditions, the land should return to agricultural land. Works continue to be carried out on the site.

**60.18 Defibrillator**

The monthly monitor check was carried out 10/03/25 and is fully functional.  
A confirmation to the WhatsApp group will be actioned.

**60.19 Correspondence Received**

BEAM Outreach Workshops (via the new Arts venue in Hertford) was discussed.

**60.20 Any other Business**

**60.21.1** Concerns of the routing of of ROW TL3833 were raised where it meets the B1036 were raised; it requires walkers to take a steep bank where they could fall into the route. At the point where the path meets the road, pedestrians would need to walk along a very fast stretch of non-verged road (60mph) to take up the existing footpath on the other side of the road. Clerk responding to the ROW on 16/03/25.



**60.22 Future Items /Matters Carried Forward :**

**60.22.1** Laptop performance continues to be monitored – to be cleaned/checked by Oops! IT if needed.

**60.23 Next Meeting :** Next meeting to be held at the village hall on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May : Annual Parish (AGM) commencing at 7pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

**60.24** The date for Anstey Fayre was confirmed, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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