

## Minutes

### of the Parish Council meeting held on

Wednesday 04 October 2023, at 7.00pm, in the Parish Room.

**Present:** Councillors Chris Button, Ian Duffy, Vinny Hall, Graham Lee (Chair) and Norton Mahy (Vice chair).

**Also in attendance:** Parish Councillor Martin Hoffman (joined on Zoom). The Acting Clerk Jane Porter, Parishioner Al Jacoutot (IT support), District Councillor Tom Tyson, County Councillor Steve Jarvis. From Royston & Rural Neighbourhood police PC Tom Wollard and PCSO Chris Brabrook. Three members of the public were present in the room and three joined on Zoom for parts of the meeting.

*The meeting was recorded by the Parish Council and also by a parishioner following a request.*

*See the website for the recording and for the appendices issued with the agenda and referred to in the minutes. [www.ashwell.gov.uk](http://www.ashwell.gov.uk)*

**64 Apologies for absence** *To receive and accept apologies for absence.*

Cllr David Sims (away), Cllr Martin Hoffman (joined on Zoom due to a health matter).

**65 Interests** *a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda, b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests, and c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. Where any declaration of interest involves the chair, the meeting to agree an alternative individual to take the chair for that item(s).*

Cllr Norton Mahy items 69.2.2 and 74.1.1.2 (Interest as Director of the Ashwell CLT) and 68.1.3 (Interest as close neighbour of applicant).

Cllr Graham Lee items 69.2.2 and 74.1.1.2 (Interest as Director of the Ashwell CLT). A request for a Dispensation to address the meeting before withdrawing was received and granted.

*See also item 67.6 below.* In response to a question from a parishioner Cllrs Norton Mahy and Graham Lee clarified that as directors of the CLT their interests were 'non-pecuniary'; this had been confirmed by a higher authority.

**66 Minutes**

**66.1** *Proposal to approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 06 September 2023 as an accurate record of proceedings. Draft minutes in appendix A.*

**Resolved** as approved and to be signed.

**Action:** Clerk/Chair

- 66.2 *Proposal to approve the draft minutes sent to parish councillors of the HR Committee meeting on 13 September 2023 as an accurate record of proceedings. See also item 70.1 below.*

It was noted that these would now be published.

**Resolved** as approved and to be signed.

**Action:** Clerk/Chair

## 67 Public Issues and Public Participation

*Standing Orders suspended.*

- 67.1 *Pre-application/Proposed communications installation for Cellnex at Slip End Farm, Baldock to Royston Road. To consider the letter from Cellnex prior to their making a formal planning application to NHC, note any further information, and agree any action, eg publicity to residents.*

The Chair noted the usual procedure whereby no formal response would be made in advance of an application to NHC as the Local Planning Authority and receipt of a formal consultation.

- 67.2 *Speeding in Lucas Lane. To note the information from County Cllr Steve Jarvis. To consider the request from a parishioner that the police be asked to monitor the traffic in these areas by hand-held guns (from time to time) or permanent installation of flashing speed checker signs.*

County Councillor Steve Jarvis reported on Highways speed surveys undertaken before and after the installation of the 20mph limit zone. He gave information on possible engineering options and flashing speed signs including estimated costs of the latter. He noted that the Police & Crime Commissioner sometimes offered a funding stream that might cover costs but there was none available at present. The police representatives informed that they would be undertaking speed checks at identified locations in the village. The police representatives and District Councillor Tom Tyson gave information on the Drive Safe volunteer initiative and offered to assist in the setting up of a group if there was interest.

- 67.3 *Cold calling concerns. A parishioner reported that two men had knocked her door after dark one evening collecting for charity. Although she believed that they were genuine she had concerns for elderly neighbours living alone and had informed the police using the 101 service. PCSO Chris Brabrook reported that officers had attended but had not been able to speak to the men concerned. It was agreed that he would discuss with the parishioner possible options including a cold calling zone and would report back.*

- 67.4 *Report from PC Tom Wollard and PCSO Chris Brabrook. See also 67.2 above re speeding checks and 67.3 re cold calling. Parking issues outside the school had been raised again and they would continue to attend as their availability allowed.*

- 67.5 *Brown tourist sign requested by the Museum. County Councillor Steve Jarvis reported that a location had been identified and this would now be progressed; he could give no guarantee of when it would be installed. The Museum representative thanked him.*

- 67.6 *A parishioner requested information re the Declaration of Interests by parish councillors; these were answered. See 65 above. The parishioner also made suggestions re the Complaints Policy. See item 74.5.2. It was noted that the Clerk had responded to other questions and comments in emails. Cllr Martin Hoffman reported his concern at the amount of time this was taking.*

- 67.7 *Parishioner Al Jacoutot reported that another fibre broadband supplier had proposed installing another cabinet at the top of Bear Lane. It was agreed that he and Cllr Vinny Hall would engage with them to determine further information and report back.*

**68 Planning matters: to include new and existing applications** *See summary in appendix below.*

*Enter the NHC reference number into the planning search box for full application details:*

<https://pa2.north-herts.gov.uk/online-applications/>

**68.1 New consultations received from NHC. To note any correspondence and agree responses.**

- 68.1.1** Ashfield, Springhead. NHC ref. 23/02166/FPH. Full Permission Householder: Alterations to existing fenestration including insertion of first floor front doors with Juliette balcony and roof lights to existing rear roof slope. Erection of boundary wall and gate following removal of existing wall.

It was noted that as the property was within the conservation area any matters relating to that would be commented on by relevant NHC officers.

A proposal was made that a response of 'no objection' be sent to the NHC Planning Officer.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

- 68.1.2** Kirby Manor Farm, Northfield Road. NHC ref. 23/02019/PNO. Prior Approval Class Q Agric to Dwelling: Conversion of existing agricultural barn to provide 4 residential units (two 2-bed, one 3-bed and one 4-bed) with all associated building works. To note the extension of the response deadline to 07 October 2023.

The objection by a neighbour sent to NHC was noted. Cllr Norton Mahy raised concerns re aspects of the design and also sustainability particularly re access to public transport. A proposal was made to relay these concerns to the NHC Planning Officer and also to support the objections of the neighbours.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

*Cllr Norton Mahy left the room (see 65 above).*

- 68.1.3** 42 Silver Street. NHC ref. 23/02239/FPH. Full Permission Householder : Erection of home office/storage outbuilding following demolition of existing shed.

A proposal was made that a response of 'no objection' be sent to the NHC Planning Officer.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

*Cllr Norton Mahy re-entered the room.*

**68.2 Tree consultations (Conservation Area and TPO) received from NHC. To agree responses.**

- 68.2.1** Bushel And Strike, 15 Mill Street. NHC ref. 23/02128/TCA Trees (Conservation Area) : T1 Sycamore - Remove all deadwood from canopy & reduce lower crown by 2-3m to suitable growth points. T2 Ash - Remove all deadwood from canopy & reduce lower crown by 2-3m to suitable growth points, crown lift to 3.8m. T3 Sycamore - Remove all deadwood from canopy & reduce lowest limbs by 2m to suitable growth points.

A proposal was made that a response of 'no objection' be sent to the NHC Planning Officer.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

68.3 Hunts Close/Land between Ashwell House and Hunts Ridge. NHC ref. 22.03094/FP To note this application pending a meeting date for a decision by the NHC Planning Control Committee. To note the response made by the Parish Council in January 2023.

<https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/planning/summary/>

To receive an update from Cllrs Norton Mahy and Chris Button and agree any actions.

It was reported that questions had been put to NHC re the section 106 claim. Concerns existed that figures had not been increased to account for inflation.

68.4 Dixies Meadow. NHC ref.23/00666/FP. To note the 'Refusal' decision by the NHC Planning Control Committee on 14 September 2023.

See the NHC Decision Notice and other details on the link below

[https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/downloads/planning/dixies\\_meadow/dixies\\_meadow\\_23.00666.fp\\_nhc\\_decision\\_letter\\_sept\\_2023\\_refusal.pdf](https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/downloads/planning/dixies_meadow/dixies_meadow_23.00666.fp_nhc_decision_letter_sept_2023_refusal.pdf)

A YouTube of the meeting is available on the NHC website.

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=151>

68.5 Bygrave solar farm. NHC ref. 22/00741/FP. To note the deferral by the NHC Planning Control Committee on 14 September 2023. Details of the meeting and the YouTube available on the NHC website

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=151>

69 **Reports from Working Groups.** To receive updates from relevant leaders/members and agree any actions that require Parish Council input/approval.

69.1 Trees and Hedges (Cllr David Sims). To receive an update on planting at the Recreation ground. See also 74.1.1.1 re funding.

Nothing further to report.

To note the response to the Defra consultation on potential amendments to the Hedgerow Regulations.

This had supported the NALC proposal that regulations be extended to include hedgerows other than on agricultural land in rural areas and villages.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/legal-standards/consultation-on-protecting-hedgerows/>

69.2 Affordable Housing.

69.2.1 To receive an update from Cllr Chris Button. See minute 58.2 September Council and 34.3 05 July 2023 Council.

Nothing further to report.

69.2.2 Proposal that a request be made to NHC, as the relevant authority, that a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) be undertaken for Ashwell. Item 74.1.1.2 below re funding of costs was also considered at this point.

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/housing-need-north-herts>

*Cllr Norton Mahy left the room(see item 65 above). Standing Orders were suspended and Cllr Graham Lee addressed the meeting (see item 65 above: Dispensation).*

Cllr Graham Lee reported that the Hunts Close and Dixies Meadow planning applications were for a significant number of houses and included affordable housing. A HNS was used to justify the requirements on developers but the last HNS for Ashwell had been in 2008 and the NHC Housing Officer had noted that it was significantly out-of-date. Although it had not been the purpose of the meeting this had also come up during a meeting of the CLT directors involving Eastern Community Homes, CDAHerts and the housing association English Rural. If the CLT were to go forward with a project it would require a HNS to justify the involvement of a housing association. Information had been obtained from the NHC Housing Officer and CDAHerts including estimates of the costs. Of the £2,500 total costs, CDAHerts would contribute £500. There was also an offer from English Rural to speculatively contribute £500 on the basis that a CLT project might be identified; this would reduce the Parish Council's contribution to £1500.

A parishioner present raised several concerns including that documents giving this information had not been provided to the public with the agenda.

*Cllr Graham Lee left the room and Standing Orders were reinstated.*

A proposal was made that Cllr Chris Button take the Chair.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

A proposal was made that a request be made to the NHC Housing Officer that a HNS for Ashwell be progressed.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that the funding of this also be decided at this point. *See Item 74.1.1.2 Housing Needs Survey. Proposal to agree the contribution as requested by CDA Herts towards the proposed costs of conducting a Housing Needs Survey for Ashwell.*

A concern was raised that the acceptance of a contribution from English Rural, albeit speculatively by them, could lead to inference of bias towards them if a project progressed and housing associations were invited to bid. A proposal was made that the offer by English Rural not be accepted and the cost to the Parish Council be agreed up to £2,000; the cost of this would come from funds vired from the HR budget categories where savings had been made due to the clerk's temporary contract with no pension contributions being made, and the deputy clerk's vacancy.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

*Cllrs Norton Mahy and Graham Lee re-entered the room.*

**69.2.3** *To note the NHC public consultation 'Have your say on our Common Housing Allocation Scheme' and to agree any action.*

<https://northhertscouncil.civilspace.io/en/projects/common-housing-allocation-scheme/engagements/have-your-say-on-our-common-housing-allocation-scheme/sections/1>

It was agreed that this be publicised through the website.

**Action: Clerk**

69.3 Section 106. *To receive an update from Cllrs Norton Mahy and Chris Button and agree any actions. See 68.3 above.*

69.4 Green Energy & EV Charging Infrastructure. *To receive an update from Cllrs Ian Duffy and Graham Lee and agree any actions.*

Cllr Graham Lee reported that he had circulated the notes he had made following his meeting with interested parishioner Anne Fletcher. These had included a number of proposals for research and engagement. He noted that the Parish Council had declared a 'Climate Emergency' in 2020. Further engagement with the group in the Mordens was agreed for potential, realistic ideas to be shared.

69.5 Yearbook. *To receive an update from Cllr Norton Mahy and agree any actions.*

Cllr Norton Mahy reported that, assuming there were no concerns re the proposed advertising rates, he would commence contact with potential advertisers from Monday; no concerns were raised. It was agreed that he would progress with obtaining print quotes. A suggestion was made that only a digital issue of the Yearbook be made. Cllr Norton Mahy responded that 'green' issues had been considered by the group and some adopted eg, use of FSC paper etc. The view was held that many still appreciated a print copy; there would also be an impact on the advertising to be considered. It was agreed that when the next edition was published households would be individually requested as to whether they would be happy not to receive a print copy for future editions.

## 70 Reports from Committees

70.1 HR Committee.

70.1.1 *To note the meeting held on 13 September 2023. To receive any further reports from the HR Committee and agree any further actions.. See item 66.2 above re minutes.*

It was noted that the minutes had been approved and would be made available to the public.

70.1.1 *To note the advert for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk positions and agree any further actions.*

<https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/news2/vacancies-for-clerk/>

It was agreed that the responses to the vacancy advert be discussed and the next steps agreed in a private session at the end of the meeting.

Exclusion of Press and Public. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of agenda item 70.1.1 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely, and respectively, to consider matters re HR.

It was **resolved** that this be accepted.

*Public minute.*

It was agreed that all the applicants be invited to meet with the Chair and Clerk to give them a fuller briefing on the roles and responsibilities involved and to determine their suitability for these. Further more formal interviews would be considered following this. **Action: Clerk/Graham**

## 71 Reports from parish councillors on premises and other responsibilities



71.1 The Springs. Cllr Martin Hoffman reported that a date was pending from the contractor for the tree works. Minor repairs pending to fencing and steps; nothing to report. A meeting with the volunteer group Greening Ashwell was to be scheduled. **Action: Clerk**

71.2 St Mary's Churchyard Grounds Maintenance. It was reported that St Mary's had now confirmed that the works to the two Holm Oaks adjacent to the property in Swan Street could progress without a Faculty from the Diocese; the required conservation area permission would now be applied for. The strimming of the wild area and hedge cutting was a little behind schedule due to delays caused by the weather but had now commenced.

**Action: Clerk**

71.3 War Memorial. A refreshed insurance valuation was pending. **Action: Clerk**

71.4 Cemetery. A refreshed insurance valuation for the Chapel was pending. **Action: Clerk**

71.5 Recreation Ground including the playground, pavilion and public toilets. Cllr Graham Lee reported that there had been no progress on the proposed upgrade of facilities due to a significant shortfall in funding.

71.6 Rights of Way. *To note the information from the HCC officer re their proposals for a change of status to the Ruddery.*

Cllr Graham Lee reported that further information from the HCC officer had been sought; there was no further update.

71.7 Street furniture.

71.7.1 Litter bin survey (Cllr Norton Mahy). *To note the agreement with NHC to review the location and number of litter bins on the streets that they are responsible for emptying. To receive a report from Cllr Mahy and agree any further action. See appendix D plan of existing locations.*

Cllr Norton Mahy reported that the contract NHC had with their supplier who emptied the bins stipulated a maximum of 16 bins. A survey of the existing locations was ongoing with a view to relocating some and possibly refurbishing or replacing others. A suggestion was made that a section106 claim might fund this.

71.7.2 Seats. *To note the ongoing communications with the WI re their desire to sponsor the replacement of the existing seat in Angells Meadow that is in poor condition and agree any action.*

71.8 *To receive any other premises/responsibilities reports.* None received.

## 72 Reports to the Council

*To receive reports from representatives from outside bodies, local authorities and agencies.*

*Standing Orders were suspended.*

72.1 County Councillor Steve Jarvis reported on works pending to the trees adjacent to the Recreation Ground in Lucas Lane, the SID (Speed Indicator Device) in Newnham Way (see also 67.2 above), and the proposal for yellow lines in Hodwell.

It was agreed that a date for a Highways Liaison meeting be set. **Action: Clerk**

A parishioner reported his concern at the change of speed limit where the 20mph zone ended at the Ruddery. He was of the view that 'green lanes' should have a lower speed limit.

72.2 District Councillor Tom Tyson reported that no date had yet been set for the NHC Planning Control Committee to consider the Hunts Close application. *See also 68.3 above.* He commented on the litter bin rationalisation. *See 71.1.1 above.*

He reported that Urban & Civic were to hold a further drop in session on plans for the North of Baldock extension in late October/early November.

He noted the current NHC consultation on the review of polling stations and the request to parishes to publicise.

**Action: Clerk**

## 73 Village Matters

73.1 North of Baldock extension and communications with Urban & Civic. *See 72.2 above.*

73.2 Collapsed wall in Gardiners Lane. *To note the request from the householder and agree any action.* County Councillor Steve Jarvis confirmed the view that the wall was very unlikely to be the responsibility of Highways. It was agreed to check whether the Land Registry documents included any relevant information and then to respond accordingly.

**Action: Clerk**

*Standing Orders were reinstated.*

## 74 Finance and Governance

74.1 Budget tracking and the monthly summary of accounts. *To note the information up to 30 September 2023 circulated to parish councillors after the end of the month. Proposal that the summary of receipts and payments be issued with the draft minutes and the two nominated parish councillors sign off the accounts in accordance with internal control procedures.*

*It was resolved that the proposal be accepted. See appendix below.* **Action: Clerk**

74.1.1 *Proposals to approve payment/accept quotes for the following items not specifically detailed, or above the sum allocated, in the set budget.*

74.1.1.1 Grounds maintenance works at the Recreation Ground. *Proposal to agree the quote in hand for (i) barrier to protect the new hedging alongside Station Road, (ii) installation of reinforced surfacing material at the new pedestrian entrance. See item 56.2.2 September 2023 council meeting.*

It was noted that there were now two quotes. A proposal was made to accept one on the basis of price, previous good works by the supplier and ability to meet a deadline.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

74.1.1.2 Housing Needs Survey. *See 69.2.1 above.*

74.1.1.3 Grant to St Mary's Church as a contribution towards hosting the Post Office in the Parish Rooms. *Proposal to agree their request.*

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

74.1.2 *Proposal to seek quotations for purchasing (on a monthly fee basis) an accountancy software package suitable for providing digital invoice approval, budget monitoring and reporting of Parish Council finances.*

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**



*74.1.3 Proposal to approve transfer of funds greater than £10,000 (Financial Regulation 5.5c) from the current account to the savings account now that the second half of the precept (£48,175.00) has been received.*

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

*74.2 Audit 2022-23. To note the completion within the deadline of 30 September, the response from the External Auditor and the publication of the required documents including the Notice of Conclusion.*

This was noted.

*74.3 Budget setting for 2024-25. To note the timetable, ie discussion and preparation of a first draft by the Finance Committee (all councillors are members) in October, final proposal to November or December council meeting, agreed pre-cept figure to NHC in January. To agree a date for a meeting of the Finance Committee to commence this.*

It was agreed to circulate potential dates for the meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

*74.4 Co-option(s). To receive any applications and agree how these to be handled. See minute 56.2.3 September Council. See link below to document 'Co-options: Qualifications & Appointments process'.*

<https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/parish-council/roles-and-responsibilities/>

None received.

*74.5 Council documents: Ongoing review of Policies and Procedures following the election of the new Parish Council in May 2023.*

*74.5.1 Public Participation in Council Meetings. See minute 56.1 September Council. Proposal to adopt a protocol based on the HAPTC model. See appendix E.*

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

*74.5.2 Complaints Policy. See minute 63.4.6 September Council. Proposal to replace the current policy based on the NALC model and adopt one based on the SLCC model. See appendix F1 SLCC model and appendix F2 SLCC model with amendments.*

It was noted that the principle of adopting model policies had previously been agreed. It was proposed that the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) model with amendments be adopted assuming that the amendments were endorsed as acceptable by HAPTC (Hertfordshire Association of Town & Parish Councils).

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk/Graham**

*74.5.3 Code of Conduct. See minute 63.4.7 September Council. Proposal to adopt a new Code as requested by NHC that is consistent with the document provided by them and based on the Local Government Association model. See appendix G.*

It was noted that this had been approved in principle at the September Council meeting. NHC had been asked if they could supply a Word version that could be suitably tailored for Ashwell Parish Council as the original document supplied was their NHC version, ie with their header and wording appropriate to a district council, eg 'Cabinet', 'political groups', etc. The tailored version was now being proposed to be formally adopted.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be accepted.

**Action: Clerk**

Meeting closed to the public and press at 9.40pm

Appendix item 68: planning summary.

*Signed*

*Date*

Summary of consultations on recent planning and listed building applications received from NHC up to 05 October 2023				
To view all the documents relating to an application put the NHC reference number into the planning search box <a href="https://pa2.north-herts.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://pa2.north-herts.gov.uk/online-applications/</a>				
Address	Application ref. Number	Brief description	Ashwell PC response to NHC consultation (see also minute reference)	North Herts Decision
Ashfield, Springhead	23/02166/FPH	Full Permission Householder: Alterations to existing fenestration including insertion of first floor front doors with Juliette balcony and roof lights to existing rear roof slope. Erection of boundary wall and gate following removal of existing wall.	October Council meeting 68.1.1 No objection	Pending
Kirby Manor Farm, Northfield Road	23/02019/PNQ	Prior Approval Class Q Agric to Dwelling: Conversion of existing agricultural barn to provide 4 residential units (two 2-bed, one 3-bed and one 4-bed) with all associated building works.	October Council meeting 68.1.2 Concerns raised re design and sustainability; agreed to support the objections of neighbours.	Application withdrawn 03/10/2023
42 Silver Street	23/02239/FPH	Permission Householder : Erection of home office/storage outbuilding following demolition of existing shed.	October Council meeting 68.1.3 No objection	Pending
Blackberry Barn, Loves Lane	23/01788/FPH	Single storey side/rear extension to connect cottage and annexe buildings and insertion of rooflights to annexe roofslope.	September Council meeting 57.1.1 No objection	Granted 12/09/2023
92 Ashwell Street	23/01557/FPH	Single storey rear extension, replace existing windows and doors and insertion of rooflights to existing rear roofslope. Erection of rear side elevation boundary fence following demolition of existing rear detached outbuilding.	No objection	Granted 29/08/2023
Solar Farm: Land West of Ashwell Road, Bygrave SG7 5EB	22/00741/FP	Amendments to application previously considered <i>see also below</i>	Planning committee meeting 26 July 2023. Objection.	NHC Planning committee 14/09/2023: Decision deferred
Solar Farm: Land West of Ashwell Road, Bygrave SG7 5EB	22/00741/FP	<u>New consultation on amendments</u> Full Planning Permission: Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm including battery energy storage; continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works.	Objection. January Council meeting 69.1.1 <i>Previous response to NHC: Objection</i> <i>See June Council 2022, 18.1.4</i>	
128 Ashwell Street	23/01159/FP	Erection of a two storey five-bed dwelling with a single storey 1-bed attached annexe to front elevation and detached garage following demolition of existing bungalow	No objection, subject to defined planning conditions: obscured glass on all east and west elevation windows which overlook neighbouring properties, garage not to be converted to double storey or habitable accommodation, construction working hours 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, retain existing side hedge, mixed native hedging to be established on front boundary to height of 8-10 ft, construction traffic to access village via Claybush Road or Slip End Road. July 19 Planning Committee.	Granted 30/08/2023
Dixies Meadow High Street	23/00666/FP	Erection of 12 dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping, creation of vehicular access, public open space and children's play area.	Objection. See minutes Planning C'ttee 08 Apr. Also April Council 87.1	NHC Planning committee 14/09/2023 REFUSED
Land to the east of 5, Ashwell Street	23/00718/FP	Erection of one detached 3-bedroom dwelling with associated garage/carport including landscaping and creation of vehicular access off Ashwell Street	No objection. April Council meeting 89.1.6	Granted 19/06/2023
Land Between Hunts Ridge And Ashwell House no 5, High Street (known as Hunts Close)	22/03094/FP	Erection of 14 dwellings including creation of access from Ashwell Street, footpath link to Lucas Lane, associated infrastructure, public open space and landscaping	Objection. See January Council meeting 69.1.1 AND Planning Committee meeting (Sat 07 at 10am)	Pending

Appendix item 74.1: monthly accounts summary.

Signed

Date

ACCOUNTS - Summary for 1st to 30th September 2023					
RECEIPTS					£
R59	Santander	Reserve account interest			67.36
R60	Nevilles Funeral Services	Rent for Chapel of Rest (September)			68.75
R61	Mrs J Rogers	Memorial bench			110.00
R62	North Herts District Council	Half of Precept for 2023-2024			48,175.00
R63	Frankland	CW:23.19			300.00
R64	Austin	CW:23.07			490.00
R65	Newlings	CW:23.22			175.00
R66	Newlings	CW:23.09			1,675.00
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				Total	£51,061.11
PAYMENTS			£ less VAT	VAT	£ inc VAT
P105	DUO	Inv 11336 webhosting	25.00	5.00	30.00
P106	Brilliant Lawns	Inv 11400 Grass cutting	135.50	0.00	135.50
P107	DHH Garden Services	Inv 3864 Grounds maintenance	770.83	154.17	925.00
P108	The Wright Accounts Services Ltd	INV-01164 Bookkeeping	280.00	0.00	280.00
P109	Edwards Cleaning & Maintenance	Inv 02542 Cleaning of toilets at Rec	200.00	0.00	200.00
P110	E-On	Inv KI-E3D82FD1-0027 Electric Pavilion	150.58	7.53	158.11
P111	Ashwell Village News	Invoice no. 2634 Advert for clerk	14.00	0.00	14.00
P112	Gearing Landscape	Inv-31372 Track repairs to small gains track	850.00	170.00	1020.00
P113	Castle Water	Inv 10000248879 Pavilion water	6.82	0.00	6.82
P114	E-On	Inv KI-18B0255C-0028 Electric Toilets 1-31/8/23	31.91	1.60	33.51
P115	Brilliant Lawns	Inv 11406 Fertiliser - Recreational grounds	533.50	0.00	533.50
P116	Brilliant Lawns	Inv 11403 Grass cutting	135.50	0.00	135.50
P117	Gallagher	Insurance	3,931.11	0.00	3931.11
P118	Ashwell Housing association	Inv 13 Electric usage	450.00	0.00	450.00
P119	ECO (A Beddall)	Environmental Cleansing Officer salary	262.82	0.00	262.82
P120	Clerk (J C M Porter)	Clerk salary	1,518.13	0.00	1518.13
P121	Grounds Officer (M Chandler)	Grounds Officer salary	167.60	0.00	167.60
P122	HMRC	PAYE	654.20	0.00	654.20
			10,117.50	338.30	
				Total	£10,455.80
MONEY AT BANK					
		Current Account 30/09/2023	43,027.84		
		Reserve Account 30/09/2023	75,213.73		
		Total cash	£118,241.57		