



HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

**Minutes for a Meeting of the Association held on
Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 7.30 pm
at Zebon Community Centre, Danvers Drive, Church Crookham GU52 0ZE**

PRESENT

Name	Position	Parish/Town Council	
Jane Worlock	Chairman	HDAPTC	
BW - Trish Monks		Blackwater & Hawley	BW
Gareth Saunders		Church Crookham	CC
David Jackson		Crookham Village	CV
Simon Ambler		Crookham Village	CV
Julia Ambler		Crookham Village	CV
Ann Fillis		Dogmersfield	DO
Bob Schofield		Fleet	FL
Emma Foy		Hart DC	HDC
Liz Tomlinson		Hook	HO
Diana Harvey		Hartley Wintney	HW
Angela McFarlane		Odiham	OD
Pam Verdon		Odiham	OD
Ruth Brooker		Rotherwick	RO
Meyrick Williams		Winchfield	WI
Richard Milnes-James		Winchfield	WI
Bob McSorley		Yateley	YA
Nick Maslin		Hook History Group	
Dawn Hamblett		HALC	
Martin Whittaker	Secretary	HDAPTC	

21/545	Introduction and Welcome All were welcomed by the new Chairman of HDAPTC, Jane Worlock.	
21/546	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from: David Argent – Crondall, Tony Spencer – Yateley, Paul King – Hook.	
21/547	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th July 2021 The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Meyrick Williams, seconded by Jane Worlock.	

	All being in agreement, they were duly signed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
21/548	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>21/537 Road closures: Meyrick Williams asked if John Elson had come back on this. Emma Foy offered to obtain an update. Pam Verdon reported that Odiham had had a session with John Elson about this topic.</p>	Foy
21/549	<p>Presentation by Nick Maslin, Hook History Group: 'Mapping the Heritage of Hart District'</p> <p>After a well-received presentation, Nick announced that his book "Mapping the Heritage of Hart District" was available from him (07708 426850 or hooklocalhistory@hotmail.co.uk), but was also on sale for £10 from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees Newsagents Hook & Odiham • Antiques Centre Hartley, Wintney. <p>with the proceeds going to Odiham Cottage Hospital Trust charity.</p>	
21/550	<p>Hart District Council Update – Head of Corporate Services & s.151 Officer, Emma Foy</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Hi, my name is Emma Foy. I am the Head of Corporate Services at Hart District Council I have been there for just over a year and I look after the back office services: finance; HR, IT, comms, elections, committees and commercial.</p> <p>This is the first meeting I have come to and we will rotate as HoS and JCEX between each of your meetings so you will see someone different each time.</p> <p>Covid Update</p> <p>Recent data is showing our District as being the highest in the South East and at more than 600 cases per 100,000 people. The Joint Chief Executive Patricia Hughes is in regular contact with the regional Public Health Officials and we understand that it is the school community where the virus has been spreading recently.</p> <p>We therefore continue to recommend taking care, hand washing, optional mask wearing.</p> <p>County Deal</p> <p>Last month, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson announced new 'County Deals' as part of his vision for 'levelling up' across the UK with the aim of benefitting local communities. Government has asked for expressions of interest for County Deals by quick return.</p> <p>County are leading on this work and are now starting to consult with Districts, I believe there is a meeting for all District Chief Executives this week to discuss this further.</p> <p>I am not sure whether you have been contacted by County yet but I am sure they will want to consult and include everyone in discussions.</p> <p>Budget deficit for next year</p> <p>The council is currently working on its Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget for next year. This is a significant task as it is likely that we have</p>	

	<p>now seen the end of new homes bonus which provided the Council with E1.5m of funding each year. We will find out more on the 27th October when we receive our provisional local Government. Settlement from Central Government. There are already papers out to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the website which detail the savings required over the next two financial years after this one if you would like to read about it on the website.</p> <p>Parish Clerks Forum</p> <p>I am also using this opportunity to trial the Idea of a biannual parish clerks forum. This was forum that I had in place in my previous authorities and enabled clerks to get peer support and information around Section 106, CIL when It comes in, Council Tax Base calculations, precepts etc. If this is something that would be welcomed I would like to organise the first one for December when the tax bases for each parish are released by Capita.</p>	
21/551	<p>Parish Questions for Hart District Council</p> <p>Martin Whittaker pointed out that a local clerks forum had already been arranged for December and wondered if it could be combined with the one described above. Emma thought that this would be possible, and could be hosted by Hart. She would like about 45 minutes for her presentation and questions. Martin offered to discuss with the clerks.</p> <p>Liz Tomlinson asked if the s.106 owing to Hook would be paid soon Emma offered to liaise with Hook Clerk tomorrow. Anybody else needing such information should contact Emma emma.foy@hart.gov.uk.</p> <p>Emma also said she would be happy to attend PC meetings if required.</p>	<p>Whittaker</p> <p>Foy</p>
21/552	<p>Parish Reports</p>	
1.	<p>Crondall</p> <p>Nothing very dramatic has happened in Crondall of late.</p> <p>However I do have to report that our excellent Chair, Matt Roberts, has recently and unavoidably resigned - he's a member of the armed forces and has been posted overseas for what will probably be a period of a couple of years – he will be greatly missed. Parish Cllrs will be asked to elect a new Chair at its next meeting.</p> <p>Otherwise:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm pleased to report that we are very fortunate to still have a thriving village shop following its sale by its long-term owner, Nippy Singh; • Less pleased to report what, at least subjectively, seems to be a substantial increase in traffic through (but not visiting) the village, probably caused by the diversions in place in connection with the work on the new roundabout on the A287; and • And can only report no concrete news (but lots of rumours) as to the long-term future of what used to be Oak Park golf course! 	
2.	<p>Odiham</p> <p>The former branch library has re-opened as a book exchange, open to all including non-Odiham people. The Bridewell building freehold is being transferred. Now updating conservation area, working with HDC conservation officer. Draft on</p>	

	<p>website. Village Centre action plan is being developed with HDC and will shortly be going out for review.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Yateley</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>Activities are happening slowly and events have been taking place.</p> <p>The first Arts & Crafts Fair took place in Darby Green and we will organise subsequent Arts & Crafts Fairs, following this successful pilot.</p> <p>Gig on the Green went ahead, as did the “Summer Fayre” in August, this was organised by Yateley Lions. At this event YTC had a marquee where the “Local Hero” were recognised for the outstanding contributions made by individuals and organisation, during the Pandemic.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>We are nearing the point of submission of our Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Planning Committee will undertake a full review of the draft Submission Neighbourhood Plan, prior to it being taken to Full Council on 25th October for final ratification.</p> <p>There may be some minor changes to the text prior to it being issued for Full Council, but no substantive policy changes will be made.</p> <p>Once the document has been approved by Full Council, it will be handed over to Hart District Council to process stages 15 & 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning regulations. Hart will then be responsible for the remaining stages of the Plan, including the Independent Examination and Referendum, but the Steering Group will be responsible for responding to any queries relating to the policies in the Plan.</p> <p>Yateley Town Website</p> <p>We are in the final stages of updating our website to more adequately meet our needs. Final functional testing is taking place at present and it is anticipated that the new website will go live the first week in November.</p> <p>The new website has been designed to accommodate development in the future, which was not the case with the existing site.</p> <p>Traveller Transit Site in Hart</p> <p>During the past year, Yateley parish has been affected by four traveller encampments, all of which have been on Town Council land and private land. This has cost the Town in excess of £10K, but has also created some very negative issues around these incidents.</p> <p>If other councils have not been affected by this situation, don’t be complacent it could easily happen in your Town / Parish.</p> <p>Yateley Town Council has long been an advocate for traveller transit provisions to be made and would welcome support from other Town & Parish councils in asking for Hart District Council to consider this matter further.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“The Hart District Council – Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (March 2020) suggests that, due to the low number of unauthorised encampments, there is no current need for a transit site.”</p> <p>We feel, however, that the recent encampments, in our parish alone, highlights a change in traveller needs, that potentially could be met in the district. The needs of our parishioners must also be considered as there is considerable unrest during</p>	

	<p>encampments. The lack of a transit site only serves to further stigmatise travellers, reinforce racial stereotypes and widen the gap of understanding between the traveller and settled communities.</p> <p>We would like Hart District Council to take a proactive approach to seeking potential transit sites (call for sites) and to evaluate the matters of encampments in the district, so that the true needs of travellers can be identified. Such an assessment could easily be incorporated into the Local Plan review process, that is due to start towards the end of this year.</p> <p>We would be more than happy to support this process, where possible, and believe that this is not so much a Yateley issue, but one that affects the whole district, needing a district wide solution.</p>	
4.	<p>Rotherwick</p> <p>Bunkers Hill Solar Farm: allowing this would result in 5 solar farms in a small area, with an unknown effect on the River Whitewater.</p> <p>Fly tipping an increasing problem and is being reported on Fix My Street.</p> <p>Woodland Trust has provided trees for planting in the parish.</p>	
5.	<p>Dogmersfield</p> <p>An application for a Battery Storage Unit on the parish border has been granted at appeal. This goes against to Neighbourhood and Local plans but national interest is deemed more important.</p> <p>Tree planting - 800 will be planted this autumn, all on private land.</p>	
6.	<p>Crookham Village</p> <p>Most of the council's time is spent on planning applications.</p> <p>Currently developing a new Hall facility.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan is in place and earning its keep but doesn't always work.</p> <p>Conservation area is in need of a refresh.</p> <p>The council is running a greening campaign, but at the last meeting on two people turned up, despite initial enthusiasm.</p>	
7.	<p>Fleet</p> <p>Harlington Centre has reopened.</p> <p>Council has received a donation of 4000 crocus bulbs. Also getting 500 trees from Woodland Trust.</p> <p>The Christmas festival is returning this year.</p>	
8.	<p>Hook</p> <p>Rugby pitches are progressing, hoped to be in use by Sept 2022.</p> <p>2 large trees came down recently, so revisited tree survey and changed from 5 to 3 years. It revealed that 27 trees that need urgent felling, and many other areas of work.</p> <p>Geffery's House: The Worshipful Company of Ironmongers is selling the site for housing, with residents moved to their site in Basingstoke.</p> <p>Anne Atkins has retired as Clerk/Executive Officer after 20 years.</p>	

9.	<p>Winchfield</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan is being updated (was approved in 2017). Currently looking at housing need surveys and rural exception sites, possibly reserved for Winchfield residents.</p> <p>There is a piece of land in the parish that has an s.52 order to say it should never be developed. Many developments have been proposed and refused, but recently land sold to a developer who split it into 7 and sold it with the expectation of planning permission being easy. Planning enforcement order was served and is being appealed. The s.52 should be in perpetuity but awaiting the Inspectors decision.</p>	
10.	<p>Blackwater and Hawley</p> <p>After the loss of a local football club due to poor pitch maintenance, managed to get FA funding and s.106 to renew the pitches. The football club has now come back.</p> <p>Opened a café in lockdown last year which has been really successful. Been replacing cameras and alarms, because of investment in maintenance equipment and issues with fly tipping.</p>	
21/553	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
1.	<p>Updating the Constitution</p> <p>The current constitution seems to be dated 2009 and only exists as a draft. Jane Worlock is in the process of reviewing it.</p>	
2.	<p>Website and email</p> <p>Website: Jane has arranged meeting with the Hart comms officer on Friday to see how it could be done without a budget.</p>	
3.	<p>Appeal for Secretary</p> <p>Martin Whittaker, Clerk to Dogmersfield PC, has volunteered. He can be contacted at clerk@dogmersfield-pc.gov.uk or 01252 214054</p>	
4.	<p>Verbal report on HALC County Executive meeting (25/09) – Chairman</p> <p>Key item is that there will be no HALC membership increase this year. The HALC AGM will take place on</p>	
5.	<p>Basingstoke Canal</p> <p>David Jackson asked for any issues to be passed to him in time for its meeting on 10 November (david.jackson@crookhamvillage.org.uk).</p>	
21/554	<p>Dates and Venues for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 11 January 2022, 7.30pm – Venue TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was suggested that, because of Shapley Heath, Daryl Phillips should attend this meeting Chairman to invite). Bob Schofield will check availability of the Harlington Centre. • Tuesday, 12 April 2022, 7.30pm – Venue TBD • Tuesday, 12 July 2022, 7.30pm (AGM) – Venue TBD 	<p>Worlock Schofield</p>