

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 9 March from 8pm until 9.18pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr Graham Addicott OBE

Cllr Paul White
Cllr John Davies
Cllr John Wright

Parish Clerk: Tracy Still

Also Present: County Cllr Mike Baldock
Borough Cllr Alan Horton
Borough Cllr Richard Palmer

22/18 Apologies for Absence

Absent with apologies: Cllr Peter Boundy – unwell

22/19 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman reminded Councillors of their duty to declare any interests.
None were declared.

22/20 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting of 9 February 2022 were proposed by Cllr Paul White and seconded by Cllr John Wright.
All Councillors in attendance at the February meeting were in agreement that the minutes were a true and accurate record.
The Chairman signed the minutes as required under the Local Government Act 1972 (sch. 12).

22/21 Matters arising from the Minutes

See also Chair's Report.

22/4: Hartlip Parish Council will participate in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign 'The Great British Spring Clean' on Saturday 26 March 2022 between 9am and 11.30am

Volunteers will meet in the Rose and Crown pub car park.

Cllr Davies had attended a training session organised by SBC.

Safety clothing and litter pickers will be supplied by SBC.

Information will be publicised on HPC Website and in the Forum.

22/7: A 'HPC Reports in the Forum' page had been set up on the website and the monthly HPC Report published in the Forum will be uploaded.

22/8: 'My Community Voice' information had been published in the Forum.

22/22 Public Questions

No members of the public were in attendance.

22/23 Parish Highways Improvement Plan

The Chair had contacted the KCC Divisional Engineer regarding the damaged playground signage on Munns Lane and a reply had been received confirming that the work will be carried out.

Cllr Wright raised the matter of horse signage on the Lower Hartlip Road. This matter he had raised before but it had not been included in the agreed Highways Improvement Plan or KCC scheme.

The speed check requested for Mill Lane took place in January 2022. HPC were awaiting the results. The Chair will contact County Cllr Baldock to ask that he follow up on this matter.

22/24 Report of Chair

Swale Area Committee Meeting

The Chair had attended the Swale Area Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2022.

The representative from KCC Highways had been unwilling to attend the meeting.

The Agricultural Bill 2020 had been on the agenda for discussion.

Western Area Committee Meeting

The Chair had attended the Western Area Committee Meeting on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

Closed church yards had been a topic for discussion.
Hartlip Conservation Area audit, which is on the list of Conservation Areas to be reviewed, was raised.
County Cllr Mike Baldock will be requesting that a costing of the audit be undertaken.

The Chair asked colleagues to ensure that they had familiarised themselves with relevant matters so that discussion could take place in due course.

Cllrs agreed that the Chair will contact Peter Anslow to enquire if he would be Interested in assisting in any way.

Action: Chair

22/25 Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters

The HPC NHW Coordinator had contacted the Parish Council to seek confirmation that she continue in this capacity.
Cllrs accepted her offer to remain as HPC NHW Coordinator for the time being.

PCSO Holmes had been asked to attend this Parish Council meeting to further discuss 'My Community Voice'. She did not attend nor apologised for absence nor submitted a report.

The lack of attendance of Hartlip's PCSO and presence within the parish was discussed and Borough Councillor Richard Palmer confirmed that he would enquire about these matters.

22/26 HPC Amenities: Councillor Reports

- i. Recreation Ground
The Parish Council had received a report of golf being practiced in the Recreation Ground which may cause a hazard to persons and animals using the area.
- ii. The Parkland
Four trees had fallen during Storm Eunice.
Peter Rayfield had been contacted to remove the trees and repair damaged fencing.
- iii. The Allotments
Nothing to report.

Proposed Purchase: Nothing to report.

22/27 Other HPC Responsibilities: Councillor Reports

- i. Hartlip Village Hall
Nothing to report.

- ii. Highways
Nothing to report.
- iii. Footpaths
Nothing to report.
- iv. The War Memorial
Nothing to report.
- v. The Village Pond
Cllr Addicott and Cllr Wright had contacted the land owners to advise them of the installation of a bench on parish land south of the village pond to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

22/28 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council had been informed that the Friends of Hartlip Church would like to organise a street party on The Street, outside the church and school, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June. HPC raised no objection to the proposal and related road closure.

HPC will mark the occasion as follows:

- Hartlip's Beacon, situated on the allotment land adjacent to Hartlip Village Hall, will be lit at the appointed time of 9.45pm.
- A piper has been arranged as part of the beacon lighting ceremony and will play the specially composed, Dieu Regnare at 9.35pm.
- A suitably inscribed bench is to be installed on the small area of parish land south of the village pond.
- 7 trees, possibly oaks, are to be planted on The Parkland. Each tree will represent a decade of Queen Elizabeth's reign. A plaque will be installed beside them.

HPC will publish the programme of national events in the Forum together with a summary of Hartlip activities.

Action: Chair

22/29 County and Borough Councillor's Reports

County Cllr Baldock reported that the KCC Highways budget had seen a large cut.

KCC are yet to appoint a Traffic Highways Officer.

The next meeting of Swale West Parishes will take place on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at Hartlip Village Hall. A representative from Age UK will attend to discuss how Parish Councils could support vulnerable residents.

Borough Cllr Palmer reported on Kayne's Farm, Breach Lane and confirmed that he would seek to campaign against any approved planning applications. Fly tipping had been reported on the Lower Hartlip Road.

Following the decision of the February Meeting, HPC Chair had submitted a letter expressing the Parish Council's support of the initiative to prevent

HGV's using the A2 from Key Street into the Medway Area (A2/A278 Link Road, Gillingham) other than for access.

Borough Cllr Horton confirmed that SBC Highways were yet to appoint a new Traffic Highways Officer resulting in delays of delivery.

Cllr Horton advised HPC Cllrs to sign up to Highways England to receive newsletters and updated information regarding M2/A249 Junction 5 improvements and road closures.

22/30 Clerk and Finance Report

The Chairman had received the draft documents prior to the meeting for checking and correction as per normal practice.

The Bank Reconciliation and Finance Report were presented to the Parish Council.

These were approved by the Parish Council and signed and dated by the Chairman.

Cheques were presented for signing.

Royal British Legion	Tree Plaque/Queen's Jubilee	£ 154.99
Branson Leisure	Commemorative Bench/Village Pond	£ 991.20
T Still	Clerk Salary & Expenses February 2022	<u>£ 221.59</u>
		<u>£1,367.78</u>

22/31 Planning Matters

i. Applications received since the February Meeting.

Application Ref: 22/500934/AGRIC

Prior notification for the erection of agricultural barn.

For its prior approval at 1, The Barn, Old House Lane, Hartlip.

(Objection)

Application Ref: 22/500809/SUB

Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (details of fencing or means of enclosure) and 9 (storage/disposal of animal waste) of application

21/503629/FULL at Hartlip Barn, Sweepstakes Farm, Lower Hartlip Road.

(Under consideration)

Application Ref: 22/500840

Submission of details pursuant to condition 4 (joinery details) and 6 (timber privacy screen) of application 19/500852 at Sweepstakes Farm, Lower Hartlip Road.

(No comments)

Application Ref: 22/500540/FULL

Demolition of 2 commercial premises (Use Class E) and removal of residential mobile home and erection of 5 dwellings together with associated parking

and landscaping at Digswell, Lower Hartlip Road.
(Under Consideration)

ii. **Enforcements**

The Chair had attended a meeting with George Mynehan, SBC Planning Enforcement Officer and his assistant at which the numerous outstanding enforcement issues in Hartlip were discussed and information provided to HPC.

22/32 Correspondence

None

22/33 Information Items

None

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 8.00pm.

Signed

Date