

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 14 July 2021 from 8pm until 9.40pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr Graham Addicott OBE

Cllr John Davies
Cllr Klaire Lander
Cllr Paul Williams
Cllr John Wright

Parish Clerk: Tracy Still

Also Present: Borough Cllr Alan Horton
Councillor G Moody, Stockbury Parish Council

21/99 Apologies for Absence

Absent without apologies: Cllr Peter Boundy.

Absent with apologies: Cllr Paul White, County Cllr Mike Baldock, Borough Cllr Richard Palmer.

21/100 Declarations of Interest

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

21/101 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting of 9 June 2021 were proposed by Cllr Paul Williams and seconded by Cllr John Wright.
All Councillors in attendance at the June 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).

21/102 Matters arising from the Minutes

See also Chair's Report.

21/87: The Recreation Ground

No further progress on the emptying of the rubbish bin.

21/87: The Parkland

Quotations still needed for stop cock water leak.

Action: Clerk

21/90: Consultation to agree Listing Criteria for Local Heritage List.

The Chair had responded, on behalf of the Parish Council, in support of the proposals outlined in the consultation.

21/103 Public Questions

No members of the public were in attendance.

21/104 Parish Highways Improvement Plan

The Chair had received confirmation that the scheme had been approved with work scheduled for early August subject to weather conditions.

Action: Chair

21/105 Report of Chair

SBC Planning Enforcement Policy

The Chair had submitted an in-depth response to SBC consultation on its draft Planning Enforcement Strategy and Charter.

Councillors had received a copy for information.

M2 Motorway Noise

The Chair had written to Highways England, on behalf of the Parish Council, regarding concerns about increased and increasingly intrusive noise emanating from the M2 between junctions 4 and 5.

A reply received from Highways England confirmed that regulations set out by DEFRA had concluded that Hartlip did not lie within a Noise Important Area (NIA) and therefore noise mitigation measures could not be implemented.

HP Cllrs expressed concern that the close proximity of the motorway to the village and the detrimental effect upon the well-being of residents was not being taken into account.

Councillors agreed that the Chair would write to Gordon Henderson MP to express HPC's concerns. A copy to be sent to all Parish Councils in the local surrounding areas and to Borough Councillors.

Action: Chair

Proposed one way system in South Bush Lane on Boot fair days.

As Chair, I submitted a forceful response to the proposal to introduce a one-way system for the Rainham Boot Fairs.

Grant Monitoring Form for kissing gate grant

Submitted.

Planning Enforcement

The Chair had written to James Freeman, Head of Planning at SBC, regarding a number of enforcement issues but had received no response as yet.

Action: Chair

Spade Lane Outdoor Cinema

It had come to the attention of the Chair that SBC had given consideration to the imposing of an Article 4 Direction on Spade Lane.

SBC had failed to consult HPC on this matter and the Chair would be taking this matter up with them.

Action: Chair

New enforcement matters

HPC had received complaints about several unauthorised developments.

Clerk to report to SBC Planning Enforcement for their consideration.

Action: Clerk

Village Pond

The Chair and Councillor Wright will arrange a site visit and provide the Parish Council with a report and proposal for future maintenance, heritage and conservation work to the Village Pond.

Action: Chair and Cllr Wright

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons.

The Chair has been looking into the proposals for this event and will raise it at a future meeting for discussion.

Councillors approved expenditure to secure the services of a piper for the occasion.

Action: Chair

Local Green Spaces

No further development.

21/106 Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters

HPC had set up a Covid-19 WhatsApp group (Hartlip Chat) during the pandemic specifically and solely to provide support, help and advice in Covid related matters at that time.

In line with the unanimous decision taken at the June meeting the group had been closed.

HPC was pleased that a resident-led WhatsApp group was now set up for general chat needs.

Councillor Wright had cleared a Neighbourhood Watch Sign on the Lower Hartlip Road.

Other Neighbourhood Watch signs around the village will be checked and cleared if required.

Incidents of quad bike abuse had been reported to Kent Police.

21/107 HPC Amenities: Councillor Reports

- i. Recreation Ground
Nothing to report.
- ii. The Parkland
Nothing to report.
- iii. The Allotments.
Nothing to report.

21/108 Other HPC Responsibilities: Councillor Reports

- i. Hartlip Village Hall
The matter of continued unauthorised parking is under consideration.
- ii Highways
Complaints have been received about overgrown hedges and road verges around the parish.
Responsibility lies with land owners to keep hedges cut.
A national initiative by County Councils is in place to reduce the cutting of grass verges unless they interfere with sight lines.
- iii Footpaths
Nothing to report.

21/109 County and Borough Councillor's Reports

Cllr Alan Horton reported that a 1920s Weekend was scheduled to take place in Sittingbourne from Friday 16 July to Sunday 18 July. The event would be fully Covid compliant.

The Citizens Advice Bureau had seen a significant increase in the number of customers and in the level of complexity of issues.

21/110 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 signed and dated by the Chairman.

Cheques were presented for signing.

T Still	Clerk Salary & Expenses June 2021	£ 228.44
Hartlip Village Hall	Hall Hire 01.09.21-31.08.22	<u>£ 241.50</u>
Total:		<u>£ 469.94</u>

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) finance documents had been amended, transferring £6,000 of reserve funds to the Contingency Fund giving a total of £14,000 towards the purchase of the allotments and associated legal costs. The AGAR Bank Reconciliation, Explanation of Variances and Reserves will be displayed on the HPC website.

Action: Clerk

21/111 Planning Matters

- i. Applications received since the June 2021 meeting.

Application Ref: 21/502991/FULL

Removal of small side conservatory and erection of a new enlarged extension to be used as a leisure room at Patrimonia, The Street, Hartlip.

(No objection)

Application Ref: 21/501539

An amended site plan has been submitted in respect of the above application at Ashdown Lodge, The Street, Hartlip.

(No objection in principle)

Application Ref: 14/503384/FULL

18/503627/ FULL

PINS Appeal Ref: APP/V2255/W/19/32408

Appeal against refusal by SBC for change of use of land to permanent use for one Gypsy Traveller family at Farm Lodge, Windmill Farm, Yaugher Lane, Hartlip.

(Objection)

Application Ref: 21/503136/ADV

Advertisement consent sought for 6 signs at the Suzuki site, London Road, Rainham.

(Objection)

Application Ref: 21/502880/FULL

Retrospective application for the creation of a tennis court, swimming pool, erection of swimming pool building, erected of 7 stable buildings and a horse menage at Popes Hall, The Street, Hartlip.

(No objection)

Application Ref: 21/502937/FULL

First floor pitched roof link and dormer window. Removal of patent glazing and insertion of roof lights at Woodpeckers, The Street, Hartlip.

(Amended application)

(No objection)

Application Ref: 21/503261/FULL

Erection of detached garage with office above at Rose Cottage, The Street, Hartlip.

(Views of Tree Officer and Conservation Officer requested)

Licensing Application.

Application for Premises Licence at Christine House, London Road, Rainham.

A premises licence for the sale of alcohol under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, with alcohol being sold from 0800 hrs to 0300 hrs each day.

(Objection)

ii Enforcement

The Chair reported:

Land adjacent to the M2 motorway, Warren Lane.

The caravan had been removed. No further communication had been received from SBC Planning Enforcement regarding a wall that had been erected either side of the entrance to the property.

10 Hartlip Hill – resolved.

Other enforcement matters: no further developments.

21/112 Correspondence

None

21/113 Information Items

Cllr Geoff Moody of Stockbury advised the Parish Council that discussions were taking place to recommence the Stockbury and Hartlip Village Bus service following its closure for 18 months.

Its restart would depend upon the recruitment of a local administrator.

An advertisement for this post would be put in the latest edition of the 'Stockbury Observer' and the 'Forum' publications.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 8.00pm.

Signed

Date