

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 9 November 2022 from 8pm until 9.15pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr Graham Addicott OBE
Cllr Paul White
Cllr Peter Boundy
Cllr John Davies
Cllr John Wright

Parish Clerk: Tracy Still

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

2 members of the public

22/108 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from: PCSO Kirsty Linge

22/109 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman reminded Councillors of their duty to declare any interests.
Cllr John Wright advised that he had been co-opted onto Tunstall Parish Council as a Parish Councillor.

22/110 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting of 12 October 2022 were proposed by Cllr John Wright and seconded by Cllr John Davies.
All Councillors in attendance at the October 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).

22/111 Matters arising from the Minutes

22/99 Golf balls on the Parkland
Clarification regarding the permitted use of The Parkland by residents of the Parish had been published in the Forum.

22/100 ii The Parkland

The Clerk had informed the grazier that Cllrs had agreed that permission would not be granted to put an additional horse on The Parkland.

22/101 ii Highways

A pot hole at the junction of A2/Mill Lane had yet to be reported. Cllr Davies confirmed that the site would be inspected and reported if a repair was still required.

22/112 Public Questions

Two members of the public attended to enquire about the possibility of a twenty mile per hour speed limit for Mill Lane.

The Chairman drew their attention to the Parish Council item in the May 2022 Forum which is also to be found on the Parish Council website.

The item reported on the outcome of the speed survey which the Parish Council had arranged and which had taken place in January 2022.

The analysis of the results by Highways experts had indicated that nothing would be gained by changing the current speed limit and that Mill Lane had a good compliance level.

The speed survey had found only three cars travelling slightly over 40mph. Two of those were at approximately 5am.

The safety record along this road showed one collision since 1980 and that was in 2000.

The three Borough Councillors present added comments to support the view of the Highways Department.

The Parish Council is endeavouring to arrange for speed checks to be carried out in other parts of the Parish to establish if any further speed limit changes can be achieved.

It was suggested that a volunteer speed survey group could be beneficial.

Action: to be discussed at December 2022 meeting

It was reported that bushes were covering speed signs in Mill Lane and these would require cutting back.

Action: Cllr Davies

22/113 Junction 5 of the M2 Road Improvements

Borough Cllr Horton advised that information had been circulated that the scheme was progressing well and was moving onto the next stage of the project.

Cllr White had been scheduled to attend a meeting of local parish councils to discuss the scheme but this had been cancelled by the organisers.

22/114 Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters

PCSO Linge was unable to attend the meeting.

She had explained by email that she now covers six parishes and asked that her direct mobile number should be removed from all websites and newsletters.

Should residents wish to contact the police she asked that they either report the matter on 101 or on the Kent Police website. Any emails sent to her will be dealt with when she is next on duty or available.

HPC finds this situation most unsatisfactory and has expressed its concerns to police senior management.

22/115 Report of Chair

Spade Lane

HPC was provided with an update of recent matters.

Street Cleansing

The Chair called attention to the lack of street cleansing within the Parish and requested that it be carried out periodically every 2-3 months. Borough Cllr Palmer will pursue the matter.

22/116 HPC Amenities: Councillor Reports

i. Recreation Ground

UK Power Networks had cut back branches close to power lines.

ii The Parkland

A planting area for the seven oak trees which HPC had agreed would be planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been outlined by the fencing contractors following the meeting held on 02.11.22 between HPC, Graham Contractor representative and the fencing contractors.

A fence will be installed at least 5 metres from the outer trees to provide adequate distance to prevent horse-tree contact as agreed at a previous HPC Meeting.

A quotation of £1625.00 had been received for the labour and materials for erection of fencing around the area. Cllrs agreed to accept the quotation.

The Chairman had contacted Dan Cawthra of Graham Contractors who had agreed to provide the necessary equipment and men to dig the holes for tree planting. This service will be provided at no cost to HPC.

Delivery of the trees is scheduled for the 5 December 2022 with planting scheduled for the 6 December 2022.

Graziers would be informed of the upcoming work.

Action: Clerk

The boundary fencing of The Parkland will require attention and this will be discussed as necessary.

iii The Allotments

The majority of allotment rents for the period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023 had been received.

22/117 Other HPC Responsibilities: Councillor Reports

i. Hartlip Village Hall

Nothing to report.

ii. Highways

The Chairman reported that a request had been re-lodged with Kent Highways for the repair/replacement of the 'Slow Children' signs in Munns Lane which had been reported for action a considerable time ago.

County Cllr Mike Baldock requested the Chairman provide the job reference number and advised that if the work had not been carried out by the end of November 2022 he would investigate the matter.

Action: Chairman

Cllr Wright will obtain a quotation for hedge cutting on the road side at The Recreation Ground and The Parkland for the upcoming year.

Action: Cllr Wright

iii. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

iv. The War Memorial

Nothing to report.

v. The Village Pond

Nothing to report.

22/118 Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation of His Majesty the King will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 with an extra Bank Holiday scheduled for Monday 8 May 2023.

Cllrs agreed to discuss proposals for celebrations to mark the event in the new year.

22/119 County and Borough Councillor's Reports

County Cllr Mike Baldock reported on the threat of localised flooding and requested an update from HPC of vulnerable areas and properties in the Parish and the location of any storm drains causing concern, for submission of the information to KCC.

Borough Cllr Richard Palmer reported that nuisance bonfires had been reported at Kaynes Farm.

SBC Planning Enforcement Officers had attended land behind Mill Lane as a number of fires had been reported.

22/120 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 for October were presented to the Parish Council.

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

BACS payments were presented for signing.

Commercial Services	Quarterly Grounds Maintenance	£ 650.75
T Still	Clerk Salary October 2022	£ 211.14
T Still	Clerk Expenses October 2022	<u>£ 14.05</u>
		<u>£ 875.94</u>

22/121 Planning Matters

Applications received since the October 2022 meeting.

Application Ref: 22/504790/FULL

Replacement of existing side lean-to roof with new roof with increased eaves height, including installation of 1 roof light and alterations to fenestration at 2 The Barn, Old House Lane, Hartlip, ME9 7SP.

(No objections)

Application Ref: 22/504774/LDCEX

Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of an existing timber building as a self-contained residential dwelling (re-submission of 21/503988) at Oak Barn Farm, Yaugher Lane, Hartlip.

(Objection)

Application Ref: 22/504875/FULL

Erection of two storey rear extension with balcony on first floor and internal alterations at 26 Dane Close, Hartlip.

(No objections subject to any comments by neighbours)

Application Ref: 22/504845/P20ZA

Prior notification for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 dwelling houses at Digswell, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip.

(Objection)

Enforcement

Signage had been removed from Christine House, an events venue on the A2.

22/122 Correspondence

None.

22/123 Information Items

Reports had been received of vehicles parked under the motorway bridge.

Reports of blocked drains in Cowstead Lane had been received.
It was advised that such incidents should be reported to KCC Highways and the method for doing so was explained.

The SBC Green Grid newsletter had been circulated to Cllrs.
HPC will discuss at a later date how it may be involved in the scheme in the future.

Reports had been received of motorbikes in the orchards to the rear of Lower Hartlip Road. This had been reported to the police.
Any further incidents should be reported to the police using 101.

The War Memorial will be in use for the forthcoming School Remembrance Service.
Cllr Davies will tidy the area ready for use.

County Cllr Mike Baldock enquired into Hartlip's involvement in the 2022 Great British Spring Clean. HPC confirmed that the Parish Council had taken part in the event.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting of Hartlip Parish Council will be held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 8pm.

Signed

Date