



HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2023 SUBMISSION

Hartlip Parish Council

Website: <https://www.hugofox.com/community/hartlip-parish-council-16707/home>

November Full Council Meeting

The meeting took place on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7pm.

Draft Minutes from the meeting are available on the HPC website and the Parish noticeboard, which is located on The Street in front of the school to the left of the War Memorial.

The minutes are 'pending approval' of the corporate body at the December council meeting.

Next meeting of HPC Full Council is Wednesday 13th December at 7pm

Please view the HPC web page or the village noticeboard for the full information and agenda which will be available the week before on Thursday 7th December.

If anyone would like to speak at the meeting, please get in touch with the clerk to arrange hartlipclerk@gmail.com

News

Speed Survey

KCC have booked two speed surveys for the Mill Lane and Munns Lane area to gather data for possible speed reductions.

Update on Planning Matters

- **23/504534/FULL** 2 Oak Barn Cottages, Yaughar Lane. Erection of single side extension - No objections.
- **23/504580/FULL** South Riding Old House La. Erection of side extension - Application was past deadline date.
- **23/504655/FULL** The Barn Dane La, Conversion works of agricultural buildings and land. A detailed submission has been made. No objection was made but attention drawn to the location in within the proposed new conservation extended area and consideration to these matters. Resolved unanimous

Planning Tracker

The HPC website now includes a Planning Tracker for planning applications for locations within Hartlip Civil Parish. You can search and also sign up to email alerts to have updates sent directly to your inbox.

Recreation Ground

We previously wrote that our play area in the Recreation Ground has been a source of enjoyment and recreation for generations. However, as times change and our community evolves, it is essential to consider potential improvements, updates, or changes to the play area to keep it safe, inclusive as well as financially viable for the parish.

The Public Consultation questionnaire will be available on the HPC Website throughout December and January to gather input and ideas from all parishioners to ensure that the facility meets the needs and preferences of our residents, young and old and we will also be including the primary school in the process.

We would also welcome Parishioners to give to attend and give their views at the monthly council meeting in December, if you do want to attend please get in touch with the Clerk via email: hartlipclerk@gmail.com

Allotments

If anyone is interested in an Allotment HPC currently has 2 vacancies, so please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested via email: hartlipclerk@gmail.com

Getting to know your Parish Councillors

Continuing our spotlight on individuals that make up the Parish Council this month it is John Newman Davies:

Biography of John Newman Davies



In traditional village terms I would be considered an interloper as I was born in Yorkshire. At aged 8 my father's work brought the family down to Kent where I have lived ever since. I attended schools in Rainham and have studied a BA in Banking, Insurance & Risk Management at Sheffield Hallam University, and a Post Graduate Management Diploma at University of London.

I moved to Hartlip with my wife Carol in 2016. Some of our forum readers may already know Carol as she was born in Hartlip and lived at Barrows Cottage, attending Hartlip Primary School.

She continued to live in the village until we met and set up home together in Gillingham in the mid-1990's. We moved back into the village by chance as I saw our now home for sale during one of my training runs from Rainham.

I already have built up a reputation as a walker in the village and I can often be seen out and about walking the roads and fields in the area. My enthusiasm for keeping fit is not surprising as I have completed 14 marathons (including 9 London Marathons) and many half marathons and 10K distances raising money for charities over the years.

I have worked in the Insurance Industry in the City of London for over 45 years, carrying out various roles, with Compliance, Risk and Governance of businesses, being my niche. I now find myself with time to get involved with representing our village community on the Parish Council.

I recently joined the Parish Council in 2023 and am responsible for managing the allotments in the village. You may have noticed there are two Parish Counsellors named "John Davies." This will probably cause much amusement at meetings in the coming months. If you are reading anything relating to Parish Council matters, I am "John Newman Davies," Newman being my middle name.

Myself and Carol work one of the allotments and this gives us opportunities to meet and catch up with other villagers. I am very much looking forward to getting to know more of my fellow villagers old and new in the coming months. John.

HPC Contact

If residents have any questions or problems, please come to one of the advertised full council meetings or direct the question through the new parish clerk via hartlipclerk@gmail.com .

The council and its members are unable to comment on any issues raised on the Hartlip WhatsApp groups, please direct all questions through the clerk, HPC will endeavour to reply and help in a timely manner.

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