

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2024 SUBMISSION

Hartlip Parish Council

Website: <https://www.hartlipcc.gov.uk/>

The last full council meeting took place on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7pm.

Agenda's and Minutes can be found on the HPC website.

The next Full Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 10th April at 7pm.**

If anyone would like to attend/speak at the meeting, please get in touch with the clerk to arrange via email: clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk

News

Parish Meeting

A Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April at 6pm.

This is not a council meeting but for residents to attend to listen to the Chair of HPC's Annual Report, ask questions and interact with other members of the community and other community groups.

The meeting will last for 1 hour and precedes the monthly Full Council Meeting that starts at 7pm,

The agenda is as follows:

Agenda

1. Welcome to the meeting by the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Tobias Daley
 2. Approval of Minutes From 2023 Parish Meeting There are none
 3. Annual Report To receive the annual parish council report from Cllr Daley
 4. Community Police Report To receive report from PC Jez Chittim
 5. Borough Council To receive report from the borough councillors
 6. County Council To receive report from the Kent County councillor
 7. Local Community Groups To receive reports / presentations from local community groups
 8. Open Forum Questions and Statements from Residents
- If you have a question for the parish council, please email the clerk by 1 April 2024 on clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk
9. Meeting Close

Fly Tipping

As most residents will know, fly tipping continues to be an issue in the Parish, this photo was taken on 14/03/2024 and is a popular spot for tipping.

As reported last month, HPC has been working with PC Chittim who has been incredibly helpfully in liaising with KCC Environmental Response Team (ERT) and we are pleased to report that they have agreed the use of covert cameras within the parish. So HPC will be working the ERT team to agree locations and arrange site visits and get things installed.

Furthermore, there is also the possibility that a more permanent option will be available to HPC but this needs further work and will require HPC to obtain certain authorities and will also come with a cost.

We will keep you updated as things progress.



Policing



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Surgery

The surgery gives residents the opportunity to speak to Hartlip's local community police officer PC Jez Chittim and his colleagues and to raise any local issues or concerns with him.

On 6th March the surgery was held in conjunction with one of St Michaels and All Angels Church regular coffee mornings which proved really successful and was well attended.

We encourage residents to come along to future surgeries and meet PC Chittim and meet villagers for a chat over a nice cup of coffee!

News Letter

Kent Police are now producing a specific newsletter for Hartlip and the March one is detailed below.



Surgery

I will be attending the Coffee morning at St Michaels and All Angels Church, Hartlip on 01/05/24 between 10:30-12:00hrs.

Please come along and let me know of any crime or anti-social behaviour issues in your community.

(Please note that this surgery is yet TBC but from speaking with George Hulme's, this should be all in order, I will confirm via email).

I am also happy to host a surgery in April. If this is something you feel the community would wish for and benefit from, please let me know and I'll arrange a venue, date and time? I just won't be able to host each month at St Michaels and All Angels coffee morning owing to a clash with my shifts, however happy to do this every other month.

Feedback from surgery dated 06/03/2024 was all very positive. The main points raised were speeding, fly tipping, general rubbish and parking around school drop off and pick up time. I have conducted speed checks within Hartlip but to date no one has been found to be speeding. I will be linking in with the school over the next couple of weeks to work with them on this matter.

Crime

I have reviewed crime recorded by Kent Police since the last Parish Council meeting.

There have been no Burglary, Theft of Motor vehicle or Theft from Motor vehicles reports.

Anti-Social Behaviour

I have reviewed all calls into Kent Police since the last Parish Council meeting with the following incidents of note-

16/02/24- Flytipping – Mount Lane Hartlip. No vehicle known. Reported to Swale Borough Council

22/02/24- Fight- Report of a fight outside the Rose and Crown. Males left in a vehicle prior to Police arrival. No index of vehicle known.

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The Recreation Ground

From April 2024 HPC has changed the grounds maintenance contractor to Hartlip based business The Eco Gardener who proved better value for money and more attentive.

During February some boarder maintenance was carried out where vegetation was encroaching on the playing field and also the play equipment. Going forward the boarder will be maintained at this position.



New Signage

Cllr Debbie Harper has arranged new signage for the main entrance and the children's play area and we have also added a new HPC emergency mobile contact number. This follows an accident last year where the ambulance service struggled to gain access. The signs will be installed shortly.



Children's Play Area

Children must be supervised by a responsible adult



Annual Inspection

The annual play equipment inspection this year is being booked with RoSPA at a much reduced price from last year which was a pleasant surprise.

Highways

HPC maintains a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) with Kent County Council which logs priority highway matters and is reviewed regularly. Some current highway matters are as follows:

Mill Lane

A resident brought HPC to the attention of a length of the road surface that is sinking in to the orchard along with some nasty potholes. This has been reported to Kent County Council under reference 790241. A response has been received and advising that Mill Lane is on their list for a 'Pothole Blitz (major patching)' but they cannot do this until the new financial year. So I guess that could be anything from April 2024 to March 2025!

Lower Hartlip Road

We have written about speeding in the village previously and a public consultation is running to 31/03/2024 to get residents comments. We need as many responses as we can so we can re-engage with KCC and get some action.

They have previously stated that they will not reduce the speed limit on Lower Hartlip Road as there will be high non-compliance, however, several residents have again raised concerns about the bottom of the road near to the Tuck Inn. An out of area School stops here to pick up and drop off school children and the parked cars are causing a dangerous situation.

We have written to the school and we have requested KCC to install double yellow lines. We will also continue to lobby for a speed reduction.



The Street

A blocked drain by The Cottage was reported under reference 790245 and at time of writing this remains outstanding.

The Street/Dane Close



HPC recently arranged for the overgrown brambles on The Street to be cleared. The strip of land is the responsibility of Swale Borough Council but maintaining the area is a low priority. HPC chased SBC last year who cut only a small strip. Now HPC has had it cleared and once the roots of the brambles are killed off we would like to plant it up with some colour so if you have any ideas please get in touch.

Have You Say

A reminder that HPC has 2 Public Consultations running currently on the HPC website and we want to hear your views:

- **Speeding in the Village**
- **Recreation Ground**

The closing date for both consultations is **Sunday 31st March 2024**.

Parish Council Notice Board

The notice board was returned after a light refurbishment, unfortunately some days later it was reported that glazing had been damaged and there is a large crack across the left glazed door. This will be rectified in due course.

New Defibrillator

Cllr Sharon Black was successful in obtaining a grant to go towards a new defibrillator for the Parish. Currently, there are defibrillators inside Hartlip Village Hall and Hartlip Primary School. There is also an external one at the Rose & Crown pub.

Deciding on a location, the Chair wrote to the owners of the Tuck Inn on Hartlip Hill asking whether they would be interested in hosting the new defibrillator. They agreed and HPC is extremely grateful. The new external defibrillator will be installed in due course.

Waste Collection - Reminder

You should now have received a letter detailing the waste collection day change.



Most households in the borough will see the days their waste is collected change, and there will no longer be kerbside collections of textiles, batteries or small electrical items.

From Monday 25 March the new contract with Suez will see a fleet of brand-new vehicles collecting food waste, dry recycling, general waste and garden waste from more than 65,000 homes across the borough.

For Hartlip the details are as follows:

What this means for you

From 25 March 2024 your new collection days will be

- **Monday 25 March** - weekly food waste collections (kerbside caddy)
- **Monday 25 March** - fortnightly recycling collections (blue bin). Additional recycling can be left beside your bin in boxes or clear bags as usual.
- **Monday 1 April** - fortnightly general waste collections (green bin).
- **Monday 1 April** - fortnightly garden waste collections (brown bin)*
- If you receive a clinical waste collection, there will be no change from your current day

Your bins need to be out ready for collection by 6am.

You can check your next collection days, and will soon be able to sign up for email reminders for the new service, at www.swale.gov.uk/bin-days

The Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.



As reported in last month's Forum by Cllr John Davies, the date of Hartlip litter pick is **Saturday 13th April 2024** so if you can volunteer for a couple of hours please meet at the Rose & Crown car park at 0900 where you will be furnished with your very own litter pick and rubbish bag. The event usually ends around 1130.

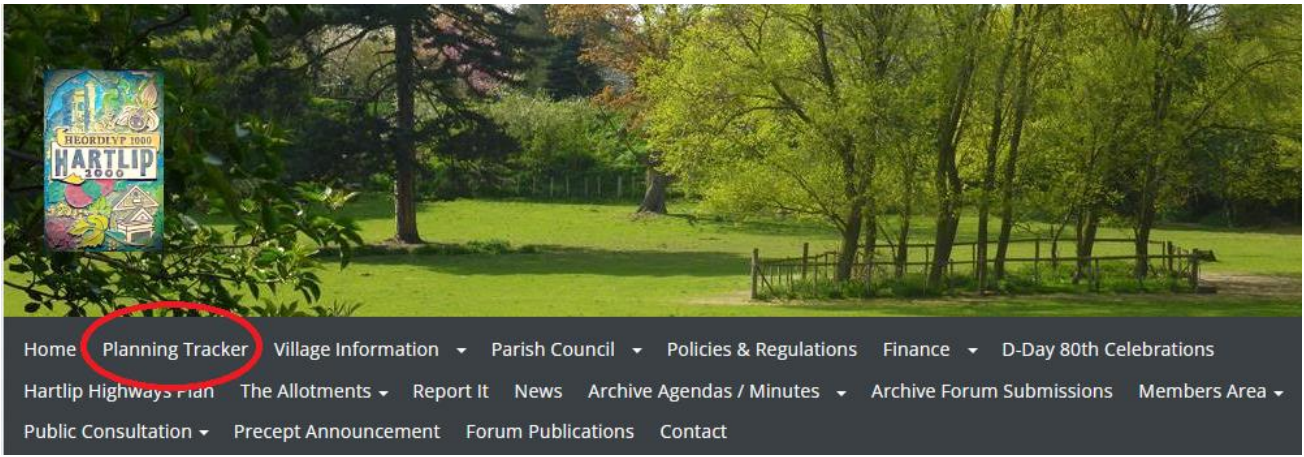
It's a shame we have to do it but there you are – one year I retrieved a car gearbox and some leopard print underwear!

Planning

The following planning matter was discussed in the March full council meeting:

- **24/500650/TCA** Burwell Grange, The Street. To Reduce height of Eucalyptus Tree. No objections

The HPC website has a Planning Tracker for all Parish planning applications. detailing the status of each, so please visit the website for up to date information.



Allotments

There is now only 1 vacant allotment so please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in taking it on, via email: clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk

Report it!

Whilst Hartlip Parish Council does report issues in the Parish anyone can also report issues, here are some of the common things and where you can report them:

Anti-Social Behaviour (e.g. noise, litter, graffiti)	https://www.swale.gov.uk
Dog Fouling	https://www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling
Fly Tipping	https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping
Problems with Footpaths and Bridleways	Report a problem on a right of way - Kent County Council
Missed Bins	http://www.swale.gov.uk
Potholes/blocked drains	https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem
Claims for damage sustained to a vehicle	https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem/claims-for-damage-to-your-vehicle

Contact Hartlip Parish Council

A reminder that the council and it's members are unable to comment on any issues raised on the Hartlip WhatsApp groups. If you do want comment from HPC please direct all questions or problems through to the parish clerk via email: clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk and HPC will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

Hartlip Parish Council

15/03/2024