

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES of Hartlip Parish Council business conducted between Wednesday 13 May 2020 and Wednesday 10 June 2020

Councillors

Chairman: Cllr Graham Addicott OBE

Cllr Paul White
Cllr Peter Boundy
Cllr John Davies
Cllr Klaire Lander
Cllr Paul Williams
Cllr John Wright

Parish Clerk: Tracy Still

Preamble

All Councillors together with the Clerk were asked to produce a report in accordance with the agreement reached following the draft procedural document produced on the 18th March 2020.

The contents of this report summarises the work carried out by Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council during the last month.

In the case of Planning Applications/Appeals, all Councillors have been consulted by email and letters sent to the Planning Department summarise the views given.

It has been another frustrating month with County Hall and the Swale Borough Council offices closed meaning that it has been impossible to progress certain important matters.

The Planning Department now seem to be only consulting us about some planning applications. This is not a matter which has been consulted on. Hartlip Parish Council is therefore only aware of all applications by picking them up from the weekly list sent to us.

Covid-19

The most important information has continued to be placed on the website.

On one day alone over 70 documents were sent out by the Government and all had to be scrutinised in case there was anything which affected the work of the Parish Council.

Parish Highways Improvement Plan.

Still no reply has been received from the Head of Highways to the Parish Council letter of 12 March.

Councillor Whiting is aware of the situation.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch matters.

Nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch matters.

More residents have signed up to NHW and Hartlip Chat WhatsApp groups.

The Recreation Ground.

The Play Area remains closed but is still being maintained by the contractors as is the Recreation Ground.

The Play Area safety inspection is to be conducted in July.

The Vice-Chairman caught 3 youths attempting to set fire to the wooden gate into the Recreation Ground. Kindling branches had been built up at the base of the gate. The Vice-Chairman was sworn at when challenging the youths who then left.

The matter was reported to the Police.

The Vice-Chairman has reported that over 40 empty beer bottles and cans have, to-day, been found in the Children's Play Area. Some bottles were smashed leaving dangerous shards of glass. Cans and bottles are now being regularly found in the rubbish bin.

The Parkland.

No issues reported by the liveries.

Fencing repairs have been completed.

Spraying is unlikely to take place again this year.

Three separate enquiries have been received about grazing. The Clerk has been in touch with all enquirers but so far none have progressed.

The first was from a previous tenant for two horses to graze. It would appear that this enquiry was for two horses to graze in the first field but there is only one vacancy there.

The second enquiry was for one horse to graze for a short period.

A third enquiry, which was for two horses to graze, was received just a few days ago.

The Allotments.

They continue to provide much enjoyment and contribute to a healthy lifestyle for a number of residents.

There has been no further progress on the proposed purchase.

KALC

KALC continue to give daily updates on Covid-19 matters.

Highways

Potholes in Dane Lane and Dane Close were reported in April.

Those in Dane Lane were filled within 2 weeks but those in Dane Close have only just been marked to be filled. Presumably they had to wait to become deep enough. The system aims to fill all potholes within four weeks.

The Micro-asphalting of the Lower Hartlip Road is now complete and hopefully the work on The Street will commence shortly.

Footpaths

No report has been received.

During the present lockdown a large and growing number of residents have been using the network of footpaths and The Parkland which we are lucky enough to have in the village. I have received three comments from members of the public about overgrown footpaths and I have given them the online address of KCC to which they may be reported. I will also put that address in the July Forum.

Hartlip Village Hall

Hartlip Village Hall remains closed due to Covid-19 but fortunately the Chair and Maintenance Manager have been able to supervise pre-planned renovation and repair projects during this time.

Website

The installation of the new website has been postponed during COVID-19 to avoid any disruption to residents accessing information. The Clerk will continue with the new set up as soon as possible to ensure it is completed before the deadline of September.

Clerk and Finance Reports

The Bank Reconciliation and Finance Report were presented to the Parish Council via email and signed by the Chairman on 10 June 2020.

Cheques were presented and signed as follows:

J Davison	Allotment Ground Maintenance	£35.00
Business Stream	Water Charges (The Parkland – 05/03 -11/05/20	£43.70
T Still	Clerk/Treasurer wages and expenses – May 2020	£202.15
Came & Company	HPC Insurance 01/06/20 – 31/05/21	<u>£571.72</u>
	Total	£852.57

The first instalment of the Parish Precept 2020/2021 has been received.

Correspondence

The overgrown hedge referred to in the notes for the period 8 April – 13 May has still not been cut. The first complaint was dated 8 April 2020 so that the matter is long overdue for resolution.

If the matter is not resolved shortly, it should be reported to Kent County Council for action.

Action: Clerk

Planning matters.

Appeal received since the 13 May 2020

Reference 18/501667 **New Acres, Spade Lane.**

An application has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate to extend the time limit to submit a site development scheme required by condition 4 of the planning permission. The Parish Council opposed the original planning application **and will be opposing this appeal.**

Planning Decision Notice

Application Reference: 19/503694

Notification has been received from Swale Borough Council that permission has been **refused** for the change of use of land to an 8 pitch gypsy traveller site, with associated day rooms, new access, drive way, hard standing, package treatment plants, boundary fencing and landscaping (part retrospective) at **New Acres, Spade Lane, Hartlip.**

Applications received between 13 May and 10 June

Application Ref: 20/502148/TCA

Notification of proposed tree work in the Conservation Area at The Coach House, The Street, Hartlip.

(Under consideration)

Application Ref: 20/502361/TCA

Application for the removal of 9 conifer trees in a Conservation Area at The Vicarage, The Street, Hartlip.

(Under consideration)

Application Ref: 20/502226

Non material amendment for the addition of decking across the rear of the property in the Conservation Area at The Coach House, The Street, Hartlip.

(No objection)

Enforcement

There have been no further developments on any of the matters raised with the Enforcement Officer on 13 February. As Chair and on behalf of Hartlip Parish Council, I pursued these matters again in March. Again, no response from SBC.

I shall be sending yet another reminder in the next few days.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of Hartlip Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 8 July.

It will either be held at the Village Hall or remotely.

I have asked Tracy to investigate suitable platforms for a remote meeting should this be necessary. Whatever arrangements are made, they must be inclusive of all councillors.

If any Councillor would have problems with a remote meeting perhaps they could let myself and Tracy know by Friday 19.06.20.

G.F. Addicott OBE 11.06.20