

Hartlip Parish Council Meeting – 8 March 2023

Planning.

Applications received since the February Meeting.

Application Ref: 23/500600/TCA

Conservation Notification to remove/fell one Rowan Tree at Hartlip House, The Street, Hartlip.

(No objections subject to any comments by the Tree Officer)

Application Ref: 23/500489/TCA

Conservation Notification to prune one yew tree and removal of some lower branches of a walnut tree at Hartlip House, The Street, Hartlip.

(No objections subject to any comments by the Tree Officer)

Application Ref: 23/500995/FULL

Erection of a single storey front extension, first floor front and rear extension with internal alterations and changes to fenestration at The White House, The Street, Hartlip.

(Under consideration)

Brickearth Extraction – Paradise Farm.

The Parish Council has been advised by Wienerberger that the first extraction of material from Paradise Farm will commence in the summer of 2024 at the earliest.

However, some tree removal will take place from the site in order to clear the required areas for works with effect from Monday 13 March. Ecological work will be undertaken from March to September of this year and archaeological work will be taking place between July and September 2023.

Neighbourhood Watch.

As some residents may be aware, Klaire Lander has stood down as Co-ordinator of the Hartlip Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The Parish Council would like to thank Klaire for all the work she has done with this scheme whilst she was a Councillor and since she left the Council.

A replacement for Klaire is being sought and further information will be available in due course.

Neighbourhood Watch has changed a great deal since it was first introduced to the UK 40 years ago.

This change has been accelerated by the development of information technology and the spread of computers in the home.

Hartlip's original scheme relied on a number of residents taking on the role of a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Co-ordinator responsible for disseminating information to a cluster of houses in the Parish. These Coordinators received information from NHW and cascaded it down to his/her houses by note or telephone call or, latterly, email.

As time passed this communication system was largely by email and eventually one HPC Councillor, Klaire, took on the role of Parish Co-ordinator, emailing residents who had registered for the communications.

More recently still the option of receiving information either via email or the HPC NHW What's App system was offered.

HPC is aware that some residents do not use email and many residents do not use What's App and that will be factored into future plans.

Relatively recently, My Community Voice has been set up.

It is a messaging service that helps residents keep in touch with local policing teams.

The service sends updates about local area incidents from police officers themselves.

More than a messaging service, it allows individuals to reply to alerts, share information and tell about issues affecting them.

Presumably, being operated by the police, it has the ability to prevent discussions deteriorating into gossip.

Visit ourwatch.org.uk to learn more about the scheme.

The Coronation of King Charles III.

A Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 has been declared to mark this auspicious occasion.

This means that the Coronation Ceremony will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 with a concert on Sunday 7th May 2023.

Monday 8th May 2023 is recommended as a volunteering day.

Other events may be held on Saturday 6th and/or Sunday 7th and/or Monday 8th May.

The King has been clear that his personal wish is for a more low-key event than in the past with emphasis on family get-togethers and the current cost-of-living situation borne in mind.

Street Parties and Street Meets are two of the main community events being promoted with suggestions of family get-togethers or friendship group get-togethers also.

Hartlip Parish Council is keen for all residents of the Parish of Hartlip to be able to be involved if they wish and so a numbers limit is not appropriate.

Hartlip Parish Council has been advised that St Michael's Church is proposing to hold a Flower Festival over the weekend and the Friends of Hartlip Church are proposing to hold the first of their summer teas on Sunday 7 May. It would therefore be a potential problem to hold a Street Party requiring a road closure outside the Church where the road is widest as has been done before.

The use of the Recreation Ground was considered given the space available and a suggestion has been made relating to the use of the Village Hall. The Hall has a limit of 95 set down by the Fire Service and that cannot be exceeded under any circumstances.

When the last Street Party was held in Hartlip, some residents preferred to hold "Street Meets" whereby groups of residents and their friends met in cul-de-sacs, front gardens, drives etc.

Street Meets were popular and so the Parish Council recommends Street Meets as the most appropriate form of celebration on this occasion.

Street Meets mean that every resident of the Parish can participate if they so wish.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of Hartlip Parish Council will be held at Hartlip Village Hall on **Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 8pm.** The open half hour for residents to ask questions will be from 8.00 to 8.30pm.

The Parish Council policy "Speaking at Meetings" is on the HPC website for the information of potential attendees who should register their wish to attend with the Clerk to the Parish Council.

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