



## HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2024 SUBMISSION

# Hartlip Parish Council

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

The last full council meeting took place on the Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto:clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk)

## News

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### **Parish Council Tax**

The 2024/2025 tax contribution for the Parish which is within your annual Council Tax bill is increasing from April. This follows years of the Parish Council fortunately managing to keep it very low. However, with rising running costs and the need to invest, renew and maintain it means that an increase is necessary.

The annual precept (the amount the Parish Council receives to cover the costs of the Parish) is currently £8,000 – this will be increasing to £20,000.

So on average the annual cost will increase to £64, however it is charged on your council tax band so your individual property cost will vary depending on your tax band so some will pay more than this and others less but as an example a council tax band D property will pay circa £55 per year.

A full detailed update will be posted on the HPC website very shortly.

### **Hartlip Police Surgery**

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

PC Chittim attended with a colleague and there were free UV security pens on offer to mark up your valuables.

HPC would like residents to come along to meet PC Chittim at future surgeries. He is proving to be very engaged in Hartlip matters particularly around the issues of fly tipping which is sadly a regular occurrence in Hartlip and the surrounding area.

Fly tipping was of course hot on the agenda and he asked that as many residents as possible report any fly tipping using the link detailed under the Report It! section below.

Most of the fly-tipping has been on the highway, but private land gets targeted too and then it's the landowners responsibility. In October HPC cleared one fly-tipping incident on HPC land at a unbudgeted cost of £420 alone. HPC has built contingency costs in to the budget going forward

But it still continues with usual areas of Matts Hill Road, Warren Lane (top and bottom), Mount Lane (under the motorway bridge), Yaughner Lane, Place Lane, Dane Lane, Lower Hartlip Road, Cowstead Lane, Bull Lane and that's just over the last few months.

## Parish Council Email Alerts

*Please do sign up to the web email alerts to get sent news and updates for the Parish.*

*Current alerts are shown on the right.*

To sign up, simply go to the Hartlip Parish Council website home page and on the right hand side is a blue button as shown here on the right.

Once you click the button, as shown below you will be asked to enter your email address, tick which alerts you want and finally click 'Create' and you're all set up.

### Alerts for Hartlip Parish Council

Email \*

Please send me alerts for:

Jobs  Events  Offers  News

Planning

Create

You will receive an email confirming that you have set up this alert.

You can edit your choices or unsubscribe at anytime - try one and see how easy it is.

[Email me a summary of all my HugoFox email alerts](#)



Sign up to our Email Alerts

#### Latest News

Tuesday, 6 February 2024

**Emergency Road Closure - Yaughner Lane**

[See all](#)

#### Latest News

Monday, 5 February 2024

**Community Engagement Have Your Say - Speeding in the Village**

[See all](#)

#### Latest News

Tuesday, 23 January 2024

**Urgent Road Closure - Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip - 30th January 2024**

[See all](#)



**Above:** Fly Tipping Lower Hartlip Road photo taken 16/02/2024



**Above:** Fly tipping in Mount Lane which occurred hours later on 16/02/2024

PC Chittim has requested that the Environmental Response Team (ERT) visit Hartlip with him, clear it of all fly tipping, conduct a full assessment as to what preventative measures they can put in place in the first instance and then assess its suitability for any enforcement action and the possibility of covert CCTV and HPC will keep you updated via the news alerts.

So please come along to meet PC Chittim and chat to some of the other residents at future surgeries. As a Parish we are lucky to have such an engaging Police Officer for our community.

Plans for future surgeries will include a crime prevention officer offering help and advice and also talks on cyber-crime and fraud.

Finally, a Kent Police/Hartlip monthly newsletter has been produced by the Police and this will be available via the Hartlip Parish Website soon.

### **Next Surgery**

The next surgery is being hosted by Hartlip Church, St Michael & All Angels on **Wednesday 6th March**. This is in conjunction the regular Church coffee morning and the time is **10:30 to 12:00**.

Please come along, visit the church, meet PC Chittim, see other residents and have a nice cup of tea!

### **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)	<a href="https://www.swale.gov.uk">https://www.swale.gov.uk</a>
Dog Fouling	<a href="https://www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling">https://www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling</a>
Fly Tipping	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping">https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping</a>

Problems with Footpaths and Bridleways	<a href="#">Report a problem on a right of way - Kent County Council</a>
Missed Bins	<a href="http://www.swale.gov.uk">http://www.swale.gov.uk</a>
Potholes/blocked drains	<a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem">https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</a>
<b>Claims for damage sustained to a vehicle</b>	<a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem/claims-for-damage-to-your-vehicle">https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem/claims-for-damage-to-your-vehicle</a>

## **Have You Say**

HPC has 2 Public Consultations running currently:

### **Speeding Consultation**

In last month's forum we reported on speeding in the village and we want your views on the matter – the questionnaire is on the website and we want as much feedback as we can get.

Go to the Parish Website and click on the 'Public Consultation' tab to find the questionnaire alternatively email the Clerk who can email it to you.

The closing date for the consultation is **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

### **Recreation Ground Consultation**

The questionnaire is shown below and is also on the Parish Council website and we would really like your feedback.

Please email your responses to [clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk)

The closing date for the consultation is **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

### **Have your say – Recreation Ground Consultation** **Community Engagement**

Please respond on behalf of your whole family

<b>Your age bracket:</b> 18-30, 31-50, 51-65, 66+	
<b>Ages of other people in you household:</b>	
<b>1. Do you live in Hartlip?</b>	Yes/No
<b>2. Do you and your household use the recreation ground?</b>	Yes/No
<b>If Yes to question 2, how often?</b>	1-4 times per week, 1-4 times per month, 1-4 times per year
<b>If yes to question 2, how do you get there?</b>	By foot, by car
<b>If yes to question 2, what do you use it for? (select all that apply)</b>	Dog walks Park area Outside sports/activities Picnics Other (please specify)
<b>If No to question 2, is there a reason you don't use it?</b>	
<b>3. What improvements would you like to see to the Recreation Ground?</b>	

## **Parish Council Notice Board**

The notice board which is located on The Street is in need of maintenance – we couldn't open it last week! So it will be taken down and be away for several days in the next month or so to be refurbished and will be returned looking as good as new, so if you see it missing don't be alarmed!

## **My Community Voice**



Sign up today and make  
your voice count



Find out more [www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk](http://www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk)

Whilst Hartlip will be having its own monthly Police newsletter specific to Hartlip another way of receiving information quickly is by signing up to the 'My Community Voice' alerts.

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams.

The service sends email updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

This week there have been two fraud alerts and one on fly tipping from the service.

You can sign up by scanning the QR code or by visiting the website detailed above.

## **Waste Collection**



### **New waste contract to bring changes**

Published by Swale Borough Council on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

The new contract will mean some changes to the existing collections to improve their reliability and efficiency.

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.

The council will be writing to every household in the borough to let them know what changes to expect from 25 March.

"We're sure these new rounds will mean better collections in future, but we do need to ask people to be patient when the changes come in.

You can read the full details of changes under Latest News on the Swale Borough Council website

## **The Great British Spring Clean**

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



In 2024, the campaign returns from 15 March to 31 March.

As per previous years John K Davies will be organising and rallying the troops for the Hartlip litter pick. So if you can volunteer for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning please keep an eye for the date which we will publish on the website very shortly.

## The War Memorial

The first of three quotes for refurbishment of the war memorial has been received at just over £8,000.

The War Memorials Trust has confirmed the project is eligible for a grant and with past and future fund raising we are hoping the cost can be covered.

## Planning Update

The following planning matters were discussed in the February full council meeting:

- **23/505659/FULL** Maybank Mill Lane, Erection of brick gate posts. No objections.
- **24/500142/TPOA** 26 Dane Close, Tree Preservation Order, Application to Fell. No objections
- **23/505840/FULL** Digswell Lower Hartlip Road Demolition of 2 Commercial Properties, Erection of 4 new properties. No objections

The Hartlip Parish Council 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 are 4 vacant allotments currently so please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in taking one on, via email: [clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk)

## Getting to know your Parish Councillors

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

I was born in Lancashire, went to school in North Wales and then went to in Bristol, followed by research in Physics at UCL, Oxford and Geneva

I then moved into engineering near Portsmouth until I retired twelve years ago. Although I still run a an engineering improvement group.

We moved to Hartlip as our daughter and family were here and Have got to meet lots of friends



I joined the Parish Council about six years ago and have been involved in reporting issues with roads and footpaths and organising Litter Picking. These also involve walking the dog and cycling. Cycling and walking around the village normally results in having a chat with other dogwalkers and gardeners. I am involved in the Church Choir, the Upchurch Choral Society and the Ukelele group

and distributing the Forum. Having two John Davies; on the Council is fine with me, it's such a popular name and has been the rule rather than the exception for most of my life

### **Contact Hartlip Parish Council**

If residents have any questions or problems, please come to one of the advertised full council meetings or direct the question through the parish clerk via mail: [clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk)

The council and it's 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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16/02/2024