

Hartlip Parish Council Meeting – 12 April 2023

Planning.

Applications received since the March Meeting.

Application Ref: 23/501258/FULL

Erection of a single storey car barn outbuilding with the enlargement and creation of new driveway along with new access at Eastfields, Old House Lane, Hartlip (Resubmission of 22/505931/FULL).

No further comments submitted.

Application Ref: 23/501285/FULL

Change of use of the land for the keeping of horses and erection of stable block with associated parking and alteration to access on land adjoining Copper Beeches, The Street, Hartlip.

Under consideration.

Application Ref: 23/501429/FULL

Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and erection of a detached garage at Knights Place (Formerly Block 2) Paradise Farm, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip (Revised scheme to 22/503843/FULL).

No objection

Hartlip Parish Council Election 2023

As all residents of the Parish of Hartlip will be aware, 2023 is the year of the election of Parish Councillors for the next four year cycle.

All persons wishing to stand as Parish Councillors were expected to submit their nomination form to Swale Borough Council by Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 4pm as stated on the nomination form.

Hartlip Parish Council should comprise seven councillors.

A Parish Council is a **corporate body** i.e. a Parish Council is a legal entity separate from that of its individual members. In other words it is a legal entity in its own right.

No individual Parish Councillor may act or make decisions as the Parish Council. Parish Council business is dealt with within official meetings the agenda of which has been publically advertised and which is attended by 'The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer' who minutes the discussions, debates and decisions of the meeting.

Such meetings are usually attended by the Borough Councillors and County Councillor for the area.

This protocol is laid down to ensure that democracy is upheld, that the rules governing the operation of the Parish Council and the law are adhered to.

For the forthcoming period of office, 2023 – 2027, existing Parish Councillors who put their names forward to stand for that period of office were:

1. Sharon Black (first appointed February 2023)
2. John Davies (first appointed October 2015)

The following existing Parish Councillors did not put their names forward for the period of office 2023 – 2027:

1. Graham Addicott OBE
2. Paul White
3. John Wright
4. Peter Boundy
5. Melanie Rose

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer has resigned.

The official announcement of the results of the uncontested election is shown at the end of this Forum item.

This means that from 09 May 2023 Hartlip Parish Council will be inquorate and therefore cannot meet, operate in any way or make any decisions.

The matter is now in the hands of Swale Borough Council who will determine the way forward after the Borough Council elections held on 04 May 2023.

The sincere thanks of the Parish must go to those councillors who did not stand for the forthcoming period of office for their sterling work for the Parish of Hartlip. Some have served for many years with integrity and dedication giving immeasurable hours of time to the tasks which the role of Parish Councillor officially includes. They have steered the Parish through some challenging times with the interests of the Parish at heart at all times.

The Parish Council was sorry to receive the resignation of its Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Tracy Still, after five years of service. The thanks of the Council go to Tracy and she is wished well for the future.

Hartlip, Newington and Upchurch Ward of Swale Borough Council.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Horton and Palmer for their help and support over the last four years and wished them every success in the forthcoming elections.

Date of next meeting.

No further meetings of the current council are planned.

Should a meeting become necessary, councillors will be given at least the statutory three day notice with notices placed on the Parish Council website and on the Parish Council Notice Board to inform all Parish residents.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

FOR THE

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

RESULT OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer Larissa Reed, do hereby certify that at the Election of Parish Councillors for the above mentioned parish, the following persons stood validly nominated at the latest time for the delivery of notices of withdrawal of candidature, namely 4pm on the 4 April 2023, and were duly elected Parish Councillors for the said parish without contest.

NAMES OF PERSONS ELECTED	HOME ADDRESS
Black, Sharon	The Rose & Crown, Lower Hartlip Rd, Hartlip, Sittingbourne, ME9 7SS
Davies, John Kenneth	(address in Swale)

8 April 2023

Larissa Reed
Returning Officer
Swale Borough Council
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Kent, ME10 3HT