

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 11th March 2020 from 8.00pm until 9.25pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr Graham Addicott

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

Parish Clerk: Tracy Still

Also Present: Cllr Alan Horton, Cllr Richard Palmer

20/31 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mike Whiting, Cllr Klaire Lander and PCSO John Cork.

20/32 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Councillors of their duty to declare any interests.
None were declared.

20/33 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting of 12th February 2020 were proposed by Cllr Paul Williams and seconded by Cllr Paul White. All councillors in attendance at the February meeting were in agreement that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Under the Local Government Act 1972 (sch.12) the Chairman signed the minutes.

20/34 Matters arising from the Minutes

Item 20/18

The Clerk had provided the land owner with a contact address for arrangement of the work required to the poplar trees.

Item 20/18

Cllr John Davies confirmed that Peter Bandon would now be available to assist with the Village Clean Up 2020 on 28th March 2020.

Item 20/22 i: Recreation Ground

The fallen branch had yet to be removed. The Clerk will contact Peter Rayfield to enquire when the work will be carried out.

Action: Clerk

Item 20/22 ii: The Parkland

The Chairman had advertised the grazing rental spaces in the latest edition of the Forum. No enquiries had been received.

The fallen branches and rotten tree limbs had yet to be removed. The Clerk will contact Peter to enquire when the work will be carried out.

Action: Clerk

20/35 Public Questions

No members of the public attended.

20/36 Parish Highways Improvement Plan

The speed surveys carried out on The Street and Lower Hartlip Road presented data that supported a 20mph for The Street and indicated a speed limit of 30mph or 40mph on the Lower Hartlip Road.

A separate Parish Highways meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter with Kent County Council Highways Department and Cllr Mike Whiting.

Action: Chairman to write to Kent Highways to arrange the meeting.

20/37 Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters

PCSO John Cork had provided a written report indicating that there had been an attempted break in to a property in Hartlip Hill on 2nd March and that a van had been broken into in Hartlip Hill on 5th March when items had been taken.

A report had been received from Kent County Council with a breakdown of fly tipping within Kent. The results were unclear. The Chairman will email the report to Cllr Richard Palmer who will clarify the results with KCC.

Action: Chair

Nothing to report for Neighbourhood Watch

20/38 HPC Amenities: Councillor Reports

- i. Recreation Ground
Nothing to report.

- ii. The Parkland
Shoun Bearup had been contacted to carry out the spraying of The Parkland during April or May if the weather improves.
Cllr John Wright had inspected the fencing. Three posts were loose, two are able to be secured back into place, one at the entrance of the Parkland requires attention and possible replacement.

iii. The Allotments

The Chair recapped the position so far regarding possible purchase of allotment land.

The Parish Council had obtained a valuation of the site and had instructed a Solicitor to express an interest with the agents in purchasing the allotment land.

The Parish Council will consider a separate meeting to discuss the matter further.

20/39 Other HPC Responsibilities: Councillor Reports

i. KALC

The Chair had attended the most recent KALC meeting.

The meeting had included a talk by the District Commander of the Swale Division of Kent Police who spoke about policing in the area and an officer from the Environment Agency spoke about contamination.

ii. Hartlip Village Hall

The Hartlip Village Hall Management Committee AGM will take place on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

iii. Highways

Cllr Davies requested that photographs be taken of any potholes within the village and logged with Kent Highways.

The collapsed verge on the Lower Hartlip Road had been repaired but was deemed unstable. This had been reported to Kent Highways.

The Chair reported that many road verges in the village were untidy and badly damaged by thoughtless drivers and that road sweeping by Swale Borough Council did not appear to be scheduled on a regular basis. Cllr Richard Palmer confirmed that he is currently investigating the lack of road sweeping and will inform the Parish Council of his findings.

iv. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

20/40 Borough and County Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mike Whiting had provided a written report in which he referred to a proposal to build 2,500 new homes in Bobbing. The land concerned had not been designated for development and no planning application had yet been submitted. The developers were holding consultation meetings and Councillor Whiting urged the public to attend those consultation meetings to oppose the proposals.

Cllr Richard Palmer reported on recent fly tipping on the Lower Hartlip Road and confirmed that Swale Borough Council had removed the waste promptly.

Cllr Alan Horton thanked all Councillors and residents for their submitted comments in relation to the application for a Premises Licence at Alpaca Farm, Yaugher Lane. The application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

He reported that the A2 SGN gas main replacement works continues with a four week closure in Newington High Street commencing in April. Diversions, traffic restrictions and supportive measures are to be put in place. Concerns had been raised over the absence of buses during the works due to inadequate route options.

Any concerns or suggestions should be presented to Highways England.

On the advice of Swale Borough Council SGN will be holding another meeting to discuss the matter further.

20/41 Website

In view of the fact that current website is non-compliant, the Parish Council had instructed the Clerk to commence the setup of the new Parish Council website with Hugofox.

The current website is also very difficult and very time-consuming to use.

The new website is required to be set up and running by 1st September 2020.

Action: Clerk

20/42 Clerk and Finance Report

The Bank Reconciliation and Finance Report were presented to the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

Cheques were presented for signing.

T Still	Clerk Wages & Expenses February 2020	£ 242.35
G Addicott	Printer Cartridges	£ 125.97
Business Stream	Sweepstake Farm Water 11.10.19-05.03.20	£ 69.13
Total		£ 437.45

20/43 Planning Matters

The Chair had written to the Swale Borough Council Planning Enforcement Officer to express the Parish Council's concern over enforcement issues.

The Chair had contacted the Enforcement Officer at regular intervals for updates on outstanding enforcement matters for which Hartlip Parish Council had received no feedback.

A reply had been received to the Chair's most recent enquiry to the effect that a report would be provided before 11 March 2020 but that had not been forthcoming.

The matter will be taken up with Cllr Palmer.

Application Ref: 20/500258

Retrospective application for the erection of a carport at 24 Hartlip Hill,
Hartlip.

(Objection)

20/44 Correspondence

Nothing to report.

20/45 Information Items

The Chair had ordered 250 hedge and tree saplings to be delivered in
November 2020.

These will be planted in The Parkland, Recreation Ground and around the
boundary of the Village Hall Car Park.

It is hoped that all councillors will assist with the planting.

The Chair will ensure that all information and links relating to the current
Covid-19 virus is displayed in the next issue of the Forum.

Action: Chair

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8th April 2020 at
8.00pm at Hartlip Village Hall.

Signed

Date