

Hartlip Parish Council Meeting – 9 November 2022

The meeting was attended by County Councillor and Leader of Swale Borough Councillor Mike Baldock and Borough Councillors Alan Horton and Richard Palmer.

Two members of the public attended to enquire about the possibility of a twenty mile per hour speed limit for Mill Lane.

The Chairman drew their attention to the Parish Council item in the May 2022 Forum which is also to be found on the Parish Council website.

The item reported on the outcome of the speed survey which the Parish Council had arranged and had taken place in January 2022.

The analysis of the results by Highways experts had indicated that nothing would be gained by changing the current speed limit.

The speed survey had found only three cars travelling slightly over 40mph.

Two of those were at approximately 5am.

The safety record along this road shows one collision since 1980 and that was in 2000.

The three Borough Councillors present added comments to support the view of the Highways Department.

The Parish Council is endeavouring to arrange for speed checks to be carried out in other parts of the parish to establish if any further speed limit changes can be achieved.

Planning.

Applications received since the October 2022 meeting.

Application Ref: 22/504790/FULL

Replacement of existing side lean-to roof with new roof with increased eaves height, including installation of 1 roof light and alterations to fenestration at 2 The Barn, Old House Lane, Hartlip, ME9 7SP.

(No objections)

Application Ref: 22/504774/LDCEX

Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of an existing timber building as a self-contained residential dwelling (re-submission of 21/503988) at Oak Barn Farm, Yaugher Lane, Hartlip.

(Objection)

Application Ref: 22/504875/FULL

Erection of two storey rear extension with balcony on first floor and internal alterations at 26 Dane Close, Hartlip.

(No objections subject to any comments by neighbours)

Application Ref: 22/504845/P20ZA

Prior notification for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 dwelling houses at Digswell, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip.

(Objection)

New PCSO.

Following the departure from the Hartlip area of PCSO Lorraine Holmes, the Parish Council was advised of the appointment of her replacement, PCSO Kirsty Linge.

PCSO Linge was unable to attend the meeting.

She had explained by email that she now covers six parishes and, with this in mind, asked that her direct mobile number should be removed from all websites and newsletters.

Should residents wish to contact the police she asks that they either report the matter on 101 or on the Kent Police website. Any emails sent to her will be dealt with when she is next on duty or available.

Hartlip Parish Council finds this situation most unsatisfactory and has expressed its concerns to senior management.

Councillor vacancies.

There are vacancies for two Councillors at the present time.

Residents who are interested in becoming a Councillor should contact Tracy Still, Clerk to the Parish Council at hartlipclerk@gmail.com.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of Hartlip Parish Council will be held at Hartlip Village Hall on **Wednesday 14 December 2022** 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 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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