



## HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2023 SUBMISSION

### Hartlip Parish Council

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

Dear Hartlip Parish Residents, following the failed election in May, in a subsequent second election, a council has been successfully formed. The new Parish Council and its members are very keen to engage with the residents of Hartlip and consult on the future of the parish.

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

The council and its 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.

There will be a necessary period of establishing the council and its members due to so many new councillors and ensuring legislation and governance is correct will be a priority.

Please keep an eye on the website (URL above) or accessed just by searching Hartlip Parish Council on the internet for news and updates in the future. The website will be updated in the coming weeks and is the best place to gain accurate information or to communicate with the new team.

#### **July Full Council Meeting 12 July 2023**

Draft Minutes from the meeting are available on the HPC website and the Parish noticeboard, which is located on The Street in front of the school to the left of the War Memorial.

The minutes are 'pending approval' of the corporate body at the September council meeting.

#### **Next meeting of HPC Full Council**

As usual there is not meeting in August - the next meeting is **Wednesday 13 September 2023**

Please view the HPC web page or the village noticeboard for the full information and agenda which will be available the week before on Thursday 7 September.

If anyone would like to speak at the meeting, please get in touch with the clerk to arrange [hartlipclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hartlipclerk@gmail.com)

#### **Council Future Plans**

- **Community engagement** – The council will be endeavouring to improve communications with all sections of the community including the organisations such as the school and neighbouring parishes.
- **Improvements to Parkland and Recreation ground** – HPC will be looking into improved accessibility to these area for cyclists, those with pushchairs and users with restricted movement.
- **Web site development** – The website will be updated to simplify ease of use and access to important information. The new transparency and accessibility laws will be adhered to.
- **Council members email addresses** – In the future the council members will be issued with council email addresses which will improve transparency and conform to the new regulations.
- **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2024** – A National celebration and lighting of the beacon - consultation on the parish celebrations will commence.

#### **The new Parish Councillors and their responsibilities**

In the July meeting, we reviewed the responsibilities and agreed the following allocation:

- Cllr T Daley (Chair) – The Hartlip War Memorial

- Cllr S Black (VC) – Highways, Footpaths and Environment
- Cllr J N Davies – Allotments
- Cllr D Harper – Recreation Ground
- Cllr M Rose – Parkland, Hartlip Village Hall
- Cllr G Maleed – The Village Pond, Planning coordination and submission

### Getting to know your Parish Councillors

We thought over the coming months we would share each councillor's short biography so you can put names to faces and understand a little about their lives and this month we are starting with the new Chair.

### Biography of Tobias Daley, new Chair of HPC



Known as Toby, I was born in Gillingham, Kent in 1971 and was educated at the Howard Grammar school. Today I live in the village of Hartlip with my wife Alicia. I am an Insurance Professional of over 30 years with a keen interest in military history and an avid collector of WW2 RAF memorabilia.

I have a small vehicle collection including an RAF Hillman and a 1944 Ford Jeep - the latter recently featuring in the TV program Bangers and Cash.

I am a member of the Lloyd's (of London) Motor Club, The Castle Club (Rochester) and the Chartered Insurance Institute.

For many years, I worked in the City of London for Lloyd's insurer Hiscox as a Senior Property Underwriter. I left in 2007 to jointly take over the running of an ailing insurance business, which we rebuilt into a successful and well-known industry property insurance brand, which I am immensely proud of. Global Risk Partners (GRP) bought the majority shareholding in 2014 and in July 2022, Brown & Brown the 5th biggest US insurance intermediary acquired the whole UK and Ireland GRP group.

I remain with the business now a division of the bigger group as the Underwriting Director for Property in the UK and Ireland with responsibility for £100m of premium income. I am a certified individual under the FCA Senior Managers & Certification Regime and have six Heads of Underwriting and Technical Underwriter's reporting in to me. They are an excellent and effective team and together we ensure technical oversight and underwriting profitability for the division, which consists of circa 150 people.

In 2022 with concerns for the condition of our local war memorial in Hartlip, I successfully obtained 'Listed Monument' status from Historic England for the war memorial and as custodian, I have now applied for a grant, which together with village fund raising we enable us to carry out urgent repairs to ensure the future of the memorial.

I have numerous projects including the restoration of a rare WW2 RAF accumulator trolley (airplane starter) by Medway Aircraft Preservation Society at Rochester Airport. A longer-term project building a full size replica model of a Mark 9 Supermarine Spitfire, which includes many original parts. The Spitfire will represent a 165 Squadron aircraft operating out of RAF Detling just up the lanes from Hartlip, in 1944 during Operation Diver - the Allied response to Hitler's V1 flying bomb campaign.

Finally, I love the village of Hartlip and whilst only a resident for 15 years my whole life has been in and around the village. I spent my youth on ground the family owned for many years at the foot of the warren where we camped, burnt sausages, built tree houses and spent hours exploring the warren and the climbing the chalk pit. I have met so many great people and characters over the years living here and some I can even call my friends although they of course may have a different opinion!

**Coming next time:** From Retail Management to Parish Councillor – Sharon Black, Vice Chair.