

# HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 11 May 2022 from 7.30pm until 8.25pm

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr Graham Addicott OBE  
Cllr Paul White  
Cllr John Wright

Parish Clerk: Tracy Still

**Also Present:** Borough Cllr Alan Horton  
Borough Cllr Richard Palmer

### 22/50 Apologies for Absence

Absent with apologies: Cllr Peter Boundy  
Cllr John Davies  
PCSO Lorraine Holmes

### 22/51 Declarations of Interest

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

### 22/52 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting of 13 April 2022 were proposed by Cllr Paul White and seconded by Cllr John Wright.  
All Councillors in attendance at the April meeting were in agreement that the minutes were a true and accurate record.  
The Chairman signed the minutes as required under the Local Government Act 1972 (sch. 12).

### 22/53 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

See also Chair's Report.

### 22/54 Public Questions

No members of the public were in attendance.

## **22/55 Parish Highways Improvement Plan**

Following the receipt of data from the speed survey which was carried out in January 2022 the Parish Council sought guidance from Kent Highways on the way forward.

The Schemes Project Manager at Kent Highways Department had reported that Mill Lane had fairly good compliance levels with the existing 30mph speed limit as only 8% of all traffic was travelling above 30mph at the north end of the test site and just over 18% of all traffic was travelling above 30mph at the southern end of the test site.

At both sites almost all traffic was travelling under the police enforcement threshold of 35mph.

The safety record along this road shows only one recorded collision since 1980. This occurred in 2000. The current speed limit of 30mph therefore fits with the Department for Transport guidance.

The Project Manager felt that there would be nothing to be gained by changing the current speed limit as the evidence from the speed survey did not support the claim that there is speeding in Mill Lane.

Therefore it was felt that the current speed limit is appropriate and a change would not be funded by KCC.

Members of the Parish Council discussed this matter fully and agreed not to take the matter further at the present time.

## **22/56 Report of Chair**

### **KALC Meeting**

The Chair had attended the KALC meeting on 10 May 2022.

Representatives from Age UK had addressed the meeting on the services the charity provides. It was agreed that HPC would aim to assist in highlighting the services and opportunities to support the charity.

Jamie Watson from KCC Highways had addressed the meeting regarding 20mph speed limits.

HPC Chair had raised the lack of attendance at HPC Meetings and lack of presence within the Parish of Hartlip's new PCSO since her appointment in January 2022.

### **Local Councils' Liaison Forum**

The Chair had attended the Local Councils' Liaison Forum on 26 April 2022.

Larissa Reed, SBC Chief Executive, gave a presentation on Levelling Up.

As this was Cllr Roger Truelove's last meeting as Leader of SBC, HPC Chair thanked him for his services on behalf of HPC.

## **22/57 Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters**

PCSO Holmes had submitted a report prior to the meeting indicating that there was nothing to report.

The Chair had received an email regarding an assault on a female dog walker in the Orchards. The incident had been reported to Kent Police and was under investigation.

Nuisance motorbikes had been reported to Kent Police.

Rubbish bins had been removed from properties and moved into the orchards.

## **22/58 HPC Amenities: Councillor Reports**

- i. Recreation Ground  
Nothing to report.
- ii. The Parkland  
In response to a report from graziers regarding access to and from The Parkland from a private property, the Chair and Cllr Wright had inspected the area in question.  
It was agreed that HPC would write to the homeowner regarding this matter.  
**Action: Chair/Clerk**
- iii. The Allotments  
The Parish Council had received an application from UK Power Networks to access an electricity pole and to install an underground electricity cable to a property within the vicinity of the Allotments.  
It was agreed to advise UK Power Networks that HPC had no objection to the accessing of the pole but that HPC was not in a position to approve or authorise any works on the land between the pole and property in question as that land is in private ownership.

## **22/59 Other HPC Responsibilities: Councillor Reports**

- i. Hartlip Village Hall  
Nothing to report.
- ii. Highways  
Fly tipping on Lower Hartlip Road had been reported to SBC.
- iii. Footpaths  
Nothing to report.
- iv. The War Memorial  
The Parish Council had received notification from Historic England that the application to have the War Memorial listed had been approved and would be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The Memorial is now Grade II listed.

It was agreed that the Chair would contact Toby Daley to express thanks to him for his work in this matter and to request that funding for repair and renovation be investigated.

**Action: Chair**

v. The Village Pond

An amphibian survey had been carried out.

The extensive weed cover in the pond made the survey difficult and at this point no amphibians were found.

## **22/60 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Hartlip's beacon would be lit on Thursday 2 June 2022 as part of the chain of beacons being lit to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It was agreed that the purchase and planting of 7 oak trees on The Parkland to mark the Platinum Jubilee would be delayed until October to coincide with the next planting season.

The Friends of Hartlip Church will be organising a Street Party on Sunday 5 June 2022 for residents of the Parish.

A request had been submitted to HPC for use of the Recreation Ground as car parking for the duration of the street party.

Councillors were in agreement that the Recreation Ground could be used for car parking subject to terms and conditions which will be set out by HPC.

The conditions to include the carrying out of a Risk Assessment, ensuring insurance cover, marking the parking area and manning of the parking throughout the event.

Cllr White will arrange hand over of the key to the Recreation Ground.

A request had been submitted to HPC for a contribution towards refreshments at the Street Party. All Councillors were in agreement that HPC would contribute a donation of £50.

The Clerk to raise a cheque for the sum of £50.

**Action: Chair/Clerk/Cllr White**

## **22/61 County and Borough Councillor's Reports**

Borough Cllr Horton reported that interim support had been secured for the Head of Planning Services at SBC.

Borough Cllr Palmer reported that he had raised four cases of fly tipping including one on Lower Hartlip Road.

Cllr Palmer had contacted the storage facilities in Spade Lane with concerns of a significant increase in HGVs on the site.

## **22/62 Clerk and Finance Report**

The Chairman had received the draft documents prior to the meeting for checking and correction as per normal practice.

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

These were approved by the Parish Council and signed and dated by the Chairman.

Cheques were presented for signing.

KALC	Subscription 01.04.22-31.03.23	£ 378.17
T Still	Clerk Salary & Expenses April 2022	<u>£ 228.04</u>
		<u>£ 606.21</u>

The Parish Council were provided with information regarding the use of 'Unity Bank'. It was agreed that HPC would not benefit from using the service and would continue to use its current bank.

The current situation would continue to be monitored by the Clerk and any changes would be reported back to the Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk**

## **22/63 Planning Matters**

### **i. Applications received since the April 2022 Meeting.**

Application Ref: 21/503742/LBC

Listed Building consent for demolition of stable buildings 2,3,4 & 5, creation of a parking area to the south of the greenhouse, and erection of extensions to stable building 1 and the swimming pool building at Popes Hall, The Street, Hartlip.

**(Recommendations of Conservation Officer supported).**

Application Ref: 22/501982/FULL

External weatherboard cladding to part of building previously approved under 21/506598/PNQCLA as a change of use to dwelling by Class Q type application.

**(No objections).**

Application Ref: 22/501861/FULL

Erection of a first floor rear extension at The Stables, Paradise Farm, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip.

**(No objections).**

Spade Lane Traveller Site:

The appeal had been heard on 27 April 2022.

Hartlip Parish Council Chair had attended the hearing.

A decision is expected in four to six weeks from the date of the appeal.

## **22/64 Correspondence**

HPC had received an email offering support with a scheme focusing on the use of preventative equipment to deter fly tipping.

Discussions concluded that as fly tipping is the responsibility of District Councils and not Parish Councils HPC would continue to campaign for a better level of service from SBC.  
The email would be kept on file and reviewed after further discussions with SBC.

## **22/65 Information Items**

### **Dog Waste/Litter Bins**

SBC had confirmed that an order had been scheduled for the purchase of larger, ground standing bins to replace the dog bin sited in HVH car park and the dog bin and litter bin sited in the Recreation Ground.

These would not be delivered to Hartlip before the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting of Hartlip Parish Council will be held at Hartlip Village Hall on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 8pm.

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