

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2024 SUBMISSION

Hartlip Parish Council

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December and January Full Council Meetings

Since the last Forum publication 2 full council meetings have taken place on 13th December 2023 and 10th January 2024.

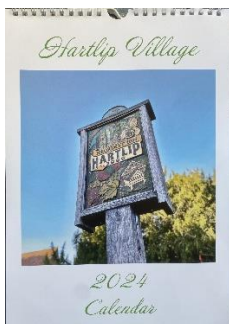
Agenda's and Minutes can be found on the HPC website.

The next Full Council Meeting is on Wednesday 14th February at 7pm.

If anyone would like to speak at the meeting, please get in touch with the clerk to arrange hartlipclerk@gmail.com

News

New Year - New Hartlip Calendar!



Many of you will have managed to secure the new superb 2024 Hartlip Village Calendar. The calendar was the work of Hartlip resident Darren Willams and features photos taken by Darren from around the village at different times of the year.

Darren's time and effort didn't stop there as he wants all the profits from the sale of calendar to go towards new play equipment in the recreation ground, which is over £500! So thank you Darren for your time and generosity.

Donation

A special mention to another Hartlip village resident who has very generously donated a large sum of money to go towards the essential renewal/restoration/refurbishment of the equipment at the play area – a big thank you.

Speeding in the Village and surrounding lanes



Speeding has been an issue in the village, particularly with the increased traffic cutting through during the Stockbury roundabout improvements.

The vulnerability of pedestrians walking to and fro the school/church/village hall/A2 bus stop along Mill Lane has been a concern and HPC proposed a reduction in speed limit from 30mph to 20mph. This also included Munns Lane with a reduction from 40mph to 20mph due to the Recreation Ground/Play Area.

Following the proposal KCC Highways undertook a speed survey in November 2023.

The results of the survey were presented in a meeting to a number of the Parish Councillors and County Councillor Mike Baldock. The argument for the speed reduction was discussed and KCC went away to consider the proposal.

HPC received the following response from KCC just before Christmas:

“Ideally, we would expect current average speeds to be 24mph or below to ensure the limit is self-enforcing, along with taking into account the existing built-up environment. As you are aware the mean speeds were slightly higher than 24mph which may mean that you won’t get good compliance”.

KCC went on to say that to take the matter forward, HPC should engage the residents of Hartlip to see if there a strong community support for a speed reduction.

The HPC website has been updated to include a questionnaire on the matter and we would encourage all residents to give their views and opinions.

Interestingly, one member of the Highways Road Safety team said they would not walk along Mill Lane. However, some residents don’t have an option to get to the bus stop or the school!

D-Day 80th Anniversary

At time of writing HPC is in the planning stage to commemorate this important date in history in the village which is being recognised nationally and backed by the Government and Armed Forces.

So more to follow but keep the date free - Thursday 6th June 2024, which will see an evening of community engagement/activities, wartime singers and lighting of the Hartlip beacon which is also happening nationally at 9:15pm!

It’s time to Plant!



Graham Addicott OBE had arranged a free delivery of saplings from the Woodland Trust for planting on the boundary of the Allotments and the Village Hall. The saplings included varied species such as Hazel, Dogwood, Wild Cherry and Rowan. So one Saturday in December the saplings were duly planted by volunteers Graham Addicott, Keith Mariner, Steve Betts and Toby Daley and it’s hoped they will provide an attractive habitat and border. Thanks to all who were involved.

Hartlip Local Police Surgery

The surgery gives residents chance to speak to Hartlip’s local community police officer PC Jez Chittim and have the opportunity to bring up any local issues or concerns with him.

This month the Rose & Crown have very kindly offered to host along with free tea and coffee.

Saturday 27th January 2024 10:00 to 11:00

So please come along to meet Jez and chat to some of the other residents.

Planning Update

The following planning matters were discussed in the December and January full council meetings:

- **23/504982/SUB** Wisteria Cottage, The Street, Submission of details pursuant to condition 06 (Car Shelter Details) of applications 21/502553/FULL and 21/502554/LBC
- **23/505515/FULL** Knights Place Paradise Farm, Submission of details single story side extension and changes to fenestration
- **23/505440/FULL** 48 Hartlip Hill Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single-story rear extension and new conservatory

The Hartlip Parish Council website has a Planning Tracker for all Parish planning applications detailing the status of each, so please visit the website for up to date information.

Allotments

There are 4 vacant allotments currently so please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in taking one on, via email: hartlipclerk@gmail.com

Getting to know your Parish Councillors

Continuing our spotlight on individuals that make up the Parish Council this month it is Gaye Maleed:



Hi everyone.

My name is Gaye Maleed and I joined Hartlip Parish Council in June 2023.

I'm married to Colin Maleed and between us we have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

I grew up in Mitcham, Surrey and moved to Chatham in 1986 after having my first child. In 1989 I started working for, what was then, Black Horse Life which was based in Mountbatten House above the Pentagon Centre in Chatham.

The Company went through many transformations over the years, and by the time I left in 2007, it had become Scottish Widows. I, amongst many others, took redundancy and decided to venture out into the big wide world and work in London. The novelty soon wore off and I decided to become self-employed in 2009 so that I could pick and choose where I want to work. I now have the luxury of working from home and love the flexibility this gives me.

Having lived in Chatham for 28 years, in 2014 Colin and I decided it was time to move somewhere new. It was at that point that I found the oasis of Hartlip. Would you believe that until that point, I had never heard of Hartlip? Well what an amazing discovery it was. I drove through the village and couldn't believe my eyes. How had I never discovered this before? I just knew at that point that this is where we belonged. We rented at first, and moved in Greenfinches, in The Street. We made lots of friends down The Rose and Crown and we knew we could never leave the village. We moved to Dane Close in 2016 until we were finally able to buy a house in Old House Lane in 2021.

In May 2023, I was asked if I would consider applying to become a Parish Councillor. I was reluctant at first as I didn't think I would be able to bring much to the table, however, I wanted to give back to the village that has enhanced our lives so much. I can't promise I will be able to work miracles, but I can promise I will do what I can to keep the village the beautiful place I discovered back in 2014.

HPC Contact

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

The council and it's 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.

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19th January 2024