

# Hartlip Parish Council Constitution

## Vision

The Vision of the Parish Council is to work together to improve the Quality of Life for all people of the Parish.

## Objectives

- To provide effective and accountable local government for the Parish.
- To identify, in partnership with the parishioners and other bodies, the needs of the Parish and seek ways of assisting in meeting them.
- To help develop a strategy for the long term development of the Parish.
- To raise awareness of the need for a sustainable environment for the Parish.

## Aims

- To hold monthly Parish Council Meetings and an Annual Meeting.
- To set an annual precept.
- Manage the Parish Council's assets & finances effectively and efficiently to achieve best value.
- Provide the Parish Council's views on relevant consultations, including views on planning applications.
- Disseminate timely records of Parish Council meetings through the Forum and Parish Notice Board.
- Continue the development of an informative and user-friendly Parish Council website.
- To give consideration to achieving Quality Parish Status.
- Maintain and manage the Recreation Ground.
- Maintain and manage the Parkland.
- Manage the Allotments.
- Maintain and manage the Village Pond.
- Seek ways to reduce litter in the Parish.
- To pursue the preservation of local 'Open Spaces.'
- To identify 'Assets of Community Value.'
- Continue to press for safer traffic movements in the Parish.
- Continue to press for a safer community through liaison with the Police. Continue to press for urgent attention to highways matters.
- Encourage Parish societies and Organisations by meeting with them annually.
- Support initiatives put forward by the major authorities to reduce waste and increase re-cycling of waste.
- Encourage Parishioners to conserve energy and use less fuel and water by supporting initiatives put forward by the major authorities.
- Continue to ensure that the needs and views of Hartlip are presented as appropriate to the wider community e.g. Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police Authority, Kent Association of Local Councils, Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Swale West Parishes Group.
- Establish close links with the Conservation Officer in order to assist in control of inappropriate urban style development in our rural village.
- Encourage provision of facilities for the youth of the village.
- Encourage and support Hartlip Village Hall Committee in seeking and securing grant funding for maintenance and development of the facility.
- Monitor the work of the Village Hall Committee receiving Minutes of meetings, annual accounts and annual development plans to assist in grant applications.
- Welcome non-council village members to play an active role in the village by taking on specific responsibilities whilst being accountable to Hartlip Parish Council e.g. Tree Warden, Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers, Litter Warden, arranging a Farmer's Market.