

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Village Hall, Hartlip on Wednesday 8th November 2017 from 8pm until 9.45pm

Present: Chairman Graham Addicott OBE Cllr Paul White
Cllr John Davies Cllr Beryl Goodburn
Cllr John Wright Parish Clerk Rachel Girt
Cllr Klaire Lander

One member of the public attended (until 8.55 pm).

17/145 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Peter Boundy and County Councillor Mike Whiting.

17/146 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Councillors of their duty to declare any interests.

17/147 Public Questions

The issue of vehicles parking on the footpath between Dane Close and the war memorial was raised, particularly around school drop off and collection times and Church services. The matter of dog fouling was raised as was foliage from hedges obstructing the footpath.

In response, Councillors explained the measures taken to address the parking issue to date. These have included articles in 'The Forum' and reminders from the school headteacher to parents. Chairman to request visit at school collection times by PCSO John Cork.

Action Chairman

Residents of Dane Close are reminded yearly by letter of the need to keep hedges cut and should they not keep hedges trimmed, the work may be carried out on their behalf and costs invoiced.

Reminders are regularly made regarding dog fouling, there is currently a request with Swale Borough Council for a new dog waste bin and a new sign has been erected at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. If evidence exists of a regular time that fouling occurs then this can be passed to the dog warden. Chairman to contact dog warden and include another reminder in the next Forum.

Action Chairman

17/148 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting of 11th October 2017 were proposed by The Chair and seconded by Cllr White. All Councillors present were in agreement that the minutes were a true and accurate report. Under the Local Government Act 1972 (sch.12) The Chair signed the minutes.

17/149 Matters arising from the Minutes

17/130 Dog fouling, the Clerk had followed up with Swale Borough Council. The officer from cleansing services had been away ill, so a follow up call was logged to request a discussion regarding siting.

Village sign, Cllr Davies has joined the Village Sign Society. The Clerk to Tunstall Parish Council reported that sign was installed before her time, Cllr Wright reported that it was a Tunstall Councillor who knew a sign maker. Clerk to follow up.

Action Clerk

17/116 Cllr White had installed the new sign to remind people to pick up after their dogs.

17/150 Police matters & Neighbourhood watch

The central NHW email system hadn't yet been replaced. There had been a report of vandalism (broken windows) to a property in The Street.

17/151 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Addicott read the following report from County Councillor Mike Whiting:

Grants:

I have agreed a grant of £1,720.80 to help pay for works arising from a recent fire assessment at Hartlip Village Hall. If other groups have projects that would benefit from a little public money then please let me know.

Spade Lane:

I have had complaints about the continuing situation at the travellers' site in Spade Lane. This is a matter for the Borough Council and there is soon to be an appeal hearing to determine what happens next. In a similar vein, an appeal regarding Windmill Farm Yaugher Lane, Hartlip, is to be heard at Swale on 17 October. Again, this is a Swale matter and one which Cllr Wright and Lewin are best placed to comment.

Pre-school:

I have requested an update on progress toward new pre-school facilities on the Hartlip School site.

Cllr Wright reported that he had received an invitation to visit Antolin, he will ask if Parish Councillors may attend.

Cllr Wright reported that all grounds for appeal at Pond Farm have been dismissed,

Cllr Wright has attended the Spade Lane Appeal. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Wright, Davies and White for attending.

17/152 Footpaths

No report.

17/153 Recreation Ground

A report had been received of a resident's grandchild falling and slipping on wet safety matting. The matting had been satisfactorily inspected in July as part of the annual safety inspection but it was decided that a quote for its renewal would be obtained.

Cllr Lander and Cllr White met the Swale Borough Council Green Spaces Office Dan Gooch at the Recreation Ground to discuss play equipment options. There is space for additional equipment, metal rather than wood had been advised as it is likely to last longer and will fit with existing equipment.

Cllr Lander circulated pictures & pricing for different options. Councillors discussed how best to proceed given the many potential demands on funds for the next year, it was decided that this discussion should feed into budget setting to allow spending priorities to be set.

17/154 Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Cllr White for overseeing the internal decoration and noted that it is looking very good.

17/155 Parkland

The fallen boughs have been cleared. The hedges have yet to be cut by Shoun Bearup.

17/156 Allotments

Invoices for the 2017/2018 season have been issued and payments are being received.

There is currently one vacancy, anyone interested in taking it on should contact the Clerk.

17/157 Clerk and Finance report

The Clerk's Monthly Finance Report was distributed to all Councillors present.

Cheques were presented for signing:

Staff Costs	Clerks salary, expenses & HVH October	£233.34
Parkland Trees	Peter Rayfield	£80.00
Legal Representation	P.Hughes	£500.00
Health & Safety Sign	Reimburse R Girt (Amazon)	£8.87
Health & Safety	Playground maintenance	£498.00
	Total	£1320.21

17/158 Planning

Applications received since the October Meeting.

1. Application ref: 17/505258/FULL
Proposed demolition of existing building and erection of a replacement detached house – Vicarage Cottage, The Street, Hartlip. (Objection)
2. Application ref: 17/505092/FULL
Retrospective application for change of use and extension to barn in the curtilage of a listed building and new detached garage. Inclusion of the 1.8m high front entrance gates. Sweepstakes Barn, Lower Hartlip Road. (No objection)
3. Application ref: 17/505093/LBC
Listed Building Consent for the above application. (No objection)

The Spade Lane Appeal.

This appeal was heard on 31 October as planned. Councillors Lewin and Wright gave evidence opposing the appeal as did a Planning Consultant employed by local residents and the Parish Council. The result of the appeal is expected to be known in mid-December.

Paradise Farm Barns 17/504563/PNQCLA

Cllr Wright declared his interest in this application.

A request had been received from the applicant to re-examine one of the Parish Council's grounds for objection to the application.

It had been decided by the Parish Council, via email due to time constraints, that the objection should be amended from "the site is known to be contaminated to "the site may be contaminated but HPC feels that the Condition proposed by the Council's Environmental Health Manager further to the receipt of a contamination survey would satisfy HPC's concerns"

The sources of the information relating to the possible contamination are in the refusal of the application for 5 houses (application 16/502762) where one of the reasons given for refusal were the concerns in regards to contamination of ground water sources and paragraphs 26 and 35 of the 2004 Appeal Decision, against the refusal to grant a lawful development certificate, which refer to materials being burned on site.

Consideration was given to nominating someone to speak at the Planning Committee, a vote was taken and decided that it was not required by four votes to two. It was considered that sufficient information had been submitted and representation had already been made.

17/159 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated electronically.

17/160 Information Items

Hartlip Sings Christmas will again be held at the Village Hall on 24th December between 6 & 7pm. The event is being organised by Hartlip Parish Council and Hartlip Village Hall Management Committee in collaboration with Hartlip Methodist Church.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm. The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 8pm in Hartlip Village Hall.

Signed

Dated