

**HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 25 February 2014**

Present: Cllrs D Carey (Chairman), E Bright, N Collins, D Hammond, Mrs J Massy, R Morley

In attendance: Melanie Stepkowski (Parish Clerk), Philip Jones

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| 2889 | Apologies For Absence Accepted: Cllr Mrs Bright (other meeting). | |
| 2890 | Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 28 January 2014 These were confirmed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Carey, Seconded Cllr Mrs Massy and carried unanimously. | |
| 2891 | Declarations Of Interest None. | |
| 2892 | Matters Arising from the Minutes of 28 January 2014: <u>Minute 2887 Gala Christmas Lights Sale</u> – A short presentation was well received at the meeting. It was agreed to recommend purchase of four green Christmas Tree motifs with the aid of funding sources. <u>Minute 2886 St Mary’s Churchyard -Elder Tree:</u> After consultation with TMBC tree officer it was agreed to apply for the removal of the tree as it was deemed a ‘financial risk’ due to its proximity to the churchyard wall. A replacement tree, possibly a Weeping Ash, would be planted in a more suitable location within the churchyard. The new tree was seen as a continuity measure as the existing Weeping Ash trees would eventually require removal. Concern over some saplings growing between a resident’s home and the churchyard wall would be addressed to the house owner. <u>Minute 2886 Cemetery & Proposed Extension:</u> The purchase contract was being ‘tweaked’ before completion in the near future. The new bins had arrived at the cemetery and would be installed by the Village Warden. | |
| 2893 | New Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TM/14/00386/FL - Insertion of new stainless steel flue for relocated fireplace with log burner. Removal of existing steel flue. Installation of new flue for new condensing boiler and installation of new cooker hood vent. The Drays, Court Lane, Hadlow, TN11 0JU. <p style="margin-left: 20px;">HPC Agreed.</p> | |
| 2894 | Planning Application Results & Planning Enforcements Planning Application Results Noted. | |
| 2895 | TMBC Area Planning Committees & List Bs List B – noted. | |

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| | No Area Committees to report. | |
| 2896 | <p>KCC Highways</p> <p>Street Lights – Two street lights in Hailstone Close had been reported as faulty, Ref17020832.</p> | |
| 2897 | <p>Non Planning Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Williams Field – Phase 2 Skate Park/Play Area:</u> Planting between the wheeled sports facility and housing was due to be done weekend commencing 22 March and all volunteers welcomed. <p>CCTV – The damaged column by the play area was due for repairs; the cameras remained operable.</p> <p>Cllr Morley had received quotations for updating the CCTV equipment and this would be discussed at the next F&GP meeting. Our current contractor would be invited to attend.</p> <p>Play Equipment – It was agreed to invite play equipment companies to the Annual Parish Meeting in order that residents could air their views on play equipment improvements for future years. The companies would be asked to design a play ground area with a five year installation plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hy-Arts Centre & Village Hall – Update:</u> The Chairman of the Youth Club and Hy-Arts management team had resigned from the committee. He hoped that local residents would join the Youth Club Committee to ensure its future. Freddie Shaw remained as a Trustee along with one other Trustee. <p>The Committee expressed their thanks for Mr Clout’s service to our community and particularly our youth; this would be recorded in a letter to him.</p> <p><u>Allotments:</u> The steps leading to the allotment were in need of attention due to rotting. Previous requests for quotes had not been completed and Mr Eastwood would be invited to quote for the works.</p> <p>With regards to the recent bad weather and flooding, it was agreed that the allotments had been flooded but not for very long.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Signpost Field:</u> Nothing to report. • <u>Old School Hall - Equipment;</u> an inventory of chinaware and utensils had been completed and replacement stock ordered to keep numbers at eighty plus. <p>The Atrium – skirting, doors and radiators had been rubbed down and repainted by the ‘Payback Team’.</p> <p>Hall Floor – Temporary repairs had been completed to damaged areas with the complete floor being due for sanding and re-varnishing during the summer.</p> <p>Gutters & Soffits – Quotes for replacement in the near future were awaited.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>The Parish Council would wish to assist wherever possible without cutting across other agencies responsibility and would continue to bring local issues to the attention of the appropriate agency wherever relevant.</p> <p>Many of the issues that had occurred in the Parish that had caused disruption or damage were directly due to the exceptional weather, trees being blown over and surface flooding caused by local rainfall or the insufficiency of particular drains or the lie of the land.</p> <p>There would be a meeting of the River Bourne Catchment Improvement Group at 7pm on the evening of Thursday 6 March at Hadlow College at which as many riparian landowners and other stake holders including Parish Councils as possible would be represented. This meeting will look at the River Bourne as a whole including water quality, amenity, ecological and water management issues.</p> <p>In conclusion it was agreed that recent weather conditions had been unprecedented but that partly thanks to the work carried out by a number of agencies the Parish had suffered relatively little damage and destruction compared to some other neighbouring authorities.</p> <p><u>2. Pre – Submission Draft of the Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council had responded to the initial draft and felt no other comment was required.</p> | |
| 2899 | <p>Questions From Members/Any Other Business:</p> <p><u>Tree Check by Williams Field</u> – Moat Housing would be contacted about a tree in one of their properties close to the dog walking area that could possibly require attention.</p> <p><u>Walking Maps</u> – Mr Lavender had completed the draft leaflets for four walks within the Parish and local area; Members were asked to review the information, encouraged to complete the walks to ensure accuracy ahead of any publishing, Cllr Bright would collate any comments and the Clerk would contact Public Rights of Way for their view.</p> <p><u>Russet Homes Broken Bench opposite Rose & Crown</u> – The Clerk would inform Russet of the recent damage.</p> <p><u>Blocked Drain, outside Bakers, Village Square</u> – The Clerk would report this to Highways.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u> – It was noted that Golden Green would be purchasing one. Further investigation as to the merits of having one on Parish property would be necessary ahead of any decision. The Clerk recalled an earlier discussion regarding merits which had concluded not to invest in one at the present time. Also given proximity of the Medical Centre.</p> <p><u>Golden Green Football Team</u> – the committee would look again at whether or not it was possible to host the team on a Sunday morning alongside the two current teams that used the facility.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk C</p> |
| | <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.23</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 March 2014 at 7.30pm, Old School Hall.</p> <p>Signed Date.....</p> | |

