

**HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT  
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 21 October 2014**

---

**Committee Members Present:** Cllrs D Carey (Chairman), E Bright, N Collins, D Hammond, P Jones, Mrs Massy

**Also in attendance:** Melanie Stepkowski (Parish Clerk), Cllr's Richardson, Mrs Bright

		<b>Action</b>
<b>2979</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence Accepted:</b> R Morley (holiday)	
<b>2980</b>	<b>Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 23 September 2014</b>  These were confirmed and signed as a correct record after correcting minute 2976 to read Cllr Richardson and not Stephenson. Proposed Cllr Carey, Seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously.	
<b>2981</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interest</b> - None declared.	
<b>2982</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 23 September 2014:</b></p> <p><u>Minute 2970</u> – TM/14/02960/FL Solar Park, Hadlow Place Farm. The Clerk would check where the responses for this application and subsequent application from Tunbridge Wells had been sent to as Parish Council responses were not evident on either borough sites.</p> <p><u>Minute 2973 Hy-Arts Centre &amp; Village Hall</u> – It was confirmed that the Village Hall Committee had now met and draft minutes issued although it was acknowledged there were some errors which the Village Hall Chair had confirmed would be corrected.</p> <p><u>Minute 2973 St Mary's Churchyard</u> - TMBC Tree Officer had now looked at the Weeping Ash to the South of the church and did not recognise the tree as having Ash Die Back. However she did feel it could be appropriate to cut the Weeping Ash to the East of the church (that had been partially felled earlier in the year) further back.</p> <p><u>Minute 2973 Cricket Pavilion and Club</u> – The Clerk had not yet contacted the Club with regards to possible additional signage. With regards to recent correspondence with a neighbour about the poor condition of a horse chestnut tree on the public footpath through their land, it had been confirmed that the resident intended to have the tree removed.</p> <p><u>Minute 2973 Cemetery</u> – Down To Earth were still to provide quotations for works in both the cemetery and on other parish land.</p> <p><u>Minute 2974 Snow Wardens</u> – An introductory meeting at which health &amp; safety would be considered had been organised for Monday 10 November at 7pm ahead of the Parish meeting. It was advertised in the local newsletters.</p> <p><u>Minute 2975 Flood Warning Training</u> – Cllr Mrs Bright had attended and found the meeting to be very informative and constructive. It was noted that Hadlow had a good Emergency Plan but was due for a review at which perhaps a list of vulnerable people within the parish could be added (addresses only and no name to ensure it complied with data protection laws), additional properties added to the flood area considering not only</p>	

	<p>river flooding but also ground and surface floods and residents encouraged to become Flood Wardens It was agreed that further discussions would be beneficial</p> <p><u>Minute 2976 Kent County Playing Fields Assoc.</u> Cllr Carey had attended their AGM and reported that there were small funding opportunities through the association including monies for play equipment.</p> <p><u>Minute 2978 Speed Signs on Wheelie Bins</u> – The Clerk was still sourcing reputable companies as the original company expected payment ahead of receiving the product and the cheque was to be written to an individual which was not standard payment procedure for the council.</p>	
2983	<p><b>New Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TM/14/02816/FL</b> - Change of use of land to a private gypsy and traveller caravan site consisting of 2no. Pitches. Alans Hectare, Cemetery Lane, hadlow, TN11 0LT.</li> </ul> <p><b>HPC Objected, Inappropriate development within Green Belt with no special circumstances evident.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TM/14/02840/FL</b> - Conversion of redundant workshop into single dwelling. North Frith Farm, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, TN11 9QU.</li> </ul> <p><b>HPC Agreed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TM/14/03410/FL</b> - Installation of 2no. air source heat pumps. Fairlawns, Maidstone Road, Hadlow, TN11 0DJ.</li> </ul> <p><b>HPC Agreed.</b></p>	
2984	<p><b>Planning Applications: Results (List D's), Planning Enforcements &amp; Out of Area/Comment not required Applications</b></p> <p>List D's noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TM/13/02698/FL</b> Easter Bungalow – the Appeal Decision was to 'dismiss' the application. Noted.</li> <li>• <b>Area 1 Planning Committee Meeting, 23/10/2014</b> – TM/14/02774/FL Faulkners Farm, Ashes Lane was on the agenda. Noted</li> </ul>	
2985	<p><b>TMBC Area Planning Committees &amp; List Bs</b></p> <p>List B's – noted.</p> <p>Area 2 Planning Committee Meeting, Tuesday 14 October at which the Kingshill development was on the agenda was noted.</p>	
2986	<p><b>KCC Highways</b></p> <p>Ahead of KCC's decision on whether or not to remove the Black Poplar on the corner of Carpenters Lane and the junction with A26, the Council had been emailed by the Safety Scheme Traffic Engineer acknowledging Councils wish for the tree to remain and highlighting the fact that the response had not covered KCC's possible alternative option proposed, which was to remove the parking and 'Keep Clear' markings opposite the junction, realign the centre line and to move the 'Give Way' out to achieve an acceptable visibility splay whilst maintaining suitable running lanes. Members noted to date a response from the same engineer on questions</p>	

	<p>raised as to the possibility of keeping the tree and providing speed awareness equipment as an alternative safety measure had not been provided. Therefore it was not felt appropriate to respond to his email without considering the requested information first.</p>	
<b>2987</b>	<p><b>Non Planning Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Williams Field</u> – Football Pitch could possibly require mole or sand slit work before the end of the season if the budget would allow. Noted.</li> <li>● <u>Hy-Arts Centre &amp; Village Hall</u> – Lease matters had been acknowledged at the last HPC meeting but since then confirmation had been received by the Village Hall Chair that the amendments to the new proposed lease were acceptable. The Clerk would progress the matter with Parish Solicitor.</li> <li>● <u>Allotments</u> - Polite reminder notices had been placed on the allotment entrances that Bonfires should only be lit after due consideration to neighbours. It suggested that later in the day would be more appropriate especially on sunny days.</li> <li>● <u>Signpost Field</u> – Nothing to report.</li> <li>● <u>Old School Hall</u> – Recent heavy rain had caused a leak within the public toilet of the medical centre. A roofing contractor had been contacted, and found that moss and leaves around the Sky Light had been the problem. All the Sky Lights were cleaned, and a quotation for clearing off the moss, cleaning out the drains, point work and surveying the roof was now awaited.</li> <li>● <u>St Mary’s Churchyard</u> – The Clerk was asked to organise the annual cutting of the Wild Flower area and to ensure the contractor took away the cuttings.</li> <li>● <u>Footpaths</u> – these were being regularly checked. It was noted that there was still a bridge in Golden Green that required works as soon as the Public Rights of Way budget would permit.</li> <li>● <u>Trees</u> – The Clerk was asked to write to TMBC to remind them of their responsibility for the Plane Tree in the triangle border by the Maltings which had been planted by the WI some years ago with Borough consent.</li> <li>● <u>Cricket Pavilion and Club</u> - Nothing to report.</li> <li>● <u>Annexe Building</u> – Nothing to report.</li> <li>● <u>Cemetery</u> – As part of Phase 1 Cemetery Extension the Topographical Survey had been organized.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>2988</b>	<p><b>ROSPA</b></p> <p>The annual play inspection report for both Williams Field and Signpost Field had been received and noted by members. The Warden would start minor repair works but further consideration to replacement equipment would be investigated.</p>	

2989	<p><b>Correspondence For Consideration and Response:</b></p> <p>a) Community Warden Service – The consultation was reviewed and would be completed by the Clerk ahead of the next HPC meeting.</p> <p>b) DCLG (Department for Communities and Local Government) Consultation – Members had seen the consultation and it was agreed that after looking briefly at the questions Cllr Mrs Bright and the Clerk would complete a draft for councillors approval.</p> <p>c) Cricket Club – Country Fayre Proposal. Members acknowledged the email from Mr Mernagh on behalf of the Cricket Club and fully supported the concept of a Country Fayre with both the Council and other community groups being involved.</p>	
2990	<p><b>Questions From Members/Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bright’s question on the Emergency Plan was noted under Minute 2982.</p>	
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.31</b>  <b>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 November 2014 at 7.30pm, Old School Hall.</b></p> <p><b>Signed .....</b> <b>Date.....</b></p>	