

**HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 24 September 2013**

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**Present:** Cllrs D Carey (Chairman), E Bright, Mrs L Bright, Mrs J Massy,

**In attendance:** Melanie Stepkowski (Parish Clerk),

		<b>Action</b>
<b>2839</b>	<p><b>Apologies For Absence:</b></p> <p>Approved apologies were accepted from: Cllrs R Morley (holiday), N Collins (personal), Cllr Hammond (personal), Cllr Mrs Hyams (personal).</p> <p>Other apologies noted by the Clerk: TMBC Cllrs Janet Sergison &amp; Jill Anderson, KCC Cllr Matthew Balfour.</p>	
<b>2840</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 27 August 2013</b></p> <p>These were confirmed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Carey, Seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously.</p>	
<b>2841</b>	<p><b>Declarations Of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Carey declared an interest with regards to Area 1 meeting to discuss applications related to the Hadlow College 'Free School' (Community Rural School).</p>	
<b>2842</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 27 August 2013</b></p> <p>1. <u>Minute 2827 Hadlow Library</u> – Cllr Mrs Bright reported that the meeting which was chaired by an interested resident had been attended by an estimated fifteen residents. Two residents had agreed to leaflet residents to ascertain their views on future requirements for the library service within the parish.</p> <p>2. <u>Minute 2838 Reservoir bank at Styles Place</u> – Cllr Bright confirmed that the footpath had now been restored.</p>	
<b>2843</b>	<p><b>New Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>TM/13/02401/FL</b> - Erection of timber double garage with parking in front. 5 Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Kent, TN11 0JB. <b>HPC Object as it is outside of the domestic curtilage and may set a precedent. It is also felt it is not in keeping with the general amenity of the area and is believe to be Green Belt.</b></li> <li>● <b>TM/13/02689/TNCA</b> - Regular pruning of Hawthorn tree. Chapel House, Court Lane, Hadlow, TN11 0DP. <b>HPC Agreed.</b></li> <li>● <b>TM/13/02652/TNCA</b> - Remove Conifer (Lawson Cypress) standing centrally to garden. Old Coach House, Hadlow Castle, High Street, Hadlow, TN11 0EG. <b>HPC Object. Insufficient grounds for removing a good tree in a historic setting.</b></li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TM/13/02348/FL &amp; TM/13/02349/LB</b> - Conversion and extension of existing garage to form annexe to main dwelling to include sleeping and kitchen accommodation plus garage and garden store. Hoath Cottage, Carpenters lane, Hadlow, TN11 0EX</li> </ul> <p><b>HPC Agreed but concerned that this should not become a separate residence in the future.</b></p>	
<b>2844</b>	<p><b>Planning Application Results</b></p> <p>Results were noted.</p>	
<b>2845</b>	<p><b>TMBC Area Planning Committees &amp; List Bs</b></p> <p>Area Planning Committee 1 – TM/13/01482/FL &amp; TM/13/01705/FL: Cllr’s Mrs Massy, Richardson and Terry had attended the meeting and a report circulated to Council. She summarised the report for the meeting:</p> <p>The committee at one point appeared minded to refuse the application for the permanent school - against the advice of their planning officers, but instead decided to "defer" the decision. The reasoning was that it would allow the applicant to look more closely at one of the alternative sites - the OS1 site which was part of the playing fields. A number of objectors had suggested it in preference to the application site on both safety and visual impact grounds. The deferment would allow the committee to compare the visual impact of both sites and the safeguarding issues.</p> <p>Councillors that had attended agreed that this was a good result and fervently hoped that Hadlow College reconsidered the siting of the permanent school so that Hadlow Parish Council could support a new application in a less intrusive site that would be safer for both pupils and road users and was less of an intrusion in the green belt. The alternative of an outright refusal at that stage would have resulted in an appeal to be decided by a body with no local knowledge and which in all probability would have granted consent, thereby creating continued resentment between the college and villagers.</p> <p>As for the temporary application, the committee granted consent for one year only. The fact that pupils were already studying there and a refusal would have severely disrupted their education was, we felt, the deciding factor.</p> <p>It was also noted that TMBC Cllr Jill Anderson had made a useful contribution opposing the present site but had to leave the room when it was debated and voted on.</p> <p>Area Planning Committee 2 – nothing to report.</p> <p>List B and Decisions – noted.</p>	
<b>2846</b>	<p><b>KCC Highways</b></p> <p>Reported Fault Reference 78732 Pot Holes, Cemetery Lane: A response from the Highway Steward had confirmed that an order had been raised to jet patch and fill all the potholes in Cemetery Lane.</p> <p>A26 Road Repairs – These had been completed later than planned due to weather conditions.</p>	

2847	<p><b>Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>Version 3 had now been completed assisted by members of the committee plus the Environment Agency and TMBC Emergency plan officers. Once this had been recommended to Council it would be distributed to relevant parties.</p>	
2848	<p><b>Parking Plan</b></p> <p>Committee had looked at the draft proposal for Hadlow Local Parking Plan (Drawing NO.DD/400/1) developed by TMBC in June 2007. They had significant concerns about it and therefore would recommend to Council that the matter should go to public consultation. Proposed Cllr Carey, seconded Cllr Mrs Massy and carried unanimously.</p>	
2849	<p><b>Non Planning Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Williams Field – General Matters</u> Nothing to report.</li> <li>• <u>Hy-Arts Centre &amp; Village Hall – Update</u> It was noted that neither building had completed any of the necessary exterior repairs.  The Working group had met and awaited further information from Sure Start; the situation was ongoing and full Council would be updated in due course.</li> <li>• <u>Skate Park</u> SITA funding had been officially approved in the amount of twenty five thousand pounds. Evolution (Full Circle Leisure Ltd) had been notified and a letter of quotation acceptance sent; they had responded with an Order Confirmation. It was agreed once refurbishment had taken place there should be an Opening Event. The Clerk would keep the committee updated on schedule of works and plans for opening.</li> <li>• <u>Allotments</u> The parish office had contacted Warners Solicitors to request a copy of the Allotment Title Deed to ensure there were no Covenants before members could consider the way forward with regards to the small piece of land by the shed.</li> <li>• <u>Signpost Field</u> No issues to report.</li> <li>• <u>Cemetery &amp; Proposed Extension</u> The Jenner Grave Fund was being used to restore and repair two family graves in accordance with their bequest. The work was being completed by Mr Newton from the Stone Shop – Maidstone. Members were extremely pleased with the results to date.  The proposed purchase of land to extend the cemetery was ongoing with the solicitors.</li> <li>• <u>Old School Hall</u> Repairs: The Warden had completed the damp proofing of the building by the car park border and toilets. Bookings remained constant and the Monday morning hire vacancy had been advertised in the Parish</li> </ul>	Clerk

	<p>Newsletter.</p> <p>Boilers: Quotations for replacement of both the preschool and Old School Hall boilers had been received from British Gas as part of the 2013-14 budget process. This would be addressed by the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Preschool</u> – The yearly Memorandum Agreement had been reviewed by the Parish Clerk and would now be considered by the Finance Chair before recommendation of approval by full Council. A meeting to discuss the long term future of the preschool was still to be finalised with college senior management.</li> </ul> <p>Boiler - Repairs to the preschool boiler had been completed.</p> <p><u>St Mary's Churchyard</u> – Nothing to report. Members were reminded that dry goods for the Harvest Festival were being collected at the Parish Office for those that wished to contribute.</p>	<p>SR/KT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2850	<p><b>Correspondence For Consideration and Response</b></p> <p>Action With Communities In Rural Kent 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 17 October 2013 at Brabourne Barn. Noted.</p>	
2851	<p><b>Questions From Members/Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.23.</b></p> <p><b>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22 October 2013 at 7.30pm, Old School Hall.</b></p> <p><b>Signed .....</b> <b>Date.....</b></p>	