

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on Monday 10 February 2014 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall

Present: Cllrs D Hammond (Chairman), E Bright, Mrs Bright, D Carey, N Collins, P Jones, R Morley, S Richardson, F Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Massy, C Vernon

Also in Attendance: Melanie Stepkowski – Parish Clerk, PCSO Toni Matthew, A Hughes, J Morley and L Tubbs.

3112	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence received and approved by Council: Cllr K Terry (holiday). Apologies noted by Clerk: TMBC Cllr's Jill Anderson, Janet Sergison, Howard Rogers & KCC Cllr Mathew Balfour (other engagements).</p>	
3113	<p>Appointment of Co-opted Councillor & Declaration of Acceptance of Office</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Philip to the Council and the Clerk confirmed that the Declaration of Acceptance of Office had been read and signed by Mr Jones in her presence.</p>	
3114	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13 January 2014</p> <p>Minutes were signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr D Hammond, seconded Cllr Mrs Massy and carried unanimously.</p>	
3115	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13 January 2014</p> <p>None.</p>	
3116	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Shaw declared an interest as Chairman of the Hadlow Village Hall.</p>	
3117	<p>Chairman's announcements</p> <p>Community Warden: Mr Smith from the Community Warden Scheme had verbally confirmed that Mr Lees had been relocated to Aylesford and that Mr Paul Harfleet was our new point of contact.</p> <p>Village Parking: A local resident had debated the regularity of visits from Civil Enforcement Officers in Hadlow and urged them to schedule visits daily to assist in the problem caused by cars parked long term in short term bays and recently cars being repaired; the Chairman supported the residents action and confirmed that unauthorised parking, car repairs also occurred in the Old School Hall Car park, and these would be further addressed by the Planning & Environment Committee as they were not a matter for TMBC.</p> <p>Skate Park Surface: Concerns raised as to the quality of the tarmac surface at Hadlow Skate Park by a non resident would be addressed by the Clerk; the Chairman felt however it was important that the community was aware that the park is compliant with ROSPA regulations. In an ideal world it would be great to resurface the park, however this is not feasible at the present time. He reminded members that the Tonbridge Skate Park had a concrete surface but was also under a larger Borough budget and therefore not comparable to Hadlow.</p> <p>Community Free School; Plans for the new site would be exhibited in the Atrium of Old School Hall as of Tuesday 11 February 2014 for public viewing. DHA Planning had organised it on</p>	Clerk

	<p>behalf of Hadlow College and any enquiries should be addressed directly to them and not the Parish Office.</p> <p>Safety Checks; The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the recent weekly emails updating Councillors on Parish conditions due to the bad weather including flooded areas, trees down etc.</p>	
3118	<p>TMBC Councillors reports.</p> <p>No report.</p>	
3119	<p>KCC Councillors report</p> <p>A letter from KCC was read by the Clerk:</p> <p>'Tonbridge and Malling is the 3rd district in Kent to have its KCC street lights in selected areas switched off between midnight and 5.30am. 75% of those who responded to KCC's recent consultation on the proposed hours of switch off and the exclusion criteria, supported the proposals. This will save around £1million per year on energy bills, help protect the environment and reduce light pollution. The 12 - 5.30 turn off in Tonbridge and Malling will commence shortly and continues throughout the month</p> <p>For more information and to find out start dates for other districts visit www.kent.gov.uk/streetlights.</p> <p>Residents in Tonbridge and Malling can find out which street lights will be affected by entering their postcode in the online interactive map. Input a postcode into the 'My Location' box in the top left hand corner of the web page and the results will be shown. Click on the 'Legend' tab towards the top right of the screen to identify the key to the symbols displayed.</p> <p>We have done a full assessment of the local area and potential impacts but are still looking for local people to use their local knowledge in their area to identify any streets where it is felt a vulnerable group or community may be adversely impacted by the changes.'</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Maidstone Road, School Lane and Waterslippe would continue to have lights on during the night partly as a result of community responses to the consultation.</p>	
3120	<p>Public Time</p> <p><u>Monthly Crime Report:</u></p> <p>PCSO Matthew confirmed there had only been two criminal damage reports since the last parish meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed she was aware that over the weekend rubble and litter from the Moat Housing skips had been strewn across Williams Field; this had now been removed and new skips were to be delivered.</p>	
3121	<p>Parish Clerk Report</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 23 April 2014; The parish office would soon start preparing for this and asked Council if they felt it would be appropriate to hold the meeting at the Village Hall and invite community groups to exhibit at the event in addition to providing reports and not to invite outside speakers this year; the purpose of the change was to encourage the community to participate and hopefully increase attendance. The Clerk would investigate</p>	

	<p>further before asking for a resolution.</p> <p>Annual Parish Council Meeting – The Parish Office had started preparing documentation in preparation for the meeting.</p>	
3122	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>In response to a residents enquiry Cllr Mrs Bright confirmed that there were to be additional shrubs and trees planted by the Skate Park at Williams Field in the coming months.</p> <p>A26 Felled Tree – A fallen tree on the opposite side to Faulkners required further cutting back and removal; the Clerk would liaise with Highways.</p> <p>Environment Agency Meeting – Wednesday 12 February, East Peckham Village Hall; this had been arranged in order that residents could discuss local flooding issues.</p> <p>Golden Green – Cllr Collins reported that due to recent rain and flooding Three Elm Lane was at present the only road accessible to Golden Green.</p> <p>Tree Corner Carpenters Lane & A26 – the decision as to whether or not to remove the tree was still ongoing.</p> <p>Community Police Inspector – a letter from Kent Police confirmed that there had been significant changes to the Inspector community recently; Inspector Mark Hutcheon was the Urban Inspector for our area.</p>	
3123	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(i) The Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership – The invitation to two free seminars would be offered to members of Speedwatch voluntary group.</p> <p>(ii) Unipar Services – Road Safety/Speed-Watch Event – Cllrs Jones and Richardson would attend.</p>	<p>Clerk PJ/SR</p>
3124	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TM/14/00185/FL Single storey extension to rear. 3 Smithers Close, Hadlow, TN11 0LU. <p>HPC Agreed.</p>	
3125	<p>To receive reports from representatives of the following committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary</p> <p><u>Finance & General Purposes Committee</u></p> <p>(i) To Recommend approval of Authorisation of Payments & Receipts, Bank Reconciliation for January 2014.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept January Payments & Receipts, Bank Reconciliation in their entirety. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Mrs Bright and carried unanimously.</p> <p>(ii) Christmas Lights – Recommend Councillors consider purchase of lights to replace those damaged in gales.</p> <p>RESOLVED to repair One of Venus Star at £55.00, One of Iceberg Star at £75.00 and to purchase equipment to replace one of Leda Star, three of North Stars. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Morley and carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Highways and the Community Safety Partnership. One of the main topics had been Emergency Plans and she was pleased to say that the Hadlow Emergency Plan was held in good standing.</p> <p>Elder Tree, St Mary's Churchyard – Cllr Carey as the Village Voluntary Tree Warden had met with the TMBC Tree Officer to discuss the Elder on the South East corner of the Churchyard. It was agreed that the tree was a 'financial risk' due to its closeness to a Listed Wall and with the current wet and windy weather conditions the possibility of tree damage was increased. It was agreed that the tree would be felled and the roots poisoned to prevent re-growth and another tree, possibly a Weeping Ash would be planted in a more suitable area within the Churchyard.</p>	
3126	<p>Motion to Exclude the Press and Public (to enable Council to consider any items on the agenda in which significant aspects would be of a confidential and financial nature).</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Hammond, seconded Cllr Shaw and carried unanimously.</p>	
3127	<p>Village Hall Lease – It was agreed that Committee Chairs would meet to review the second draft received from Council Solicitors.</p> <p>Cemetery Extension – Six plots would be reserved in the new cemetery area as part of the condition of land purchase.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Monday 10 March 2014 at 7.30pm in Old School Hall.</p> <p>Signed Date.....</p>	