

**HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Committee Members Present:** Cllrs E Bright (Chairman), L Bright, D Carey, N Collins, J Massy, J Newman,

**Also in attendance:** M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk)

		Action
3212	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>R Morley (unwell).</p>	
3213	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 27 September 2016 for Approval</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to approve and sign Minutes of the meeting held on 23/08/2016. Proposed Cllr E Bright, Seconded Cllr Newman and carried unanimously.</p>	
3214	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>Cllr Massy declared an interest in relation to May Vault as an employee of St Mary's Church.</p>	
3215	<p><b>Matters Arising from The Minutes of Monday 27 September 2016 - not on the agenda and for update purposes only</b></p> <p><u>Minute 3208</u> – Clerk and Warden had cut back overgrown vegetation on Ashes Lane in order that the 30mph signs were visible.</p>	
3216	<p><b>New Applications, Amended Applications and Plans for Comment (List 'B's)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TM/16/02965/FL</b> – Aluminium framed glass structure to rear of dwelling house. Chesfield Gate, Maidstone Road, TN11 0DN</li> </ul> <p><b>HPC Agreed</b></p> <p>It was noted that List B &amp; D's have become less frequent and the Clerk asked to make enquiries.</p>	
3217	<p><b>Planning Applications: Results (List D's), Planning Enforcements &amp; Out of Area/Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laxton Farm &amp; Nursery, Common Road, Hadlow; alleged unauthorized hard standing and caravans. Investigation continued.</li> </ul>	
3218	<p><b>TMBC Area Planning Committees</b></p> <p>No report.</p>	
3219	<p><b>KCC Matters</b></p> <p>Faults reported: <u>Ref: 243593 Pound House</u> – sunken slabs on pavement by Pound House reported. It was noted that they had now been marked for works.</p>	

	<p><u>Ref:243590 Street Lights</u> – Lights not working in Tainter Road and School Lane had been reported. A response had been received noting no lights would be fixed at this time as due for LED changeover.</p> <p><u>Border on junction Carpenters Lane and A26</u> – the boundary wall for ‘The Close’ had been erected and the KCC parcel of land cleared of overgrown vegetation and a new half wall installed. Planting was now due by KCC before being maintained on their behalf by Parish Council. Concerns were raised as to some of the plants that had been re-planted in new positions at such an untimely time of year.</p>	
3220	<p><b>Non-Planning Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Williams Field</b> – Metal bench arrived and would be put in place in due course. Hadlow Hornets – the football team had sadly dissolved due to lack of numbers. It was agreed to recommend to full Council that the second pitch fee instalment of £262 was ‘written off’ as the club had no remaining funds. Golden Green had previously enquired about using the pitch and would be given first invite. It was also suggested that perhaps a ‘Walking Football Team’ could be considered within the community.</li> <li>• <b>Cemetery &amp; Churchyard</b> – Quotations for repairs to the May Vault were awaited. A fencing quotation as an alternative had already been received. The Clerk would keep St Mary’s Church updated.</li> <li>• <b>Cemetery Extension</b> – Phase 1B which includes construction of the new main path and some ancillary paths had been posted on the Government Contract Finder Website in accordance with legislation.</li> <li>• <b>Signpost Field</b> – Play area in good condition. It was noted that the Bus Shelter structure in Golden Green as a Council asset should be regularly checked. In addition to Wardens safety checks, Cllr Collins would keep an eye on it as a local resident.</li> <li>• <b>Footpaths</b> – Inspections had been carried out and in summary all were in good to fair condition, however there was a little overhang in the horse’s field near The Paddock and Cllr Carey would attend to this.  The path behind the Hadlow Tower Haha was no longer a permissive path.  136 unclear pathway by the river at Golden Green – landowner responsibility and Public Rights of Way (PROW) notified.  PROW to be contacted about 135 landowners overgrown vegetation near Bournside Farm which was in need of cutting to ensure public access.</li> <li>• <b>Trees</b> – Tree inspection for those areas requiring additional checks due to maturity of trees, closeness to public or recognised as requiring close monitoring would be completed on Friday 28 October.  Tree Regulations within Conservation Area – As the Freehold was within a Conservation Area the new proprietor of land within the Freehold was provided with a copy of the regulations to assist her whilst planning the future of the plot.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Buildings</b> – Annexe: Quotations for eventual annexe removal requested and awaited for budget purposes. A brief response from Hadlow College had been received noting possible future plans for the preschool.</li> </ul> <p>Hy-Arts: The hall was now booked Monday to Friday by a daytime user and recent weekend parties had been a success. The possibility of a cleaner was being investigated by the parish office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Winter Preparation – sand boxes to be filled where necessary, Snow Volunteers programme to be updated in coming month. Gutters and roofs to be checked once all the leaves have fallen.</li> <li>● Emergency Plan – Cllr L Bright would check local contacts were still correct and willing to take part in the plan. Other government contact details would be checked by the Clerk and through liaison with Environment Agency.</li> <li>● Highways – concerns over vehicles mounting the pavement to continue driving in the face of on-coming traffic on Maidstone Road would be referred to KCC Highways.</li> <li>● Remembrance Day – the council wreath had been ordered and Cllr Collins confirmed he would be reading at the service held at St Mary’s Church.</li> </ul>	
3221	<p><b>Correspondence for Consideration and Response</b></p> <p>Cemetery Lodge – Proposal to place a bee hive within cemetery grounds. Members agreed in principle and the Clerk would progress the matter.</p> <p>TMBC Local Plan – Exhibition had taken place at Village Hall but emphasis was placed on the fact that this was still early stages with no planning applications being viewed or approved. It was agreed that the exhibition should be carried on at the Old School Hall during November to ensure residents had suitable accessibility and a chance to put forward their views to TMBC before 25 November closing date. Anne Hughes and Sarah Chilvers to be notified in order that it could perhaps be publicized in local papers.</p>	
	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.34 hrs. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 7.30pm, Old School Hall.</b></p> <p><b>Signed .....</b> <b>Date.....</b></p>	