

Minutes of the Hadlow Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 April 2015 at Old School Hall, Hadlow

Present: Hadlow Parish Cllrs D Hammond, Mrs Massy, D Carey, Mrs Bright, E Bright, P Jones, S Richardson. TMBC Cllrs Jill Anderson, Janet Sergison, Howard Rogers, KCC Cllr Matthew Balfour, PCSO's Toni Matthew & Kim Hockey. Representatives and Members of the following in addition to other members of the general public were present: Hadlow Bowls Club, Hadlow Amateur Dramatic Society, Hadlow Seniors Table Tennis, Hadlow Badminton Club, Hadlow Seniors Pop In Club, Hadlow Cricket Club, Hadlow WI & Golden Green WI, Hadlow Historical Society, Growers Group, Hadlow Tower, Hadlow Scouts (6th Tonbridge), Short Mat Bowls, HadLOW Carbon Group, Pilates, Hadlow Primary School, Footsteps

Also in Attendance:-Melanie Stepkowski (Parish Clerk), Elaine Battain (Admin Assistant)

1/ Welcome by the Chairman, Cllr David Hammond - the Parish Council Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded attendees that the Parish Council was only the facilitator of the meeting but it was a Parish Meeting and therefore any questions for the Parish Council would be addressed at the next parish council meeting.

2/ Apologies For Absence – These were received from Parish Council Cllrs N Collins (holiday), R Morley (holiday), K Terry (holiday), P Hurling (holiday), N Tate (other commitment).

3/ Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 23 April 2014 – Proposed by D Hammond, seconded E Bright and carried unanimously, the minutes were signed by the Chair.

4/ Reports from Parish Council

The Chairman took the opportunity to ensure everyone was in receipt of the Annual Parish Report Booklet in which parish council committees had entered reports along with the Borough councillors, KCC councillor and some local organisations. The meeting was given considerable time to read the reports – no questions were put forward.

5/Reports from Borough and County Councillors – The reports were noted and no questions asked. It was noted that one page of the KCC report was missing from booklet and the Clerk apologised and agreed to print the balance for the record and for anyone wishing to have it. KCC Cllr Balfour was thanked for his support and funding of £5,000 towards Phase 2 of the Play Areas refurbishment and £1,000 contribution to the Country Fair.

6/ Reports from Village Organisations – Footsteps, Hadlow Amateur Dramatics, Hadlow Historical Society had provided written annual reports which were noted. The following groups gave an oral report:

Golden Green Association – Howard Rogers reported that they were going from strength to strength and the hall was available for bookings at a good rate. He also noted that the recent litter pick day had been well attended by at least twenty five volunteers.

Hadlow Seniors Table Tennis – Carol Hyams reported that the club was thriving with four tables and met every Wednesday evening with members ages ranging from 50 onwards. All newcomers warmly welcomed.

Hadlow Seniors Pop In Club – Francis Gibbins encouraged the over 60's to come and join them at the Old School Hall on Thursday mornings for tea and cake, bingo, quiz and other activities.

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Walking Leaflets – David Lavender updated the meeting on the recent publication of four local walking leaflets: Welcome to Hadlow, The Hadlow Parish Ramble, The Hadlow Village Amble and The Hadlow Hop Tour all of which aimed to encourage local walking in addition to providing information on local business. The leaflets had been well received and with the aid of the Parish Council he was now producing a fifth leaflet and was also hoping to provide a list of about twenty other published walks in the surrounding area which would be accessible at the Library. He concluded by saying he felt that we were in an area with some outstanding scenic views.

7/ Update of plans for parish council play areas (plans exhibited). The Parish Clerk confirmed that Phase 1 had been scheduled to start during May 2015 and that funding towards Phase 2 which would complete the Williams Field play area and also improve Golden Green play area was under way.

8/ Update on Hadlow Community Country Fair by R Mernagh – Richard produced a plan of the Cricket Club showing where the different activities would be sited. He summarised the situation to date confirming many local groups would be involved but that there was still room for more stalls and activities. There would be no entrance fee to the fair but programmes would be on sale. There would be very limited parking in the cricket field and he continued to liaise with local land owners to see whether a field would be accessible for parking, however he highlighted the desire for local people to take advantage of footpaths and walk to the event. In response to a residents question as to whether dogs would be allowed he confirmed this would not be a problem and was open to the suggestion that perhaps a dog competition could be organised. The Chairman thanked him for organising the event.

9/ Public Time – Matters of Interest related to the Parish – The Chairman confirmed that no planning application for The Harrow had been seen by council to date.

10/ Close – The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and especially thanked the WI for putting on the refreshments. He hoped to see everyone at the Country Fair and closed the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.53 and the community event continued until 20.30

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