

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held on
Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 7.30pm in Old School Hall

Present: Cllrs E Bright (Chairman) N Collins, D Carey, C Hyams, J Massy,
R Morley.

Also in attendance: Elaine Battain (EB) (Admin Assistant)

3479 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllrs M Barrett, S Richardson, J Newman, M Harvey & Parish Clerk

Resolved to approve Cllrs Richardson, Newman, Harvey & Parish Clerk apologies and reasons for absence. Proposed Cllr Bright, seconded Cllr Collins and carried. EB also advised Cllr Barrett has resigned from the Committee (but will remain on F&GP) due to work commitments – noted.

3480 To receive declarations of interests

None.

3481 Matters arising from Minutes of 26 November 2019 not on the current agenda

3478 – non planning issues – **Hy-Arts Centre** – EB read Clerk’s note to Council, “A majority of Councillors had agreed to match funding Hadlow Tower Group to pay for 12 sessions of boxing and Clerk has advised YMCA to book to start in February.”

Parish Partnership – Clerk has notified TMBC waste services of continued failings regarding waste collections for Council/Parish residents and lack of village sweeping/cleaning. Clerk will continue to monitor.

3482 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List ‘B’s)

- TM/20/00031/FL – Demolition of the existing single storey eastern side extension; replacement with a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear projection. Alterations to the existing two storey extension roof are also proposed to balance the appearance of the property. Pittswood House, Ashes Lane Hadlow TN11 0AW.
HPC agreed.
- TM/20/00033/FL – Proposed first floor rear/side extension and new pitched roof over. 18 Appletons, Hadlow TN11 0DT.
HPC agreed.
- TM/20/00017/FL – New open swimming pool The Oast House, Carpenters Lane, Hadlow TN11 0EX.
HPC object – until such time as public right of way issue resolved.

3483 Planning applications: results (List D's), out of area/comment & planning enforcements: For noting.

Noted.

3484 TMBC & KCC matters:

a) Highways Improvement Plans: Members suggestions as follows: Cllr Collins; specific flood areas in Golden Green namely; Hartlake and Victoria Road (Hayes farm), Cllr Harvey (sent by email); speed limit reductions; from 40mph to 30mph entering and exiting the village, from 30mph to 20 mph through the village centre and from 60mph to 40 or 50 mph on approach to village from Tonbridge. Cllr Hyams; better drainage on the north side of the village. Cllr Bright; improvements to roadway between Hadlow and Tonbridge to allow safer use by both pedestrians and cyclists. Members discussed the problems with the block paving to the village centre main road but were mindful that it was originally laid to reduce vibration in the adjacent homes and were not therefore in favour of replacing with tarmac.

b) Introduction of new charges for off-street parking: Members agreed no written response required as Parish not affected.

3485 To consider Kent Wildlife Trust letter – reviewed and discussed – no action required. Cllr Carey reminded members of the need to always keep biodiversity in mind and do as much as possible when the opportunity arises.

3486 Non-planning issues:

a) **May Vault** – Structural Engineering Report and the next step Clerk has sent the Report to Historic England for advice as to how to proceed. All interested parties have a copy of the Report and a quote for demolition works to make safe is awaited. Clerk will liaise with all parties upon receipt of the quote.

b) **Community Minibuses & Wardens Truck** – the draft agreement with the primary school was progressing and a meeting with headteacher and governor arranged for 4 February. The side-step has been repaired under warranty on one of the minibuses. The 10-week inspections were carried out on 14th January 2019 by Tunbridge Wells MOT Ltd and the LOLER 6 monthly inspections by Lambournes. The Truck lease will finish on 31 March 2020 and members asked that the Clerk obtain quotes for both leasing and purchasing a replacement vehicle.

c) **Trees** – Access trail and any other matters During wet and windy weather additional inspections have been carried out. Hadlow College are undertaking a considerable amount of tree work on paths bordering their land which has much improved matters. Cllr Bright asked members to consider improvements to the Access Trail as a future reserves project in order that it may remain accessible to all users.

d) **CCTV** – update on period of non-recording EB advised members that the system was down for a short period recently. This was due to a Microsoft update and was soon rectified by the CCTV support company. As a result, this should not happen again when future updates are installed. Cllr Morley requested a copy of the CCTV policy and EB agreed to send a copy to all Councillors. Members observed that few policies are on the website and EB will

review with Clerk next week also ensuring all meeting agendas and minutes are up to date on the website.

e) **HOS & other Parish Council Buildings** - The installation of the acoustic panels had been continually delayed. The company has been given one last opportunity to install and this will be over the weekend of 15-17th February. Routine 6 monthly fire alarm checks were completed at the Old School Hall, Medical Centre and Hy-Arts Centre by the contractor on 21 January 2020 and they have been asked to quote for replacement heat and smoke detectors where required.

Cllr Morley confirmed the plumber has been asked to quote to replace a cracked toilet cistern at the Hy-Arts Centre and EB thanked him and his wife for resolving a blocked toilet problem. Cllr Morley is also replacing the toilet door handles which have been damaged and are now beyond further repairs.

It was agreed that the borrowed humidifier has been of benefit at the Old School Hall but should be returned and the Clerk purchase a similar unit.

f) **Play areas** – Signpost Field play surface

Members agreed to visit to look at the surfacing with a view to the need to replace in due course. It was also noted that the benches at the park required refurbishment or replacement.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.54

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall.

Signed

Date