

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on
Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30pm in Old School Hall

Present: Cllrs N Collins (Chairman), M Barrett, C Barbary, E Bright, L Bright, D Carey, M Harvey, C Hyams, J Massy, J Newman, S Richardson

Also in attendance: Melanie Stepkowski (Clerk), KCC Cllr Balfour, TMBC Cllr Anderson & Rogers, S Rhodes (KCC Community Warden), C Neal (HPRA), & three members of the public.

4066 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllr Morley & TMBC Cllr Sergison (other business).

4067 To receive declarations of interests

None.

4068 To resolve that the minutes of 14 October are a correct record

Resolved to approve the minutes of 14 October as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Barbary and carried unanimously.

4069 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting

None.

4070 To receive oral reports from TMBC & KCC Councillors

Cllr Rogers reminded members that the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan deadline for submission was Friday 15 November.

Planning Application for permanent occupancy at the Wrotham Traveller Site – Area 2 Planning Committees original decision to object was deferred and after much debate, advice from TMBC legal, Area 2 Planning Committee had put the matter back to TMBC full Council who voted to grant the application.

Cllr Balfour confirmed that as a result of recent elections he was now Deputy Cabinet Minister for Property.

Speed Limit between Hadlow and Tonbridge – It was agreed that Hadlow's Speedwatch Team would consider assisting with positioning, maintenance, battery charging and administering speed limiters if the police agreed and KCC installed them along the A26. It was hoped that the recordings would evidence speed issues and encourage the police to set up speed traps as a step towards reducing speed along the A26 through the village. Cllr Balfour would use his Members grant towards cost of necessary equipment.

Grass cutting verge A26 – Cllr Anderson had been successful in getting the verge cut on one side between Ashes Lane and Three Elm Lane.

4071 To receive report from PCSO & Community Warden

Local monthly crime update: These were noted with three property thefts, one attempted vehicle break in and three incidents of anti-social behaviour. Drug's remained an issue in several areas including Williams Field, St Mary's Churchyard and the Access Trail although the Community Warden was yet to see any such activity whilst visiting the church or Access Trail. The Community Safety Team, Hadlow College and PCSO had all been made aware of the situation and everyone asked to remain vigilant and report such activity to 101 or notify the Community Warden.

4072 To receive Chairman's & Clerk's Reports

Old School Hall Refurbishment Project – New Acoustic panels were to be installed before month end. The medical centre roof leak had been repaired.

Community Christmas Fair – Friday 6 December, 3.30-5.30pm everyone encouraged to attend.

(Cllr Rogers was excused from the meeting to attend to other business)

4073 Public Time and Parish Matters

The replacement Union Jack flags in the village square were in place and were a great improvement.

Old School Hall Fence Painting – Agreed in principle to the painting of the panels on the exterior side of the hall carpark along the primary school side entrance by school volunteers.

4074 Correspondence

None.

4075 TMBC Local Plan Post Submission Consultation

Deadline for submission was 16 December 2019. Cllr Massy to complete on behalf of Parish Council.

4076 To consider planning applications as received

TM/19/02474/LB – repair of first floor front oriel window damaged by water penetration. Church Place, Church Street, Hadlow, TN11 0DB.

HPC agreed.

TM/19/02498/FL & TM/19/02499/LB – Demolition of an existing gate pier, re-building in a new position, installation of automated security gates and the alteration of vehicular access from the main road (A26). The Hermitage, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow, TN11 0AS.

WITHDRAWN

4077 To consider resolution to adopt The General Power of Competence:

RESOLVED to adopt The General Power of Competence with two thirds elected Councillors and Clerk being CILCA qualified. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Collins and carried unanimously.

4078 To receive reports from representatives of committees and pass such resolution thereon as may be necessary:

Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) **To authorise payments as attached.**

RESOLVED to approve payments in the total of £23,814.05 Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

b) **To approve October accounts (bank reconciliation, income & expenditure, cost centre report & second quarter report).**

RESOLVED to approve October accounts. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr E Bright and carried unanimously.

c) **To confirm approval of updated List of Payments by DD & Regular Bank Transfer.**

RESOLVED to approve updated List of Payment by Direct Debit and Regular Bank Transfer dated 11 November 2019. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr L Bright and carried unanimously.

d) **To confirm updated Summary of Contracts**

RESOLVED to approve the updated Summary of Contracts as of November 2019. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr L Bright and carried unanimously.

e) **To resolve amendment 6.4 to adopted Financial Regulations in accordance with NALC Financial Regulations issued July 2019.**

RESOLVED to approve updated 6.4 to adopted Financial Regulations in accordance with NALC. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr L Bright and carried unanimously.

To approve and resolve F&GP Minutes of 6 November 2019.

RESOLVED to approve the F&GP Minutes of 6/11/2019. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

Planning & Environment Committee

a) **To resolve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 22 October 2019.**

RESOLVED to approve and sign the P&E Minutes of 22/10/2019 with the correction to 3470 a) to include Cllr David Carey. Proposed Cllr Barrett, seconded Cllr Harvey and carried unanimously.

KACL (Kent Association of Local Councils) – no meeting attended.

TMBC Parish Partnership Panel – Meeting due on Thursday.

TMBC Joint Transportation Panel – No matters related to Hadlow Parish noted on the agenda and meeting clashed with HPC.

4079 Motion to Exclude the Press and Public (to enable Council to consider any items on the agenda in which significant aspects will be of a confidential and financial nature)

Resolved to approve the Motion to Exclude the Press and Public. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr L Bright and carried unanimously.

To consider approval of Hadlow Community Minibus Policy.

Resolved to approve the Hadlow Community Minibus Policy. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

(Clerk and Admin assistant thanked for all their work on the project)

To consider approval of TMBC Parking Plan for Hadlow Parish.

RESOLVED to dismiss the TMBC Parking Plan for Hadlow Parish. Proposed Cllr Carey, seconded Cllr L Bright and carried unanimously.

To consider approval of Draft 1 Budget 2020-21.

Cllr Richardson asked members to consider the draft budget and Reserves and to consider projects as part of the three year plan. The draft was agreed in principle with additional information and costs to be considered in relation to staffing. Clerk to provide a report and costings for the December meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.55

Date of next meeting: Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall.

Signed

Date