

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held
on
Tuesday 26 November 2019 at 7.30pm in Old School Hall

Committee Members Present: Cllrs E Bright (Chairman), N Collins, D Carey, M Harvey, C Hyams, J Massy, R Morely, J Newman & S Richardson,

Also in Attendance: M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk)

3471 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllr M Barrett

Resolved to approve absence of Cllr Barrett's apology and reason for absence.
Proposed Cllr Bright, seconded Cllr Collins and carried.

3472 To receive declarations of interests

None.

3473 Matters arising from Minutes of 22 October 2019 not on the current agenda

No matters but noted Cllr Carey had attended the RPII course at Williams Field and that this had been amended on the minutes number 3470.

3474 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List 'B's)

None.

3475 Planning applications: results (List D's), out of area/comment & planning enforcements: For noting.

Noted.

3476 TMBC & KCC matters:

The response to the TMBC draft Hadlow Parking Plan has been approved by Council and members clarified the wording with the Clerk.

3477 KCC Consultation on the proposed modifications to the Minerals Sites Plan

The documents had been reviewed and no action required.

3478 Non-planning issues:

a) **HOS – refurbishment update:** The acoustic panels were still to be installed and this had been continually delayed due to the company struggling to find appropriate fitter. Medical Centre roof was no longer leaking but our DMP Project Manager remained unsatisfied with the roof repairs and would liaise with roofers to carry out satisfactory repairs.

It was agreed that a humidifier may be beneficial in the hall and a trial with a borrowed humidifier would take place.

b) **PROW Footpaths** – 158 had been cleared.

MT125 was on the PROW list for improvement but it was noted they had limited staff and a long list of works to complete.

Access Trail – there was a tree down near the wooded area located Victoria Road end of the trail. Hadlow College would be notified as it was believed this was on land that they were responsible for maintaining.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the new Principal making him aware that there are a number of highways and public rights of way crossing and adjacent to the Hadlow College estate. The letter would notify him of significant concerns that continued to be raised about the College's obligation in law to regularly inspect the trees overhanging these highways and footpaths for the safety of the public, and to avoid the risk of accidents from trees or heavy branches falling that could lead to injury or even potentially a fatality notifying him of the colleges responsibility to keep their lands in which trees were situated safe.

Fallen Trees – Steers Lane. Cllr Carey to investigate.

c) **Minibus** – the draft agreement with the primary school was progressing and bookings were slowly increasing as groups become aware of the project.

d) **Christmas Fair** – Risk assessment to be completed by the Clerk. JM to provide cable carpets. Councillors asked to assist on the day wherever and whenever possible.

e) **Any other reports or meetings, upcoming events**

Cllr Carey had attended the new **Wildlife Group** meeting which was well attended.

KCC Highways, Transportation & Waste Parish Seminar for Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling – this was attended by Cllrs Collins and Newman. The seminar provided amongst other items details of both the Highways and Public Rights of Way Parish Improvement Plans which enabled Parishes to identify a wish list of local improvements which would be considered by the relevant body. This was an opportunity to highlight important works rather than simply adding them to the regular report a fault system's currently in use across both borough and county departments.

Hadlow Village Hall AGM – Cllr Hyams had attended on behalf of her table tennis group but also reported back to Committee as no official Council representation had been present. The Village Hall Management Committee identified areas needing maintenance, repairs and improvements, acknowledging that the major works would require funding.

Hv-Arts Centre: YMCA youth club and toddler's group: Cllr Morley confirmed that both these activities were well attended and run. He also noted that the boxing had also been well received by local youth.

Parish Partnership – Waste Disposal & Speedwatch: Cllr Newman had attended the meeting at which the new waste disposal programme was discussed. The new contractor was currently trying to rectify teething issues particularly in relation to areas that had not been added to the teams’ collection routes. It was hoped that things would be running a little smoother in the new year.

Speedwatch was discussed and the Hadlow team commended for their continual performance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.31 hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17 December 2019 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall.

Signed

Date