

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the virtual meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened
and held on
Tuesday 29 September 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs E Bright (Temporary Chair), N Collins, D Carey, J Massy, R Morley, J Newman, S Richardson.

Also in attendance: M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk – Minute Taker), Cllr Mitchell

3512 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllr Harvey – reasons accepted.

3513 To receive declarations of interests

None.

3514 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting 30/06/20 not on the current agenda.

Minute 3511 Signpost Field, Kelchers Lane – the vegetation has been cut back and removed and the sign visible.

3515 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List ‘B’s)

- **TM/20/01901/FL** (mis-typed on agenda as 001901) – Construction of a boundary wall within the garden (2.4m). 28 The Forstal, Hadlow, TN11 0RT.

HPC Agreed.

3516 Planning applications: results (List D’s), out of area/comment & planning enforcements

Noted.

3517 TMBC & KCC matters:

KCC Wish List – Cllr’s Harvey and Mitchell were drafting and completing the necessary paperwork for possible projects such as reduction of speed and traffic signs, improvement works on the Access Trail and Cycle/Footpath from Hadlow to Tonbridge.

S106 Monies – Clerk continues to liaise with TMBC Planning Officer to ascertain how Parish Council can be considered and or apply for S106 monies on developments within the Parish. Cllr Newman to contact the developer (Rydon Homes) direct with regards to application TM/20/01588/FL and S106 monies.

3518 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government White Paper

Members noted that the White Paper briefing lacked detail, suggested minimal consultation and response from local Parish/Town Councils (possibly contravening the Localism Act). TMBC'S response to the consultation was noted and members agreed with many of their comments. Concerns were raised as to the three zoning types: growth, positive development sites, protective land and the implications within Hadlow Parish, which it was agreed, would seemingly fit into the Green Belt – protective land category. Observations were also made with regards to when rates would be payable by developments.

It was agreed: Cllr Massy to draft a Council response for Council approval with the final draft being sent for information purposes to Kent Association of Local Councils and local MP Tom Tugendhat.

3519 Non-planning issues:

a) Allotments & Freehold – October to September 2021 tenancy invoicing had been completed.

b) Foothpaths – The cutting schedule had been updated and all necessary cuts completed.

Proposed diversion of part of Public Footpath MT119 at Hadlow – PROW's response was noted and Clerk to ask PROW officer to join members for a site visit to discuss proposed entrance/exit to the footpath on Carpenters Lane that was considered by members to be dangerous and to discuss the possibility of alternative entrance/exit on initial segment of landowners drive.

c) COVID-19 – Currently all Council facilities are open. The Play areas were deemed safer open with adopted TMBC COVID signage rather than closed due to people taking a risk and climbing over the fencing and vandals removing locks, opening was in line with a majority of TMBC sites.

Track and trace NHS scanner posters were in place at both the Old School Hall and Hy-Arts Centre in addition to signing in sheets for hirers, contractors and those unable to scan.

Hadlow Voluntary Assistance Scheme – it was agreed that as a starting point the Clerk should contact existing volunteers to assess how many would still be in a position to assist over the winter if needed.

d) Community Halls – Old School Hall, Hadlow Medical Centre and the Hy-Arts Centre had been part of a Legionnaires Risk Assessment with an accumulation of minor repairs being required which resulted in a High Risk conclusion. The Clerk was seeking quotations for repairs, staff training and appropriate templates for future safety checks.

As agreed with Hadlow Primary School as a temporary measure at the entrance to Old School Hall Carpark the barrier now had an additional holding post to create a safe walkway for people queuing to enter the school. The primary school would be invoiced for half the costs.

e) Kent Buccaneers – Clerk confirmed that the September 26&27 Tournament had been cancelled in line with Councils decision. Members were asked to consider a small tournament intended for October.

Resolved to object and decline the request for a Baseball Tournament in October due to the current Coronavirus pandemic. Members agreed that it was not appropriate at this time to encourage social gatherings and that it had a duty of care to all Hadlow Parish residents and wished to keep numbers within its recreation areas to a minimum wherever possible. Government guidelines were considered including the advice to limit/reduce travel wherever possible. In support of Kent Buccaneers they did agree that coaching, games between just Kent Bucs and one other local team would be permissible if in line with government guidelines. Proposed Cllr Bright, seconded Cllr Collins and carried unanimously.

f) Williams Field & Signpost Field – Anti-social behaviour, surfacing projects & works.

There had been a spate of anti-social behaviour at Williams Field affecting both users of the Village Hall and Hy-Arts Centre. A majority of the issues were being caused by a small group of youths who had now been identified. The information had been passed to PCSO's for further action.

The Clerk had been covering safety checks, cleaning and litter pick at Williams Field whilst the Village Warden was on annual leave and noted continual smashing of glass on the skate park, ballcourt and surrounding area.

Signpost Field play area surfacing was being considered for remedial works and Clerk to apply for funding.

g) Parish Newsletter & Christmas Festivities – The church hoped to restart the Parish Newsletter as of November.

Christmas Festivities – the Council lights would be installed and turned on at the same time this year to reduce risk to the installation and lighting team, date for works to be confirmed. The tree had been ordered for the village square.

A proposal for a Christmas Lights Trail this year was considered and supported by members. A keen local resident, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Massy (on behalf of St Mary's) would meet to discuss and put a plan into action hopefully in line with the turning on of lights in the square.

Before closing the meeting, it was agreed to ask Estates Agents not to put signs on the corner of A26 and Carpenters Lane that obscured the view of vehicles exiting Carpenters Lane.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.17

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 7.30pm location tba depending on COVID-19 Government guidelines

Signed

Date

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