

## HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Zoom meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held on  
Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Cllrs M Harvey (Chairperson), E Bright, N Collins, D Carey, J Massy, R Morley,

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

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**3548 To receive apologies, reasons, and approval of absences**

Apologies for Councillors Newman & Richardson were approved.

TMBC Cllr Anderson apologised as she was attending TMBC Licensing and Appeals Committee Meeting.

**3549 To receive declarations of interests**

No declarations.

**3550 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting 23 February not on the current agenda.**

Minute 3543 Williams Field Carpark Lights – The contractor was due to carry out the planned works Thursday 8 April. Mr Clark from the Village Hall Management Committee would be on site to oversee the works within the hall.

Minute 3543 Local Restriction Support Grant – additional funds of £2096 for each hall had been received for the period 16/02/2021 to 31/03/2021.

Minute 3543 Document Scanning – the USB memory stick had been received but the return of the paper minutes was still awaited.

Minute 3546 Bus Stops – TMBC confirmed their contractor had notified them that currently there was an approximate 20 weeks lead time for supply of shelters.

Minute 3547 Play Inspections – Wicksteed engaged to complete quarterly play inspections with Warden in attendance.

**3551 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List ‘B’s)**

- **TM/21/00600/FL** – Single storey side extension. Sandlewood, Hadlow Park, Hadlow, TN11 0HX.  
**HPC Agreed.**

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- **TM/21/00684/FL** – Single storey rear and side extension. 25 The Cherry Orchard, Hadlow, TN11 0HU.  
**HPC Agreed.**

**3552 Planning applications: results (List D’s), out of area/comment & planning enforcements**

The planning decisions and enforcement investigations were noted.

With regards to application TM/21/00380/AGN: Land at junction of Common Road and Matthews Lane, Hadlow – prior agricultural notification: Proposed erection of 180sqm forestry barn for the storage of logs and equipment used for maintaining and harvesting woodland at the junction of Common Road and Matthews Lane – this had not been accepted and required planning permission.

Sale of 7 Plots on Common Lane – Planning Enforcement had put land use restriction notices on the plots and Council would monitor and report to Planning Enforcement if and when necessary.

**TM/00/1599/R26C1A** - Details of an Ecological Mitigation Strategy for the Widening of the Site Haul Road (condition 3) pursuant to planning permission TM/00/1599/R26C1 at Stonecastle Farm Quarry, Whetsted Road, Five Oak Green, Tonbridge, Kent. Approval was noted.

**TM/20/02991/MIN** - Request for approval of details pursuant to condition 29 (Landscaping, Restoration & Aftercare) of planning permission TW/19/1343 (KCC Ref:KCC/TW/19/1343/R29). Stonecastle Farm Quarry, Hartlake Road, Golden Green, Tonbridge, Kent. No response had been seen to date from KCC and Cllr Carey to monitor.

**3553 TMBC & KCC matters:**

Road improvement A26 & Village Square – KCC proposals amended from 2021/22 to 2022/23 works programme. The Parish Council had been cc'd into concerns raised by a resident as to the state of the village square road surface and the KCC responses sent providing details of the issues and the new planned work schedule. It was noted that further consultation was expected regarding suitable materials and members wished to be consulted on this and to discuss reduction in vibration before KCC formalised a decision. The Clerk to write to Mr Starbuck, KCC Asset Engineer (Road and Footway), Highways Asset Management re-affirming Council's desire to be consulted at that time.

**3554 Non-planning issues:**

- a) Climate Change – Tonbridge & Malling Forum: It was firstly noted that Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) had elected a representative to take part in the forum.

The Parish Charger Project – to consider application: The Chair and Cllr Carey summarised the application process explaining that a points system was being used; for example: 1 charging bay was valued at 4 points with additional points being allocated depending on increase number of charging points etc. The application was considered comprehensive with some of the data required set out below:

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- Provide information on anticipated “end users” and demonstrate demand.
- Evidence with map a half mile radius area of properties without off-street parking
- Complete a resident survey

**RESOLVED** to propose to full Council that an application be put forward after checking the following:

- Parish Council had the statutory powers to move forward on such a project and to benefit from any associated income. (Check with KALC)
- Enquire as to whether planning permission would be required
- Investigate the appropriate power supply required and whether this was attainable at a reasonable cost
- Map out the appropriate charging point bays
- Notifying the local public of Councils intention via maildrop, social media

Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Carey and carried unanimously.

Cllr Carey felt that the rationale behind the funding opportunity was to ensure the benefits of driving an electric car were accessible to all not just those with off road parking.

If full Council approved the proposal then a small committee comprising of the Clerk, Cllrs Carey, Harvey and Massy would be set up to compile the application.

- b) Kent Buccaneers – request to complete pitch maintenance & training sessions over the Easter period if in line with Government COVID guidelines. Members to consider and resolution to be ratified at next full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED to complete the pitch maintenance in May once the field was dryer.**

Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Collins and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED to permit training sessions to start over the Easter weekend in groups of 6 in line with government guidance and the Kent Bucs governing body.** Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Collins and carried unanimously.

Other issues related to baseball and a request to use the field by a newly set up baseball group would be addressed by full Council at its April meeting. It was noted however that the Council was already in a legal agreement with the Kent Buccaneers to use the field for both adult and youth baseball and therefore could not consider the request before liaising with the Kent Buccaneers.

The Clerk was asked to:

- Arrange a meeting with the Kent Buccaneers to ascertain their views ahead of the Council meeting.
- Request that any advertising indicating training days at Williams Field by the new group are removed from social media as it is currently seen as false advertising as no permission or discussions have been held with the Parish Council.

- c) Williams Field – Dog Walking Area – To respond to complaint about possible inconsiderate use.

Members were aware of concerns raised by a few residents about the alleged misuse of the dog walking by one person and their dogs. The PCSO had already spoken to the dog owner and asked that the dogs be kept under control and supervised. To resolve the ongoing issues, it was agreed to ask the Community Warden and PCSO, possibly with a Police dog handler also present, to have another chat and explain peoples' concerns. Councillors agreed that it was important that the facility remain open to the public at large and that dogs using the areas are kept under control.

Fencing around the Field – Clerk confirmed she was aware that the small fencing around the field required replacement in sections and a quote had been received with a second being sought.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Signed**

**Date**

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