

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on
Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30pm at Golden Green Mission Hall

Present: Cllrs N Collins (Chairman), D Carey, M Harvey, J Massy, R Morley, J Newman, S Richardson,

Also in attendance: TMBC Cllr H Rogers, Hadlow Park Association representative

4325 To receive apologies, reason, and approval of absences

Approved Council absences: Cllrs M Barrett, E Bright, L Bright, Melanie Stepkowski (Clerk).

Other absences: KCC Cllr S Hudson, TMBC Cllrs J Anderson & J Sergison, Community Warden, PCSO.

4326 To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

4327 To resolve that the Minutes of 13 September are a correct record

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 13 September 2021 as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Harvey seconded Cllr Newman and carried unanimously.

4328 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting

Minute 4319 KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres Consultation.

Hadlow Parish Council shared KCC Cllr Hudson's view that the Consultation was skewed towards the current booking system. The Clerk had sent a letter to KCC calling for a review to be undertaken and a new consultation launched for public comment.

Minute 4322: Cllr Hudson had been notified that Council supported the KCC Asset Engineer's proposals for the A26 through Hadlow: namely that the current blocks on the road should be replaced with high quality tarmac to reduce noise and vibration.

Minute 4322 Williams Field Car Park: Clerk still to obtain quotes for white lining.

Minute 4323 Defibrillator: The equipment has been ordered and paid for, and an electrician has confirmed that he will undertake the installation in the phone box in the village centre when the equipment arrives.

4329 To receive oral reports from TMBC & KCC Councillors

TMBC Cllr Rogers reported that a planning application had been received for a traveller/gipsy site at the A26 end of Common Road.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Cllr Rogers noted that the committee had discussed whether the cost of provision of public toilets and Christmas lights in Tonbridge should be borne by all households of Tonbridge and Malling. Their recommendation was that public toilets should be funded but not Christmas lights.

Hadlow Lights: Cllr Rogers added that he had been notified that Hadlow had not claimed TMBC funding for Christmas lights over the past few years. Cllr Collins said he would check that with the parish clerk.

4330 To receive report from PCSO & Community Warden

No reports.

4331 To receive reports from Chairman and Clerk

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

He updated the Council with the Clerk's report:

- **Grounds Maintenance – a meeting with Landscape Services had been deferred for two weeks.**
- **Roof leak and theft at Hadlow Old School Hall (OSH) – an attempted theft of lead flashing from the OSH and Medical Centre had been thwarted and the damaged areas repaired with alternative sustainable material. However, despite this, there had now been a leak in the medial centre roof and repairs were yet again required. The contractor had been notified**
- **Carpenters Lane: Road Markings – an email had been received from the KCC Highway Steward covering Tonbridge and Malling area confirming that all road markings in Carpenters Lane will be refreshed, including stop markings at the junction of the A26, Two SLOW markings, centre lines, the yellow NO PARKING in the no-through-road section and all side road junction markings.**

4332 Parish Matters

Cllr Newman complained about the long time the TMBC enforcement team is taking to deal with alleged breaches of planning regulations. She pointed out that no action had seemingly been taken after cases in Victoria Road and Blackmans Lane had been reported – some as far back as January 2021.

Cllr Newman also noted that some local villages had received skips to take garden waste while the brown bin collection service has been suspended. She asked whether this might be available for Hadlow. TMBC Cllr Rogers pointed out that the skips mentioned had been paid for either by the Parish Council concerned or out of the KCC Councillor's funding.

Various councillors complained about the length of time it is taking to resume the brown bin service.

4333 Correspondence

Stonecastle Quarry: Cllr Collins had heard from Tarmac that they are recommencing work at Stonecastle Quarry shortly and they expect it to be completed in Spring 2022. The work is being carried out under existing permissions.

Tonbridge & Malling Active Travel Strategy. A public consultation was expected to be launched in October 2021 and to last for six weeks, but Cllr Collins noted that any plans for a much-needed cycle path between Hadlow and Tonbridge would be contingent on the TMBC Local Plan coming into force.

Request by a business owner for a flagpole to be erected in The Square to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The council noted that there were flag poles on the building above the former Portuguese restaurant. It was suggested that the business owner should put his request to the owner of the former Portuguese restaurant.

Empty Grave EROB284 no longer required: The Council agreed to defer a decision regarding the Grant owner's request to sell the plot back to Council.

4334 Dementia Friendly Hadlow

Cllr Newman reported that she had attended a meeting earlier that day with Sandra Edmonds the Warden, Amanda Barrett, and Jenny Hopkins the Anna Chaplain from St Mary's Church. They had discussed ways to raise dementia awareness in Hadlow.

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

4335 To receive reports from representatives of committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary:

Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) To resolve payments to date

RESOLVED to approve payments to date. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Harvey and carried unanimously.

b) To approve September accounts (bank reconciliation, income & expenditure, cost centre report, bank statements and trial balance

RESOLVED to approve September accounts in their entirety. Proposed Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Harvey and carried unanimously.

c) To recommend approval of Investment Strategy Policy 2021-22

RESOLVED to approve Investment Strategy Policy 2021-22. Proposed Cllr Massy, seconded Cllr Harvey and carried unanimously.

d) To note that the F&GP meeting of 5 October had been deferred and new date to be confirmed.

Noted.

Planning & Environment

a) To approve Minutes of the meeting held 28 September 2021

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held 28 September 2021. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Collins and carried unanimously.

Matters arising: Minute 3575: Hadlow Parish Green Belt Status: Clerk had checked with TMBC officers who confirmed that the sites in Carpenters Lane and Court Lane earmarked for development under the proposed Local Plan had not yet had their Green Belt status removed. Moreover, they would not be taken out of the Green Belt until the proposed new Local Plan has been adopted.

- b) To resolve approval of youth pitch at Williams Field.

A decision was deferred to the next HPC meeting to allow councillors to consider a letter from Hadlow Park Residents objecting to the proposals as they stand. Meantime, to be considered by Planning & Environment Committee at its October meeting.

- c) To consider purchase of RBLI Tommy Statue.

It was noted that KCC Councillor Sarah Hudson had kindly offered Hadlow a Tommy and possibly a WW1 nurse. The Council agreed that it would like to accept her offer if a suitable location could be found. It was suggested that the statue(s) could go in the green space by the bus stop in the village centre. This would require permission from KCC who are responsible for that piece of land, and HPC will enquire whether Cllr Hudson could help expedite a KCC decision.

- d) To consider approval for
Heating Control System for HOS
Zone control valves for HOS

Deferred to the next P&E meeting

- e) To note the following repairs:
Wash hand basins which are leaking – HOS
LED lighting – Hy-Arts
Teleflex Vent window controls – HOS

Noted

- f) **To consider** planning applications as received:

- **TM/21/ 02158/FL** – Single storey front extension. The Coach House, Hadlow Park, Hadlow, TN11 0HY

HPC No objection.

- **TM/21/02309/FL** – Single storey rear extension. Amendment to previously approved planning applications TM/20/00354/FL & TM/21/00892/FL. 5 The Cherry Orchard, Hadlow, TN11 0HU.

HPC No objection.

- **TM/21/02405/FL** – Replace existing timber windows with Rosewood UPVC double glazed windows. The Old Stables, 10 Kenward Court, Hadlow, TN11 0DX;

HPC No objection

- **TM 21/02465/PDVR** – Prior notification: Change of use of a building and land within its curtilage from an agricultural use to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling houses),

together with building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building. Three Oak Cottage, High House Lane, Hadlow, TN11 9RD;

HPC No objection in principle but HPC would like to see the accommodation used only as ancillary to the main property, particularly as there is no independent access.

(Mr Foley was excused from the meeting)

- **TM/ 21/02494/TNCA** – Reduce height of Mulberry by up to 2m and reduce over extended lateral branches by up to 2m to balance and shape.

HPC No objection.

Staffing Committee

- a) **To resolve** to approve and sign Staffing Minutes of 20 May 2021

RESOLVED to approve Staffing Minutes of 20 May 2021. Proposed Cllr Newman, seconded Cllr Massy.

- b) **To note** meeting of 28 September 2021 deferred until further notice.

Noted.

KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils) – No meeting.

TMBC Parish Partnership – No meeting

Joint Transportation Board – Meeting held 20/09/2021 but nothing was discussed that directly affected Hadlow Parish. However, the Board had discussed a report that had been received reviewing the pilot project of 20 mph speed limits in Tonbridge. It was reported that 75% of respondents to a survey had objected to the 20 mph limits, particularly on main roads.

Joint Standards Committee – No meeting.

4336 Motion to Exclude the Press and Public (to enable Council to consider any items of a confidential and financial nature).

Nothing to discuss, therefore no motion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 November 2021, 7.30pm in the Old School Hall, Hadlow

Signed

Date

Appendix – Payments Approved

547	Came & co (A Gallagher) - Council Insurance	7,253.85
chq7511	Petty Cash Transfer	52.98
548	PAYE P7	1,252.01
549	Clerk Wages Wk32	2,367.89
550	Facilities Wages Wk32	689.44
551	Admin Wages Wk32	240.00
552	Scrapco - Allotments Skip	186.00
553	Bracketts - Insurance Reinstatement Valuation Buildings	1,740.00
554	KCC - InvI3897525 Cleaning Materials	112.08
555	Zest Commercial Cleaning - Hall Cleaning	522