

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held on
Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs M Harvey (Chairperson), E Bright, D Carey, N Collins, R Morley, J Newman.
Also in attendance: Cllr Massy - Minute Taker), Siobhan O'Shea (member of the public)

3594 To receive apologies, reasons, and approval of absences

Apologies approved: Clerk

3595 To receive declarations of interests

None.

3596 To note Minutes of meeting held on 23 November 2021

Approved by Council 13/12/2021

3597 To receive an update on progress of resolutions & matters from the last meeting 23/11/2021 not on the current agenda.

3598 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List 'B's)

No applications.

3599 Planning applications: results (List D's), out of area/comment & planning enforcements

List D's noted.

3600 TMBC & KCC matters:

- **Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (the Plan) Refresh – Regulation 18 Public Consultation.**

Details of the proposed changes to the KMWLP are available on the County Council's website: www.kent.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste. Noted.

- **KCC Re-cycling Centre's Survey Conclusion**

It was noted that the temporary Covid booking system set up as part of Covid measures was to remain in situ for the long term, but with enhancement to allow same day bookings. Councillors remained concerned that people without internet access would not be able to make bookings.

- **Communications between TMBC Planning Enforcement & Parish Council**

In response to Cllr Newmans enquiries as to lack of communication from TMBC Enforcement with Parishes the following response had been provided:

“...For the avoidance of any doubt, we are only statutorily required to display Enforcement Notices on the website, which we do. We do not publish any other cases on the website because:

- a. whilst the investigation is ongoing that could lead to legal prejudice; and*
- b. if the case is closed without needing to take formal action, that means that a breach hasn't occurred or has been rectified and in those circumstances it would not be proportionate or necessary to publish these online*

I would also caution that to do otherwise might raise certain issues under data protection legislation.

Nevertheless, we do appreciate that this is an area of concern for Members and Parishes and so I would suggest that as part of Overview and Scrutiny we can undertake to review the matter and seek advice from colleagues in Legal Services regarding limitations and risks involved.”

3601 Non-planning issues:

- **Climate Change – Consider local carbon footprint & possible set up of Committee**

Members looked at the carbon footprint calculator but required additional details such as utility costs from the Clerk before proceeding further. The following was discussed:

- Climate Change Champion: further consideration to be given to finding a Champion who would lead on projects.
- Electric Chargers: still await results of investigation into installation of charges in Old School Hall carpark. Cllr L Bright to chase.
- Council Truck: owned by Council and not due for replacement at the current time but if electric chargers are installed would consider electric truck in the future.
- Solar Panels: Looked at installing solar panels in 2011 on the roof of the OSH, but had decided it wasn't suitable
- Environmental improvements recently completed were noted: all Council lighting changed to LED where possible.
- Councillors agreed to recommend setting up a small Committee to focus on this.

- **Baseball – To consider draft new Agreement with Kent Buccaneers & update on other items related to baseball (storage container, youth pitch)**

- Drafting the Agreement was progressing. Councillor Collins to circulate his draft amendments to the existing Agreement for comment and consideration.
- Storage Container – it had been concluded specialised concrete slabs could be used rather than a concrete full base. Container still to be purchased.
- Planning: Additional plan identifying just the backstop for the youth pitch had been sent to TMBC Planning Department as this was the only part of the development requiring planning consent due to its height being higher than 3m.

- **General repairs and maintenance**

- Fuse boards: Old School Hall & Hy-Arts fuse boards up-graded and new updated certification provided.
- Cemetery repairs (tidying of unsafe graves and filling in rabbit holes etc) continued using the services of Harris Grave Tending.
- Tree works St Mary's: consent to complete works within a Conservation area was awaited.
- Medical Centre Gate – works had now commenced.
- Medical Centre Roof Leak – a decision as to whether the repairs could be undertaken via insurance was awaited as the matter related to a previous incident.

- **Seating Areas**

Agreed to recommend to full Council replacing the missing bench on the Victoria Road end of the Access Trail. Proposed Cllr E Bright, seconded Cllr Collins and carried.

Friends Bench – further consideration of appropriate location would be required, but Councillors felt that there was not really a suitable location within Hadlow.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45 hours.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 7.30pm

Signed

Date