

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on
Monday 9 January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Collins (Chairman), O Baldock, E & L Bright, D Carey, M Harvey, J Massy, J Newman, S O'Shea, S Richardson

Also in attendance: M Stepkowski (Clerk & Minute Taker), TMBC Cllr J Lark, TMBC & KCC Cllr S Hudson, Hadlow Park Residents Association Representatives

4512 To receive apologies, reason, and approval of absences

Approved Council absences: None.

Other absences: TMBC Cllr's J Sergison, J Anderson, H Rogers

4513 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Carey planning application TM/22/02838/FL

Cllr Harvey planning application TM/22/02577/LB

4514 To resolve HPC Minutes of 12/12/2022 are a correct record

Resolved to approve HPC Minutes of 12/12/2022 as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Baldock seconded Cllr Massy and carried.

4515 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meetings held 12/12/2022

Minute 4506 Anti-social behaviour rules – Clerk to respond to consultation and clarify that proposal will address ASB issues at Williams Field.

Minute 4508 Cycle Path support – to sign petition and include item on HPC Infrastructure Plan.

Minute 4509 F&GP: Precept request submitted and confirmed by TMBC finance team.

4516 To receive oral reports from TMBC & KCC Councillors

TMBC Cllr Hudson reported on matters for both Borough and County matters:

Borough:

- Tonbridge & Malling Shopfront and Vacant Unit Improvement Scheme webpage was now live for applications. Let's Do Business Group had also been commissioned to provide applicants with advice and support. Scheme applications closing date was 08 March 2023.
- Local bin and waste services were now running on their standard schedule.

KCC:

- Councillor Members Fund for the new financial year had been reduced and was now £3600
- Draft Budget issued with a 5% Council tax rise
- Provision of Services: review of how to best utilise assets/buildings to provide services and enhance digital and face to face services.
- Bus trips: £2 a trip promotion continued within the local area until the end of March.

4517 To receive report from PCSO & Community Warden

No reports.

4518 To receive Chairman & Clerk's Report

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and the Clerk reported on the following:

- a) Schedule of Meetings for April 2023-March 2024: After reviewing attendance data the Clerk had concluded that meeting at Golden Green twice a year was not productive and not cost effective. Councillors asked to consider this information when confirming the new Schedule of Meetings in February. Currently the hire of the Golden Green Hall was £30 per session. Turn out by Golden Green residents was consistently extremely low.
- b) Dementia Meeting: Curran Hall in East Peckham on 25th January and the Clerk would be attending.
- c) Hy-Arts and Old School Hall new shutters: there had been a couple of snags with the installation, but these were to be rectified by the installation company over the coming weeks.
- d) Minibuses: both the LOLA and 10-week bus inspections had been booked.

4519 Public Time & Parish Matters

- Haywards Farm (A26) wished to notify residents that the enclosed garden was available for group and public usage/events.
- Concern was expressed on behalf of Hadlow Park Residents Association regarding the closing date for comments or responses to Planning Application TM/22/02640/OA. It was confirmed that an extension until 5th February had been granted.
- Hadlow Village Hall Annual General Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 11th January, 6pm and Cllrs O'Shea and Richardson would represent the Council.
- Kings Coronation – local events yet to be confirmed.
- National Highways & Transport Survey was now online for participation: The survey covers six different areas:

Accessibility, Highways maintenance, Public transport, Road safety, Tackling congestion, Walking and cycling.

Each of the surveys is "stand alone" so you can do all six or just select those which are of most importance to you. The deadline is 28 February 2023.

- Kent Men of the Trees – entry to the tree competition was now open and Hadlow had been entered.

4520 Correspondence

None.

4521 To consider consultations:

Forestry England – Dene Park Forest Plan 2022-32

Hadlow Parish, together with Shipbourne, has an exceptional public area of "high forest" woodland at Dene Park, popular with dog walkers, families and wildlife enthusiasts alike. Over the next few decades the Forestry Commission will start forestry operations to convert much of the "high forest" to selectively-felled and also regularly coppiced woodland, widening rides and removing exotic conifers and rhododendron, encouraging the

return of more open and diverse ancient semi-natural woodland and wildlife - although there will be winners and losers. To view an early draft of the detailed plan use the link below:

https://consult.forestryengland.uk/forest-districts/orlestone-dene-park-forest-plan-2022-2032/supporting_documents/OrlestoneDenePark_Forest_Plan_2022_to_2032_v3.pdf

A stakeholders consultation phase has now closed but a public consultation phase of the final draft will open soon.

4522 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 Baldock, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

b) **To resolve December** accounts (including bank reconciliation, income & expenditure, cost centre report, trial balance, bank statements,)

RESOLVED to approve December accounts in entirety, proposed Cllr L Bright, seconded Cllr Harvey and carried unanimously.

Planning & Environment (P&E)

a) **Planning Applications:**

- **TM/22/02577/LB** - Listed Building Application: Installation of a stairlift. 1 Church Street Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 0DB

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/02577/LB>

HPC no objections.

- **TM/22/02820/FL** - Subdivision back into two cottages, addition of front porch to both properties, single storey rear extension to both properties, loft conversion with roof light windows to front and rear roof slopes to both properties. 3 Bell Cottages Three Elm Lane Golden Green Tonbridge Kent TN11 0BB

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/02820/FL;>

HPC no objections.

- **TM/22/02596/FL** - Part one/part two storey side and rear extension. 38 Maltings Close Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 0EQ.

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/02596/FL;>

HPC no objections.

- **TM/22/02838/FL** - Side and rear extension. 2 Hailstone Close Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 0JY

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/02838/FL;>

HPC no objections.

- **TM/22/02724/PDVRB** – Prior notification: Change of use of a building and land within its curtilage from an agricultural use to a flexible use (Class R.3 (b) over 150 square metres) for use as B8 storage (building to be occupied by a lighting equipment hire company for storage of lighting and associated equipment). Land and Buildings Known as Goldhill Farm, Hartlake Road, Golden Green.

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/02724/PDVRB;>

HPC Hadlow Parish Council believes that the Applicant is unlikely to be entitled to apply for a change of use for this property under Class R3(b), due to previous planning consents for a similar change of use having been granted which, cumulatively, would take the total floorspace above the maximum limit permitted.

In any event, Hadlow Parish Council would object to a planning application for a (further) change of use on this property due to issues with commercial vehicle movements, the adverse effect of lighting and operation at unsociable hours to the detriment of neighbouring properties.

- **TM/22/02795/RD** – Details of conditions 3 (landscaping and boundary treatment), 7 (tarmac surfacing), 8 (vehicle crossings) and 9 (kerb) pursuant to planning permission TM/22/01385/FL (variation of Condition 7 to change the approved single shared vehicle access off Higham Lane to two separate vehicle access points (one for each plot). Orchard Dene Works, Ashes Lane, Hadlow.
<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/02795/RD>;

HPC on Reserved Matters only, have no objections.

4523 To receive reports from representatives of external committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary:

KALC – no report but minutes read by Cllr L Bright and no matters directly affecting the Parish.

TMBC Parish Partnership – meeting in February

TMBC Joint Transportation – no meeting

TMBC Standards Committee - Postponed.

4524 A motion to Exclude the Press and Public (to enable Council to consider any items on the agenda in which significant aspects will be of a confidential and financial nature).

RESOLVED to exclude the Press and Public. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr E Bright and carried unanimously.

To consider and resolve as to whether Hadlow Parish Council will join the Parish Alliance currently comprising of Borough Green, Platt, Wrotham, Ightham Shipbourne and Plaxtol PCs

RESOLVED not to join the Parish Alliance at the current time. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Baldock and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.51

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 February 2023, 7.30pm at Old School Hall

Signed

Date

Appendix A

Faster Payments

Zest - Inv5519 Hall Cleaning	583.68
Orion - Inv4189 Safety Belt Minibus	48.00
KCC Commercial Svs - Inv4992 Grounds Maintenance	7998.30
Evans - Window Cleaning January	55.00
Golden Green Assoc - Oct Hall Hire HPC	30.00
Tate& Tonbridge Fencing - Inv2130 Bin Store HOS	2174.40
Spy Alarms - Inv2J5 HOS Intruder Alarm Annl	614.40
Evenbrite - Inv 699 KALC Coursers NC/MS Com Engagement	88.80

Payments authorised but on hold

F1Lining - Inv308 W/F	1540.80
Roche Shutters - Inv's609+608 Hy arts shutter installation	5139.00