

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on
Monday 10 July 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Collins (Chairman), O Baldock, E Bright, D Carey, M Harvey, J Massy, J Newman,

Also in attendance: N Ideson (Deputy Clerk & Minute Taker), TMBC Cllr S Crisp, 4 members of the public were also in attendance.

4592 To receive apologies, reason, and approval of absences.

Approved Council absences: Cllr O'Shea,

4593 To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

4594 To resolve HPC Minutes of 12th June 2023 are a correct record

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 12 June as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously.

4595 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting held 12/06/23

No updates.

4596 To resolve P&E Minutes of 27/06/2023 are a correct record

Resolved to approve the P&E Minutes of 27/06/2023 are a correct record. Proposed Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Newman and carried unanimously.

4597 To receive oral reports from TMBC & KCC Councillors

TMBC Cllr Lark had circulated a written report prior to the meeting:

At the last meeting I reported that the number of fly tipping incidents was of concern and that I would see if I could get agreement to the siting of the "spy" cameras at known hotspots. I am pleased to report that the Cabinet member has to their being sited in the hope that the offenders are caught. I do not know the exact dates or siting as this is confidential to the contractors completing the installation.

I am very concerned with the high speeds of vehicles entering the village. The speed camera is quite regularly positioned opposite Weathered and Worn but seemingly never at the other end of the village. The vehicles approaching from the East have in my experience scant or little regard for the 40MPH limit and indeed hit the 30MPH area at excessive speed on occasions. I would ask the PC to consider the use of a Speedwatch system and if you would like to use such a system, I would be happy to investigate further on your behalf. It will require a team of willing volunteers, but I feel sure we could muster a team together.

KCC Councillor Hudson circulated a report prior to the meeting:

Using Bus Service Improvement Plan funding provided by HM Government, the council is holding the cost of all passes at 2022/23 rates and is also working with bus operators to protect bus services at risk of withdrawal.

The KCC Travel Saver allows children travelling to school on buses to share the fare with the county council, helping households to make a significant saving on the cost of their journey to and from the classroom.

Prices for renewed and new passes will be frozen this year at £450 for the standard pass and £120 for low-income households. The cost of the 16+ Travel Saver pass will also remain at £500.

Funding from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Bus Back Better fund has allowed KCC to keep the price of the pass as accessible as possible, in light of the considerable financial pressures the council faces.

Report from TMBC Councillor Crisp

I fully agree with saving the oak tree at North Frith - oak trees are ecologically precious.

At the latest meeting held to discuss the proposed cycle path on the A26 from Hadlow to Tonbridge an automated traffic count has been organised to measure the amount of vehicle and cycles that use the road. From an overhead inspection of the proposed route, it was discovered that there was about 200 yards of the old A26 road adjacent to the existing A26 which should be ideal for the cycle path extending to the farm shop. Once a proposal has been submitted it is hoped the cycle path will be funded by the Active Travel Fund / Highway travel Plan. Hopefully I will be able to give an update at the next meeting.

I propose the possibility of organising a Repair Cafe in Hadlow

I am pleased that Harvey's are apparently intending to keep the Two brewers Pub in operation and are looking for a tenant.

The untidy signage at the BP garage is going to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the Council.

4598 To receive report from PCSO & Community Warden

No report.

4599 To Receive Clerk & Chairman's report

No report

4600 Public Time & Parish Matters

Cllr Newman announced that the next Dementia meeting is scheduled for the 21st July at 10am, Curren Hall East Peckham. The group are intending to approach local shops and businesses and make them more aware of Dementia in the Parish.

Cllr Harvey had received a phone call from a resident about a recent appeal. This issue will be investigated.

4601 Correspondence – The Clerk had written to the MP Tom Tugendhat regarding the persistent water leak on the High Street. The MP subsequently wrote directly to the CEO of South East Water on 5th July. It appears now that some action has been taken to repair the leak by South East Water.

4602 To receive reports from representatives of committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary:

(1) Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) To approve payments to date via cheque/faster payment

Resolved to approve payments made in June 2023 with those after that month being deferred until the next Council meeting. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

b) To approve June accounts including bank reconciliation, income & expenditure, cost centre report, and trial balance.

Resolved to approve June accounts in their entirety. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

Planning & Environment Committee

(a) Planning Applications

- **TM/23/01256/TPOC** - Yew(s) (applicants ref. 1 and 2 - we believe no 2 may be an offshoot of No 1) - Trim branches overhanging public footpath adjacent to Maidstone Road (A26) lifting to a height of 2.1M from the ground and cutting back to the line of the fence as per applicants sketch (this will involve removal of no more than 2-3% of the trees canopy) and thereafter to be allowed to maintain this on an ongoing basis for pedestrian safety. 1 x Yew (applicants ref. 3) - Lift to 2.1M from the ground (this will involve removal of less than 2% of the trees canopy) and thereafter maintain ground clearance at this height. 2 x Holly (applicants ref. 4 and 5) - Reduce height by 2M (10%). 1 x Sycamore (applicants ref. 6) - Lift to 2.1M from the ground (this will involve removal of 3% of the trees canopy) and thereafter maintain ground clearance at this height. All standing in Group G1 of Tree Preservation Order.
1 Great Elms Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 0HS
Noted by Council
- **TM/23/01257/LRD** - Details of condition 3 (glazing) 4 (Junction drawings and external materials) pursuant to planning permission TM/22/01569/LB- Listed Building Application: a single storey structure to enclose an existing area from the main property to an external building housing a utility room and shower room. Alterations to the barn, installing new windows, doors and skylights.
Spring Place Carpenters Lane Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 0EY
Resolved to raise No Objection.
- **TM/23/01391/TNCA** - 1 x Hawthorn (shown in photo IMG_7539) – Remove.
North Frith Park Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 9QW
HPC is concerned with potential loss of a veteran tree, which although isn't in the best of health, still provides substantial ecological value for wildlife habitat, and the NPPF now recognises the biodiversity value of veteran and ancient trees and regards them as irreplaceable habitat.
- **To note:** recent TMBC planning decisions & appeals

4603 To receive reports from representatives of external committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary.

- KALC – meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th July.
- TMBC Parish Partnership Panel – The minutes of the most recent meeting held on Thursday 15th June can be viewed on Borough website.
- TMBC Joint Transportation Board – Not had a meeting.
- TMBC Standards Committee – Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th July.

4604 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).

There being no further business the meeting closed at

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th September 2023, 7.30pm at Old School Hall

Signed

Date

Payments HPC Approved

	£
Amazon - glasses Clerk Reimb Cncl incor acc	90.95
HMRC - P3 PAYE`	1,832.06
Nesbit Urn & Buzz Dishwasher (Clk Pd CC Reimbursed)	1,593.90
Three Elm Station Diesel Station Db Cd	25.52
Amazon - Inv 205Catering Thermometer	16.98
Zest - Inv712 - Hall Cleaning May	775.20
DynoRod - Messenger Mob HyA drain	360.00
D Evans - Window Cleaning	55.00
Roadware Inv318 - Litter Bins Signpos	424.68
Buzz Catering - bal Inv813 net£100 £20vat dishwasher	120.00
B&Q - Db Cd- Bin Store for Cemetery (Dcard)	250.00
MFG Three Elm Diesel CA65 Db Cd	55.59
MFG Three Elm Diesel DK Db Cd	60.00
Tekton Inv23/05 40% Kitch Refurb	7,786.78
Price Kitchens - Inv681 Pt Pay	2,802.84
Haywards & H Superstor Coconuts GG (EB)	85.79
Clerk Wages	2,585.94
D Clerk Wges	1,622.37
HMRC PAYE	1,831.66
Minibus Fuel - CA65 (D Cd)	58.48
Minibus Fuel - DK19 (D Cd)	57.72
H Stevenson - Carpark Cleaning /Weeding HOS	100.00
Price Kitchens - Inv681 Final Payment HOS refurb	2,802.84
Tunbridge Wells MOT - Inv701+752 CA/DK MOT 10Wk Ins	119.10
Zest Inv751 Hall Cleaning June	785.40
Alfa Tail Lifts Invs791+674 Minibus Safety Ins	196.20
KCS (CSG Global) Inv617 Clean Materials (May order)	70.72
KCS (CSG Global) Inv awaited Order 685851 Bulk Clean Sup	349.81
Dartford X Chg - Minib H Potter (on Clk personal acc reib)	19.00
Playdale - Nestswing bolt replacement W/F	24.80