

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on
Monday 11 March 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

Also in attendance: M Stepkowski (Clerk & Minute Taker) J Moss (Deputy Clerk), KCC Cllr Hudson, TMBC Cllr Crisp, 1 member of the public were also in attendance.

4688 To receive apologies, reason, and approval of absences.

Apologies received: TMBC Cllr Lark (other meeting).

4689 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

4690 To resolve HPC Minutes of 12 February 2024 are a correct record.

Resolved to approve the HPC Minutes of 12 February 2024 as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Massy, seconded Cllr Harvey and carried unanimously.

4691 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting held 12/02/2024

No matters addressed.

4692 To resolve the P&E (Planning & Environment Committee) Meeting Minutes of 27 February 2024 as a correct record.

Resolved to approve the P&E Minutes of 27 February 2024 as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Bright, seconded Cllr Baldock and carried unanimously.

4693 To receive oral reports from TMBC & KCC Councillors

TMBC: Cllr Crisp continued to work with other local parishes on community energy schemes.

Hadlow Historical Society Exhibition – both County and Borough Councillors had attended.

Dandara – Court Lane application: concerns over recent land works and possible damage to nature had been reported to borough enforcement and response awaited.

Hadlow to Tonbridge Cycle Path – Government cycle path funding had been unsuccessful but it was hoped an appeal would be considered.

Although new to the role of Borough Councillor Cllr Crisp wished to assist residents wherever possible.

KCC Cllr Hudson reported that the County deficit remained high. The External Auditor had raised concerns in relation to asset valuations which would need to be addressed.

4694 To receive report from PCSO & Community Warden

No reports – Police report read at the Annual Parish Meeting.

4695 To Receive Clerk & Chairman’s report.

No reports.

4696 Public Time & Parish Matters

No matters addressed.

4697 Correspondence

No correspondence addressed.

4698 To receive reports from representatives of committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary:

(1) Finance & General Purposes Committee_- Cllr Harvey to report

a) To resolve payments to date (appendix a)

Resolved to approve payments to date. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Baldock and carried unanimously.

b) To resolve February accounts in their entirety

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

In relation to the account’s members had approved contribution of £8,000.00 for the 24-25 Precept on the basis there would be a surplus at year end which unfortunately no longer looked achievable due unforeseen costs. On this basis Cllr Harvey reminded Members that Council were not obliged to support Parish Community Groups and in deed would need to be stringent in this regard at the current time despite several groups asking for possible financial assistance.

c) To resolve holiday leave payments to the Caretaker and Deputy Clerk for untaken leave during the year due to exceptional circumstances and as approved by the Staffing Committee via email.

Resolved to approve holiday leave payments to the Caretaker and Deputy Clerk for untaken leave during the year. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr O’Shea and carried unanimously.

d) To resolve not to forward on any charges to the Medical Centre in relation to the rebuilding of the brick wall adjoining neighbouring property or the works to the iron gate entrance

Resolved not to forward on any charges to the Medical Centre in relation to the rebuilding of the brick wall adjoining neighbouring property or the works to the iron gate entrance.

(It was agreed that although Council was entitled to proportionally pass on costs for such works on this occasion Members were of the view these costs would be absorbed by Council. There were other projects such as window replacement for the Medical Centre to bear the cost. With financial constraints due to current markets the long-term stability of the Medical Centre was priority).

Planning & Environment Committee – Cllr Baldock to report

(a) Planning Applications

- **TM/24/00237** – The Firs, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow, TN11 0AT
HPC no objection.
- **TM/23/03538** – Alans Hectare, Cemetery Lane, Hadlow, TN11 0LT
HPC no objection.
- **TM/23/03479** – The Embers, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, TN11 9QU
HPC no objection.
- **TM/24/00275** – Hazelwood Farm, At Hazelwood Farm Land, Maidstone Road, Hadlow
HPC no objection.
- **TM/24/00307** – Hildenborough, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, TN11 9QU
HPC object to over development with the Green Belt due to its “bulk”.
(TMBC Cllr Crisp asked to “call in” to Committee).
- **TM/2400080** – 1, The Cherry Orchard, Hadlow, TN11 0HU
HPC no objection.
- **TM/24/00093** – The Round House, Dene Park, Shipbourne Road, Hadlow, TN11 9NS
HPC no objection.

4699 **To receive** reports from representatives of external committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary.

- KALC – No meeting.
- TMBC Parish Partnership Panel – meeting due on 30th May
- TMBC Joint Transportation Board – cancelled lack of business
- TMBC Standards Committee – no meeting

4700 **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).

No motion required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.25 Hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 April, 7.30pm at Old School Hall

Signed

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Date

Appendix a

09/02/2024	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd		-89.92	Inv959 Correction
12/02/2024	Amazon UK	DEB	71.60	Various Items
15/02/2024	Lloyds TSB	PAY	7.00	Bank Serv Chg
15/02/2024	Quartix Ltd	DD	57.6	Inv790929 - Bus Tracker
15/02/2024	Lloyds TSB	PAY	15.13	Bank Sv Chg Correction
16/02/2024	Castle Water	DD	9.93	Inv265 Cemetery Water
16/02/2024	Aviva Pension	DD	253.84	Cncl Contrib Clk Pension
20/02/2024	Castle Water	DD	35.16	Inv1105 Water Allotment
20/02/2024	Total Energies	DD	144.94	Inv2039/24 Elect Hyarts
22/02/2024	Total Energies	DD	640.52	Inv092/24 Electricity HOS
22/02/2024	TV License Au	FP1255	159.00	TV license Hyarts
22/02/2024	Total Energies	DD	40.15	Inv060 Electricity Ballcourt L
22/02/2024	PEAC (UK) Ltd	DD	158.28	Inv6606 Copier Lse 22/2-21/5
22/02/2024	H&E Tree Sv	FP1254	96.00	Inv3623 Xmas Tree Removal
22/02/2024	Bailey	FP1253	20.00	Deposit Refund Inv250
22/02/2024	EDF Energy	DD	429.82	Street Light Electricity
26/02/2024	Total Energies	DD	398.13	Inv817 HOS Gas
28/02/2024	Veolia	DD	41.64	Inv697 Euro Bin Waste
29/02/2024	Business Stream	DD	52.48	Inv4097 Water HOS
29/02/2024	Assured Products	FP1257	61.98	Inv6899 Weedkiller Sprayer
29/02/2024	NEST Pension	DD	173.71	Staff Nest Pension
29/02/2024	Business Stream	DD COR	1.00	Inv4097 HOS Water Cor
01/03/2024	D Evans	FP1263	55.00	Window Cleaning March
01/03/2024	Zest Com Clean	FP1262	734.4	Inv6097 Hall Cleaning Feb
01/03/2024	Gel Creative	FP1261	400.00	Inv882 Website Admin
01/03/2024	Down T Earth	FP1260	48.00	Inv401 Plan Consent Tree Wk
01/03/2024	Oakland Roofing	FP1259	1062.00	Inv4392 HOS Roof Repair
01/03/2024	Alfa Tail Lifts Ltd	FP1258	248.70	Inv017&987 Bus Inspect Lifts
01/03/2024	Three Elm Service	FP1270	46.23	Minibus Fuel CA65
01/03/2024	Three Elm Service	FP1271	60.48	Minibus Fuel DK19
05/03/2024	Cost Cutter	FO1269	2.99	Minibus Key Fob
05/03/2024	British Telecom	DD	239.12	Inv65Tel/Internet
07/03/2024	Clerk's Wages	FP1264	2739.89	Clerks Wages Wk52
07/03/2024	Deputy Clerk	FP1264B	1965.61	Deputy Clerk WK52
07/03/2024	Caretaker	FP1264C	1131.08	Caretaker Wages Wk52

07/03/2024	HMRC	FP1265	2058.06	PAYE End Yr
11/03/2024	A Thornton	FP1266	598.50	Inv438 Payroll
11/03/2024	Datasharp I Solu	FP1267	36.00	Inv655 Copier Usage
11/03/2024	Travis Perkins	FP1242A	89.92	Inv959 Shingle Cem
11/03/2024	PSA Services	FP1268	254.00	Inv1042 Repairs Build
11/03/2024	4th Platform	FP1272	215.89	Computer Svs Chgs
11/03/2024	Business Stream	DD	57.92	Inv158 Water HOS
11/03/2024	Petty Cash	DB Cd 12/3	148.07	Imprest Balance

Appendix B

Making Space for Nature:

What does the Government mean by Nature Recovery in England?

By 2030, halt the decline in species abundance

By 2042, increase species abundance so it is greater than 2022 and at least 10% greater in 2030.

By 2042, restore or create in excess of 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitats outside protected sites.

By 2042, improve GB Red List Index for species extinction compared to 2022 levels.

By 2050, increase tree canopy and woodland cover to 16.5% of total land area.

By 2042, ensure that 70% of designated features in Marine Protected Areas are in favourable condition, with the remainder in recovering condition.

(source – Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 – [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk))

It is anticipated that the action to recover nature in Kent and Medway will include the following mechanisms:

Planning: The LNRS will have a statutory role in influencing all tiers of planning, with the express requirement that strategic development, minerals and waste, neighbourhood and local plans must all take account of any local nature recovery strategy that relates to all or part of the local planning authority’s area.

Development management: The LNRS will highlight where developers can most effectively fulfil their mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain duties from Feb 2024, which requires first major, and then in a few months, minor developers (not individual householders), to deliver a 10% uplift in biodiversity. Whilst in some cases, BNG will be delivered onsite as a designed component of new developments, a large proportion will be better sought offsite, and the LNRS will pinpoint where the most biodiversity gains can meaningfully be achieved through nature recovery actions.

Nature-based solutions: Nature-based solutions (NbS) are where we work with nature to address societal challenges – such as restoring saltmarshes to sequester carbon, building leaky dams or to regulate water flow and manage flooding in times of increased rainfall, or planting trees in urban environments to reduce ambient temperatures and improve air quality. The LNRS aims to identify where nature recovery action can also deliver NbS to the greatest benefit of the county.