

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held
on
Tuesday 17 September 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Office**

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

Also in Attendance: M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk), TMBC Cllr J Lark

3801 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllr Massy: **Resolved** to approve absence of Cllr Massy.
Proposed Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously

Other apologies noted: KCC Cllr Hudson & TMBC Cllr Crisp

3802 To receive declarations of interests

Cllr Harvey declared an interest with regards to item 7. Non Planning issues c) St Mary's Church as a member of the PPC (Parochial Church Council).

3803 To receive an update of progress of resolutions & matters from the last meeting not on current agenda

None.

3804 TMBC & KCC Matters

- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Local Plan: The public consultation on new evidence base documents was to end on 23/10/24. Noted.
- Tonbridge & Malling Borough Plan. This remained in obeyance awaiting the government's updated legislation.
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); The Borough had submitted its response.
- 23/03294 Style Place: It was noted that considerable engineering works and removal of trees/vegetation had taken place in relation to application which had raised concerns, therefore the matter had been reported to the Planning Enforcement, Public Rights of Way and KCC Cllr Hudson for clarification. In discussion over this matter Cllr Lark was asked whether the Forestry Commission had been consulted by the applicant in regard to a felling licence – Cllr Lark to investigate.
- TMBC Joint Transportation Board – Cllr Baldock had attended the recent meeting and notified the Members of a detailed list of costings provided on the agenda in relation to Highways Improvement Plans. Noted

3805 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List 'Bs)

- **TM/24/01383/PA** - Retention of temporary land-based facilities at Hadlow Rural Community School required for education use for a temporary period until 31st August 2027. Hadlow Rural Community School, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow, TN11 0AU.

HPC has no objection.

- **24/01340/PA** - Proposed replacement of a storm damaged forestry building. Land At Junction of Common Road and Matthews Lane, Hadlow.

The Parish Council raises no objection to the proposed replacement forestry building other than it appears large compared to the original building and the quite limited scale of the proposed forestry operations spread over the 10-year duration of the planned woodland management scheme.

The Parish Council is also of the opinion that the group of 15 large Oak trees on the eastern boundary of the cricket pitch subject to the 1996 TPO and here listed as Compartment 2, one of the applicants' woodland plots, do not actually belong to the applicant but are owned by the Parish Council.

3806 Planning applications: results (List Ds), out of area/comment & planning enforcements:

It was noted that in recent weeks no List Ds had been received at the Parish Office; TMBC Cllr Lark to broach the subject with TMBC Planning Department.

3807 Non-planning issues:

a) Millenium Stones – Correspondence from a local resident reminding Councillors of the Year 2000 historic project to install the stones at various boundary locations was gratefully received. It was noted that two of the stones had not been installed and were currently held on Council property for safe keeping. The matter of installation would be deferred until future finances allowed.

b) Community Transport Scheme – The Clerk confirmed that CA65WYS minibus had been sold to CVM World Ltd for eight thousand pounds and a new bus HV24BPK purchased from the same company using funding recently received from TMBC Community Transport Fund. All necessary paperwork had been completed including tax refund for CA65, amendment to insurance, booking installation of tracker for new minibus, Dart charge account etc.

c) St Mary's Church – quotes for the replacement of gate piers were ongoing. Once various options and costs were received the Clerk would report to Council before addressing the PCC and Diocese.

d) 2025-26 Budget – **Note the agenda incorrectly posted with 2024-25 Budget.** Members would consider any future projects over the coming month and notify the Clerk in order that they may be costed as part of the budgetary process. Items initially suggested included:

- Hy-Arts cladding (possibly using S106 funds if applicable),
- Signpost Field surfacing (Clerk to check recent ROSPA report for surfacing comments),
- Hall decorating,
- Access Trail (although a partnership project and other partners to be contacted)
- Play equipment – to consider topping up existing Earmark Reserve.

e) Grounds Maintenance – A review of the current ground’s maintenance contract would be part of the 2025-26 budgetary process with Clerk to report on possible future contract costs in comparison to in-house management.

f) Old School Hall Parking – members asked to consider changing the existing reserved parking format in order that the Clerks parking bay and one other was relocated to the two parking bays closest to the atrium entrance. The two plots to be bollarded to prevent public parking. The two existing reserved plots would be relinquished to keep the equilibrium. The change was due to several accidents in one week where members of the public trying to use the bay adjacent to the atrium had hit the structure and it was feared any future incidents could seriously damage the building. Staff members were more aware of the circumstances and hopefully more diligent when parking.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.23 hrs.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall.

Signed

Date