

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held
on
Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Office

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

Also in Attendance: M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk), 1 Member of the public

3808 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllr Massy, M Harvey: **Resolved** to approve absence of Cllr's Massy & Harvey.
Proposed Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously

Other apologies noted: KCC Cllr Hudson & TMBC Cllr Lark

3809 To receive declarations of interests

None

3810 To receive an update of progress of resolutions & matters from the last meeting not on current agenda

None.

3811 TMBC & KCC Matters

No report.

NB Chair agreed to move to item 3813 List D and Appeals ahead of New applications as the member of the public was limited for time but wished to discuss the recent appeal decision APP/H2265/C/22/3291790 . He was excused from the meeting after the discussion.

3812 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List 'B's)

- **24/0155/PA** – Extension to provide stairwell with porch, changes to fenestration and addition of solar panels. The Granary, Hope Farm, Carpenters Lane, Hadlow, TN110EX

HPC No objection

- **24/01603/PA** – Change of use of the and buildings within the site from a sui generis use of manufacture and storage of fencing to a mixed general industrial (Class B2 and storage and distribution use (Class B8). Land at Court Lane Farm, Court Lane, Hadlow.

HPC has no objection to specific change of use, however, would be concerned over any increase in traffic and operating hours associated with general industrial use and potential noise and light pollution

3813 Planning applications: results (List D’s), out of area/comment & planning enforcements:

The Appeal A Ref: APP/H2265/C/22/3291790 Land adjacent to Maidstone Road, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0JD - A resident addressed committee re landscaping scheme on the Common Road application and other plots within that section.

“I hope that the Parish will press the Borough Council to do its best to restore the natural vegetation along Common Road, not just in connection with the planning conditions imposed in the appeal decision but also when dealing with any further enforcement action relating to the other plots. In particular, the apron between Common Road and the entry gates would benefit from plantings on either side and proper surfacing (to avoid damage to the metalled highway) and the gap made by removal of a tree and hedging where the new electricity pole on plot 1.”

The Chair confirmed the Clerk would convey concerns to the Borough Council but reiterated that Parish Council has no powers over the matter but would write to the Borough expressing the need to address the matter.

3814 Non-planning issues:

a) Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) – Climate Change Conference: Members would not be attending on this occasion.

b) Parish Partnership Panel – TMBC requesting members observations or improvements regarding the Panels format: Members agreed that the existing format worked well and no changes were required.

c) Grounds Maintenance – Contracts 2024/25: The current grounds maintenance contractor working at the Cemetery and Williams Field was not operating to a predictable routine. As part of the budgetary process quotations were being sourced for the 2025-26 grounds maintenance contracts. It has been agreed that the current contractor for Signpost Field and St Mary’s Church provided excellent service at competitive rate and would stay in situ for the coming year. Therefore quotes were required for works at Williams Field, Cemetery, with quotations for hedge cutting to include the Allotments on the A26.

d) Christmas Lights – Purchase of Pea lights, Christmas tree & installation steps:

- Pea Lights: Council to ratify the purchase of the Pea lights with the costs for timers and labour being spread over three years.
- The Clerk provided the Committee with other associated Christmas costs such as permit charges to use KCC columns, Christmas tree etc.
- A Nordmann 18ft tree had been ordered at a cost of £680.00 to be installed Sunday 24 November
- KCC permit submitted
- UMSO provided with dates of installation and take down and light wattage
- Lights to be installed Sunday 24 November and taken down 6 January

e) Cemetery Extension Project – quotes still awaited.

f) St Mary's Churchyard – update on quotes for entrance column repair/renewal.

Members were provided quotes to date providing a variety of replacement/repair options for the entrances requiring attention. A plan of action was agreed for the next steps.

- Check to see if listed – (*subsequently confirmed listed*)
- Clerk to contact TMBC Planning department to seek advice and submit any necessary applications
- Report back to Committee and once the position clear contact the Church Wardens and if necessary, request a faculty.

3815 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)

Motion not required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.14 hrs.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall.

Signed

Date