

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held
on
Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Old School Hall, Parish Office**

Committee Members Present: Cllr's N Collins (Chaired meeting in absence of Cllr Baldock), D Carey, E Bright, J Massy, J Newman

Also in Attendance: M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk)

3831 To receive apologies, reasons and approval of absences

Cllr's Baldock & Harvey (other commitments)

Resolved to approve absence of Cllr's Baldock and Harvey. Proposed Cllr Collins seconded Cllr Bright & carried unanimously.

Other Absences noted: KCC Cllr S Hudson & TMBC Cllr J Lark (other commitments)

3832 To receive declarations of interests

No declarations noted.

3833 To receive an update on progress of resolutions and matters from the last meeting not on the current on the agenda

Minute 3829 Christmas Tree in Village Square: Council wished to thank Mr Pierce from Goblands Farm for all his assistance in re-aligning the tree and removal at the end of the Christmas period.

Minute 3830 Trailer for Truck: The trailer has been delivered and securely parked.

3834 TMBC & KCC Matters

The consultation on the draft 'Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy' is open between 16 January to 12 March 2025 and can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/naturerecovery

The Strategy highlights the ambitions of helping habitats such as chalk grasslands, ancient woodland and coastal grazing marsh and mudflats.

It also identifies priority species that need assistance, like the Shrill Carder Bee, Barn Owl, Duke of Burgundy butterfly and Green-winged Orchid. Members noted the details and the Clerk to put posters on the noticeboard.

3835 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List ‘B’s)

- **25/00002/PA** – Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 9 Great Elms, Hadlow, TN11 0HS
HPC No Objection
(nb this application was incorrectly posted on agenda as 24/00002/PA)
- **24/02061/PA** - Details of the site layout, proposed bin stores and landscape scheme submitted pursuant to condition 07 of Approved Appeal decision TM/21/02156/FL (Change of use of land for the stationing of caravan for residential purposes, together with hardstanding and utility/dayroom ancillary to that use). Land southeast of The Croft, Common Road, Hadlow, Tonbridge TN11 0JD
HPC No Objection as the application conforms to the appeal inspector’s decision to regularise its use.

3836 Planning applications: results (List D’s), out of area/comment & planning enforcements:

List ‘D’s and enforcements noted.

3837 Non-planning issues:

- a) Hadlow Village Hall – update on patio surfacing

A response from a contractor with regards to how the trees would be protected if the area was to be sloped and tarmacked had been answered. Members felt that the proposed borders around the trees was the best way forward at the current time. Although Committee had originally proposed Bow Top Rail fencing and keeping the patio area on two levels further consideration had been given to the possibility of vandalism. It was therefore proposed to move forward with sloping the area and tarmacking with trees bordered and avoided to the best extent possible. A revised quotation was now to be provided in order that the project could move forward in the Spring.

- b) Cemetery Extension – update on regs protecting against water pollution

The Clerk confirmed that both the Environment Agency and TMBC Planning department had been written to requesting their approval of plans to proceed with the cemetery extension considering the updated July 2024 Government Guidance on “Protecting groundwater from human burials”. Members had reviewed local water system maps and the guidelines and believed the development of the cemetery extension could proceed as planned.

3838 Motion to Exclude the Press & 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 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 nature and financial nature. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Carey and carried unanimously.

- a) Grounds Maintenance – to consider and recommend Contractor for 2025-26 to full Council

Recommendation to full Council to approve the quotation from Kent Grassland Services for most of the Grounds Maintenance work to include Hadlow Cemetery, Williams Field, Hadlow Allotments hedge, Signpost Field hedge. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Newman and carried unanimously.

Recommendation to full Council to approve the ongoing services of CP Gardening Services for grass cutting within St Mary’s Churchyard, grass cutting areas within Signpost Field. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Newman and carried unanimously.

Recommendation to full Council to approve the ongoing grass cutting at the Playground and fenced area behind Hy-Arts Centre by the Caretaker to save on costs. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Newman and carried unanimously.

- b) St Mary’s Gate Piers – to consider all repair options and costs

Resolved to recommend to full Council engagement of a structural engineer to produce plans, job specification and co-ordinate the repair/replacement of the Gate Piers. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 7.30pm at Old School Hall, Parish Office

Signed

Date