

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HARTLEY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD, CHURCH ROAD

ON MONDAY 9th July 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present : Cllr Larry Abraham
Cllr Sheila Bennett
Cllr David Graeme
Cllr Anne Oxtoby – (*Chairman*)
Cllr Ian Ross
Cllr Vince Sewell
Cllr Andrew Tremain
Cllr Dorothy Vesey

In attendance: Mrs Jane Tyrrell - (*Assistant Clerk*)
23 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Alford due to personal commitments and Cllr Cole due to personal commitments.

Members noted that Cllr Brazier, the Kent County Councillor had also given apologies for his absence.

RESOLVED: That, the absences of Cllr Alford and Cllr Cole, due to personal commitments, be accepted and approved.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Oxtoby declared an interest under agenda item 13(a), Payments, as a family member was the recipient of one of the payments.

3. Dispensations

(a) The Council considered a request from Cllr Ross to grant a dispensation on matters relating to the Hartley Village Hall Trust.

RESOLVED: That Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 10th November 2014, the request from Cllr Ross for the Council to grant a dispensation to enable participation in discussion and voting on any matter/s relating to the Hartley Village Hall Trust until the next ordinary election in May 2019, on the grounds that the Council is the sole trustee of the Charity and to do otherwise would impede any business to be transacted by the Council on matters relating to the Trust, be approved.

(b) There were no further requests from Members for a dispensation.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of Hartley Parish Council held on 11th June 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 p.m. to receive reports from the District Councillor and to take questions from members of the public.

The meeting resumed at 7.37 p.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3 (e) the Chairman of the Council invited members of the public present to express an interest if they wished to make representations, answer questions or give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

There were no expressions of interest.

5. Co-option to the Council

At the Council meeting held on 11th June 2018, the Clerk reported that two applications had been received from eligible candidates following the public notices displayed on the Council's noticeboards and placed on the Council's website, in respect of the resignations of Councillor Burchell and Councillor Beaman.

The Chairman reported that due to unforeseen circumstances, one of the applicants was unable to attend the meeting and that therefore, consideration of their application would be deferred to the July Council meeting.

The Council considered an application from a resident to be co-opted as a Hartley Parish Councillor.

RESOLVED: That,

Mr Mally Malham be co-opted as a Parish Councillor to Hartley Parish Council

6. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Mr Mally Malham signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was duly delivered to the Council.

Pursuant to Standing Order 1 (a) the order of business be altered so that agenda item 11, Sevenoaks District Council – New Local Plan 2015-35 be brought forward..

7. Sevenoaks District Council – New Local Plan 2015-35

Cllr Oxtoby gave an update on the proposed timetable for the production of the Sevenoaks District Council New Local Plan. She advised that Sevenoaks District Council would be discussing the New Local Plan at their Cabinet meeting on the 12th July 2018 and that the Consultation period would run from 16th July 2018 - 10th September 2018. Sevenoaks District Council would be distributing more details and a 'pull out Draft Local Plan' would be included in the 'Inshape' magazine delivered to all households. In addition, there would be a consultation drop in session on Tuesday 31st July at The Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road between 2pm and 8pm.

Members of the Council agreed that a Public meeting should be held by Hartley Parish Council and the date agreed was Tuesday 7th August at 7:30pm at Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road.

RESOLVED: That,

a Public meeting be held by Hartley Parish Council on Tuesday 7th August at 7:30pm at Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road.

A discussion took place regarding the reasons for objecting to the proposal and several reasons were put forward including concerns regarding increased traffic volumes, impact on the village in general, protection of the Green Belt and protection of Conservation Area. Once the Consultation document is made public, it was agreed that everyone would be in a better position to comment and to put their views forward and it was suggested that members of the public did this individually for more impact.

Although invited to remain for the remainder of the meeting, the majority of members of the public left the meeting at 8:15pm.

8. Membership of Committees

RESOLVED: That,

Cllr Mally Malham be appointed to the Amenities & Open Spaces Committee.

9. Finance Committee

RESOLVED: That,

the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27th June 2018 and the recommendations contained therein, be received and, where necessary, approved and adopted.

10. Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That,

the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 13th June and 27th June 2018, be received and adopted.

11. Standing Orders Advisory Committee

RESOLVED: That,

the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Order Advisory Committee, held on 27th June 2018, and the recommendations contained therein, be received and, where necessary, approved and adopted.

12.. The Big Conversation: Rural Transport – Consultation.

The Council had been asked to consider Kent County Council's Big Conversation: Rural Transport consultation document.

Kent County Council's Big Conversation aims to find potential new opportunities in providing rural transport services.

The Clerk will be attending a Parish Seminar on 18th July 2018, to find out further information.

The consultation period ends on 8th August 2018.

RESOLVED: That,

the Clerk and the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to complete the consultation document on behalf of the Council.

13. Payments

RESOLVED: That

(1) the payment of accounts for July and August 2018, attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved;

(2) the Council detail report as at 3rd July 2018, setting out actual income and expenditure against budgeted estimates be received and noted; and

(3) the bank reconciliations for the Council's three bank accounts for June, be verified after the close of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

Signed:.....
Chairman of Hartley Parish Council

Date:.....