

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HARTLEY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD, CHURCH ROAD

ON MONDAY 9th March 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present : Cllr Larry Abraham
Cllr Sheila Bennett
Cllr Penny Cole
Cllr Perry Cole
Cllr Lesley Driscoll
Cllr David Graeme
Cllr Mally Malham
Cllr Matt Mohr
Cllr Anne Oxtoby – (*Chairman*)
Cllr Ian Ross
Cllr Vince Sewell

In attendance: Mrs Jane Tyrrell - (*Assistant Clerk*)
Cllr David Brazier – Kent County Councillor
1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Chris Alford due to family commitments.

RESOLVED: That,
the absence of Cllr Alford due to family commitments, be accepted and approved.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Dispensations

There were no requests from Members for a dispensation.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED: That,
the minutes of the meeting of Hartley Parish Council held on 10th February 2020, 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 County Councillor and District Councillors and to take questions from members of the public.

The meeting resumed at 7.38 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. Finance Committee

Cllr Bennett advised members that the current subscription to Kent Wildlife Trust was not going to be renewed as the Committee could not see any particular benefit.

Cllr Bennett also advised that the threshold figure quoted under item 14 Interim Half year Audit 2019-20 should read £85,000 and not £85,0000 as stated in the Minutes.

RESOLVED: That,
the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th February 2020, and the recommendations contained therein, be received and, where necessary approved and adopted.

6. General Purposes Committee

Cllr Sewell explained the background to the recommendation for youth provision within the Parish. Members discussed the need for some provision within the Parish but also the uncertainty regarding the success of the project and the number of young people that would attend the sessions.

It was noted that the scheme could be accepted for the first year on a trial basis and using the feedback data provided after the sessions, further schemes could be considered in the future.

It was noted that cost for the scheme would be £11,700 to deliver a 48 week 1 x 2 hour street based provision in Hartley with the total of £7,700, being the additional amount required over and above the youth budget set for 2020/21, to be met from the Parish Council's general reserves.

Cllr Oxtoby advised members that funding was currently being sought for the scheme and that other sources of funding could also be investigated should the initial application be unsuccessful.

After some discussion, a vote was taken and the Recommendation was carried with 9 votes in favour and 2 votes against.

Cllr Sewell explained to members the decision to add the re-surfacing of Ash Road from the junction of St John's Lane to Church Road to the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).

Councillor Brazier was surprised at this suggestion due to the length of the area requested and the costs that would be involved in such a large project. He had been requested to suggest local roads that were in need of re-surfacing *should* any additional funds become available.

It was agreed to leave the Recommendation as it stood regarding the resurfacing request for Ash Road.

RESOLVED: That,

the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 4th March 2020, and the recommendations contained therein, be received and, where necessary approved and adopted

7. Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That,

the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 26th February and 4th March 2020, be received and, where necessary approved and adopted.

8. Allotments

At the meeting of the Amenities & Open Spaces Committee held on 28th January 2020, it was resolved that:

- 1) *a quotation be sought from Mr Munday to remove the necessary number of fence panels in the Council's boundary fence, to enable an assessment to be made as to the condition of the resident's fence;*
- 2) *a quotation be sought from Mr Munday to cut back the two large bushes on the boundary, that are encroaching on to the allotments and,*
- 3) *quotations be sought from Mr Munday to replace the Parish Council's boundary fence with a) a paling fence and b) a chainlink fence.*

The Assistant Clerk reported that two quotations had been received.

RESOLVED: That,

- 1) the quotation received from Mr Munday for the sum of £335.17 to remove four broken close boarded panels to enable an assessment of the neighbouring fence and to replace the fence with a 4ft chestnut paling fence and posts, be accepted and,
- 2) the quotation received from Mr Munday for the sum of £185.00 to cut back two large bushes that were encroaching on the allotments be accepted.

9. Payments

RESOLVED: That,

- (1) the payment of accounts for March 2020, attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved.
- (2) the Council detail report as at 2nd March 2020, 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 February, be verified by Cllr Bennett after the close of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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

Date:.....

Schedule of Payments March 2020 - Paid by cheque/DDR from Barclays Bank					
Chq No	Payment to	Particulars	Net	VAT	Total
DDR		Mixed Payment Plan Charges 13/01/20 - 12/02/20	17.30	-	17.30
DDR		Electricity MF 24/12-16/01	35.17	1.75	36.92
106995		Reimburse re defib pads	76.80	-	76.80
106996		100 x 1st class stamps	70.00	-	-
		300 x 2nd class stamps	183.00	-	-
		100 x 10p stamps	10.00	-	263.00
106997		Interim payment for display for VE Day 75	625.00	125.00	750.00
			1,017.27	-	1,144.02

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 p.m.

Councillor Brazier reported that KCC had made a decision to leave Sessions House and it was fairly certain that they would be moving into the modified Invicta House.

Councillor Brazier also reported that he had attended a meeting with The Kent Countryside Access Forum – a volunteer group made up of users of local rights of way such as walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

As a result of discussions at the meeting, representatives from Rambling groups, are looking at maps for permissive rights of way to possibly add to the definitive map. If any 'lost ways' are found, they may approach Parish Councils to have them registered and added to the definitive map via Kent County Council.

Cllr Abraham reported that Sevenoaks District Council was still considering the next steps regarding the Draft Local Plan following the response from the Government appointed Inspector.

Cllr Abraham also advised members that The Commonwealth flag had been raised.

The meeting resumed at 7.38 p.m.

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