

Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Institute on Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Chris Browning (Chair), Graham Manning, Jo Pask, Nick Price and David Turner

In Attendance: Dist Cllr J Long, 1 member of the public and Parish Clerk

ACTION

- 14/107 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Chappell, Loxton and Co Cllr R Kemp and PC 346 Gary Austin
- 14/108 Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on 7 January were approved and signed.
- 14/109 Matters Arising: None
- 14/110 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Pask re 9(d) Budget/Precept if the Institute is discussed.
- 14/111 Public Forum: No matters raised.
- 14/112 Police Report: This had been circulated earlier.
- 14/113 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Kemp's report, which had been circulated earlier, is attached.
- 14/114 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Long reported that the last Full Council meeting, before the forthcoming General Election on 7 May, is 24 February.
- 14/115 Finance & Administration
Bank Balances as at 30.12.14: Current: £2,518.46 Savings: £20,869.74
(a) Receipts: £375.00: Contribution to felling of Cemetery tree
(b) Payments:
Gardens Arb Business Ltd: Felling large Conifer in Cemetery: £750.00
IndigoRoss: Photocopying flyers re Neighbourhood Plan: £72.00
Boxted & Hartest Institute: Hire of Hall for NP use: 24.11.14: £20.00
The above were approved for payment
(c) 2015/16 Budgets: One error on the spreadsheet is to be corrected. It was noted that Mr Cornish would be submitting his final (3) invoices shortly. The Clerk's request for a salary review is to be considered in an exchange of emails with the Chair.
(d) 2015/16 Section 137 Limits: This was reported as £7.36 per elector
(e) Precept 2015/16: This has been approved at £10,390 + £44.00 grant (from BDC) (Total: £10,434.00)
(f) Protocol for the Reporting of Meetings of the Council: This SALC approved document had been circulated. Members approved its adoption.
- 14/116 Planning
(a) Decisions Received:
Permission granted: B/14/0159/TCA: Meadow Croft: Fell 1 no Maple, Re-coppice ash trees and plant native alternatives alongside
Permission refused: B/14/01099/FHA/SW Pompes, Shimpling Road: Erection of new sunken basement with link through the

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single-storey additions. Demolition of store area and rebuild to provide additional living accommodation.

(b) Withdrawn Applications: None

(c) New Planning Application:

B/15/00061/FUL Spring Bank, Lawshall Road, with a new build house, out building, new access and change of use of the Paddock next door etc. which will be known as Hartest House.

Members were happy to support this application.

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B/15/00026/FUL: Fosters: Change of use from office (listed building) to a dwelling

Members agreed to support this application, with reservations; it was not a unanimous decision and concern was expressed that if, this were granted, there would be a loss of a continuing employment opportunity in the village.

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(d) New planning applications received since the date of this notice: None

(e) Tree Preservation Order/Tree Conservation Area applications:

B/15/00018/TPO: Mile End Lodge, Somerton Road: Crown Reduction of Black Poplar: Members were happy to support this application.

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(f) Appeals: None

Other Planning Matters:

Storage of Filing Cabinets: Awaiting permission from Church.

JP

Neighbourhood Plan: A SWOT analysis has been undertaken along with a review of the Working Group's Mission Statement.

Community Right to Bid documentation had been submitted; response due by 18 March.

Village Shop: Original shop plans are being reviewed to see if they can be re-used. It is hoped to progress the plan to utilise the space to the rear of the Crown. The renovation cost is considered to be similar to that of the original shop.

NP

Affordable House – Banhams Yard: Property now back on the open market.

Banhams Yard Visibility Splay: BDC's response in this regard had been circulated. Cllr Browning advised that the PC would need to closely monitor any future developments in the village.

14/117 Green, Cemetery and Churchyard

(a) Cemetery

Extension Layout

Cllr Turner advised that there was nothing to report.

(b) The Green

Ditch: Nothing to report in Cllr Kemp's absence.

Trees: Two quotations had been received re the removal of the Lime near Rendells. Members agreed to accept Eco-System's quotation in the sum of £490 (with the remaining stump being carved into a seat).

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Mr M Feather's report on the condition of the trees on the Green had been circulated. Cllr Manning wondered if we should consider replanting. Cllr Pask agreed to ask Mr Feather as to what he thinks for the future.

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14/118 Highways and Footpaths

Village Road, School Parking, Pavement and Land to rear of School: Cllr Price's meeting with David Stiff of SCC had had to be postponed. Mrs Burr had confirmed that no PP exists on the land to rear of School.

Possible Visit of Mr Hamilton-Baillie: Cllr Price advised that he has had to put this *on the back burner*.

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FP 16: Mr P Roper had been advised of the PC's recent comments re this.

14/119 Correspondence: None

14/120 Matters for Consideration at the next meeting: None

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

14/121 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Institute

Approved at the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 March 2015