

# Hartest Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Institute on Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 7pm.

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

In Attendance: Co Cllr R Kemp, Mrs M Burr and Mrs H Hall and Parish Clerk

### ACTION

- 14/076 Apologies for absence: Dist Cllr J Long
- 14/077 Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 November were discussed. Cllr Kemp advised that it is BDC, not SCC, considering alternative offices. Following amendment, the minutes were approved and signed.
- 14/078 Matters Arising: None
- 14/079 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Pask re 9(d) Budget/Precept if the Institute is discussed.
- 14/080 Public Forum: No members of the public present.
- 14/081 Police Report: The Police report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was one crime, Offence Theft Other at Hartest Pre-School: Theft of £20 in cash.
- 14/082 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Kemp's report is attached. He advised that, with regard to Blind Lane, the surveyor has an alternative proposed solution, which will be discussed with the residents. Parsons Walk: Cllr Pask stated that Mr S Stone has said that this path (before SCC's intervention) had had an open ditch running alongside it. Cllr Kemp confirmed that a locality payment of £1k, for furniture, has been made to the Institute.
- 14/083 District Councillor's Report: There was no report in Cllr Long's absence.
- 14/084 Finance & Administration
- (a) Receipts: None
  - (b) Payments:
    - Clerk: Taxi fare to Institute – PC Meeting 5.11.14: £40.00 and 24 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps: £12.72 = £52.72
    - Cllr Price: Neighbourhood Plan prize: Family day at Banham Zoo: £78.30The above were approved for payment.
  - (c) 2014/15 Finance Spreadsheet: An updated schedule detailing expenditure and income for the current year to date (plus projections for 2015/16) was provided.
  - (d) Budget/Precept 2015/16: Following discussion, it was agreed that this matter would be finalised next month once the earlier circulated email regarding the taxbase had been studied (and SALC's confirmation as to the current situation re possible permitted precept increases had been ascertained). Cllr Browning recommended achieving as much as possible in order to offset anticipated expenditure next year.
  - (e) Election 2015 – Estimate of Charges: BDC's letter dated 14 November on the above was read out and the charges noted.

DL/Clerk

14/085 Planning

- (a) Decisions Received: Permissions granted:  
B/14/01313/TCA: The Hatch: Fell 1 no Weeping Willow  
B/14/01265/FHA - Extensions at Trenton, Cross Green
- (b) Withdrawn Applications: None
- (c) New Planning Application: None
- (d) New planning applications received since the date of this notice:  
None
- (e) Tree Preservation Order/Tree Conservation Area applications: None
- (f) Appeals: None

Other Planning Matters:

Circulation of Planning Applications – Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Pask (as recipient of the paper copies) would check as to whether the application(s) was available on line and notify Members. Each Member would then be expected to view the application(s) on line unless they advised Cllr Pask to the contrary. (Cllr Browning had already advised that he would prefer to study the paper plans following general circulation (if appropriate).)

Historical Planning Applications – Cllr Pask advised that permission has been granted by Rev Prigg to store the 2 PA filing cabinets in the Church, behind the organ. This will be done in the New Year.

JP

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Price advised that the new electronic village map had been launched at a meeting attended by 40-45 residents (i.e. 10% of the village). The map is now available on line together with a comments page, which will be regularly checked for feedback. The next scheduled meeting is next Tuesday, when the map will be discussed in greater detail.

NP

Community Right to Bid: Nothing to report. There was a brief discussion about additional sites which might be considered for the scheme but it was decided to await firm developments getting The Crown building onto the scheme before proposing anything else.

Village Shop: Cllr Price advised that Mr Marjoram believes that Greene King would be supportive of this proposal, but no details have been received from them. Erica had recently checked with all the members of the former shop group to ascertain whether they would be interested in joining the proposed new group; some 4-6 members said they might. Cllr Chappell has been asked to take this matter forward.

NC

Dog Litter Bin: Information relating to this previous exercise some years ago had been circulated. Since BDC is unable to empty bins on private land (i.e. The Crown), it was decided to leave this matter for the time being.

Affordable House – Banhams Yard: Cllr Loxton had made enquiries again through BDC, but nothing has been heard. This item will remain on the agenda.

Banhams Yard Visibility Splay: Cllr Browning had recently written to BDC re the failure of these splays; a response is awaited.

CB/Clerk

S106 Money: The latest document had been circulated. It was acknowledged that the condition stating "in perpetuity" was a little difficult. Cllr Turner said it would be good if the Crown Meadow (and the wood to the rear) could be brought into public ownership. The question also arose as to whether SCC's land behind the school could be considered public land. Members were recommended to view the West Dorset District Council website, which defines recreation and amenity use to which s106 money can be applied. Cllr Loxton suggested that Mr Marjoram prepares a proposal. Cllr Price wondered if a Community Right to Bid proposal would help. Also, would the PC's insurance cover such a facility?

Clerk

Mobile Telephone Coverage: Cllr Browning advised of Mr Laurence Cawley of BBC Inside Out's email dated 1 December asking if

anybody/any businesses have been particularly badly affected by the poor (G2) service in Hartest. Members suggested several names/businesses. It was agreed that a response would be sent advising that we have several people/businesses, who would probably be interested in speaking to him.

14/086 Green, Cemetery and Churchyard

(a) Cemetery Extension Layout

Cllr Turner had received a quotation from Mr O Cornish in respect of preparation of the site for seeding, which had been circulated to Members, in the sum of £700 in 2015 (although this sum is to be checked with Mr Cornish, as the total appears to be £600). This quote covers 3 weed treatment applications, the hire of a digger to level the site and, finally, chain harrowing to create a fine tilth.

The cost of seed is expected to be £350-£400. It was thought that the subsequent annual maintenance is unlikely to be less than £400. Cllr Turner suggested that, if possible, whilst the digger is on site, it might provide an opportunity to level the land, which has subsided in many places. A quote in this regard will be obtained for formal consideration.

DT

Tall Tree near Cemetery Entrance: This tree was felled on the 2 December by Mr D Gotts in the sum of £750. Fifty per cent of this cost has been agreed to be met by Mr I Leigh of Hillbank.

Clerk

(b) The Green

Ditch on the Green: Nothing to report.

Trees on the Green: A report on all the trees had been received from Michael Feather; the only one requiring attention is the Lime opposite Rendles. It was agreed that this should be felled, as recommended. Cllr Pask is to obtain a quotation from Eco-Systems and BDC will be advised accordingly.

JP/Clerk

Cllr Pask advised that Michael Feather is also worried about the Ash tree belonging to SCC opposite The White Cottage. SCC is to be contacted in this regard.

Clerk

Cllr Browning suspended the meeting so that information could be exchanged with Mrs Burr and Mrs Hall re Min 10/087 below.

14/087 Highways and Footpaths

(a) Traffic Management,

Village Road, School Parking and Pavement: Mrs Burr advised that, whilst the School Governors wish to ensure the safety of the schoolchildren and regularly monitor the parking situation, it is not, of course, their duty to 'police' the situation. The end of the school day is considered the busiest/most dangerous time of the day. Parents prefer to park along the main road (with the layby reserved for buses). She commented that the school has increased in size with no additional parking facilities provided (although the original car park had been extended for staff parking). Cllr Price referred to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Group's review of traffic generally and through the village and the hope to undertake a detailed review of parking, speed of vehicles, etc if it can be moved forward. It was noted that a budget had been agreed with the proposed consultants. Other traffic issues are coming through; all of which could be affected by such a review; resurfacing of footpath, parking of vehicles on verge etc.

NP

Land to Rear of Primary School: Mrs Burr advised that this strip of land had been acquired when the school was extended and is designated as a playing field. However, the land rises some 5%. At a cost of some £65k to remedy this (and drainage issues),

which the school could not afford (and unlikely that SCC could), it would not be possible to use this as a proper football pitch. To provide a pedestrian access up the side would be an extra cost, which would require funding by the community. Mrs Burr stated that there is a narrow strip of land, which could become available - sufficient for a 5 a side football pitch and play area. The possible application of s106 funding might pose a problem, as this land is not owned by SCC. It is capable of being separated from the school with 24 hour access and could, therefore, be shared with the community. There will be gates between the school and the play area. Liaison between SCC, the school and diocese would be required. Mrs Burr said that they would like to see a 5 a side pitch, running track (site 60+m) and play equipment. They are currently looking at equipment at the moment. A small amount of funding is currently available, but planning permission would, of course, be required first. Cllr Price stated his support for anything the children could use (unsupervised). It is hoped to get local companies to help level the land (plus drainage cost). There would be the public liability aspect. It is also hoped to bring the swimming pool into use. Mrs Burr is to report back to SCC and ask them if they would support a football pitch.

The PC meeting was then reconvened.

Potential Visit from Messrs Hamilton-Baillie: Cllr Price advised that he had informed the Neighbourhood Plan of this possible visit. Cllr Price had re-read the documentation in this regard and felt it was very useful as to how to map facilities in a village like this. NP members were asked to review the report and it was hoped to decide at next Tuesday's meeting as to whether the mapping could be done by the NP group and to look at the school situation. Cllr Price is to report back at the next meeting.

NP

Visibility Splays – Banhams Yard: Cllr Browning advised that he had written to BDC. Whilst he didn't expect any changes to be made, he felt it was important to register our dissatisfaction with the situation.

FP6: It was agreed to identify the landowner in this regard (believed to be Mr Bob Rush) and suggest to him that a re-routing of this footpath would be beneficial both to him, in that the proposed new route would go around the edge of the field, rather than bisecting it. It would also save walkers having to go along the road. Cllr Turner hopes to write to the landowner.

DT

Pothole on Bury Road opposite FP2.

Persistent bad flood by Charity Farm. Cllr Pask felt that this situation was to do with the nearby pond. She commented that she had personally received two complaints re this.

Clerk

White Cottage, The Green: It was noted that vehicles are cutting away the bank here (beside the Stone) and it was suggested that an appropriate kerb stone(s) would reduce this damage.

Clerk

14/088 Correspondence: None

14/089 Matters for consideration at the next meeting: None  
The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

14/090 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Institute

**Approved at the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2015**