

# Hartest Parish Council

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## **DRAFT Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Chris Browning (Chair), Will Luttmann-Johnson, Jo Pask, Nick Price and Stephen Welfare

In Attendance: Cllr R Kemp, Dist Cllrs M Holt & S Plumb, Mr R Carpenter, and the Parish Clerk

### ACTION

20/078 Apologies for Absence: None

20/079 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4 November 2020: These minutes were approved and signed.

20/080 Matters Arising: None

20/081 Declarations of Interest: None

20/082 Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

20/083 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Kemp's December report had been circulated and is attached. Cllr Kemp wished to thank all the many volunteers for their help during the recent Covid problems, which helped to restore one's faith in human nature. The *Home but not Alone* campaign continues. TEL NO  
At SCC's recent AGM, it was agreed to postpone the Boundary Review until 2022. When asked about the possibility of a locality contribution toward the possible purchase of 6 grit bins, Cllr Kemp advised that his budget was almost exhausted, but that it may be possible to seek a contribution from the locality budgets held by the District Councillors.

MH/SP

20/084 District Councillors' Reports: Both Dist Cllrs Holt and Plumb had submitted reports, which had been circulated. Cllr Holt wished to echo Co Cllr Kemp's thanks to the many volunteers during the recent Covid pandemic. He added that Hadleigh's recent Covid situation has now been sorted out. Cllr Holt added that details of grants (both statutory and discretionary) can be found via BDC's website, or direct to either himself or Dist Cllr Plumb. He added that it is hoped to get tree and hedge planting done across all the Parishes. It is hoped to interest landowners to participate also. CIL Charges: These are currently being reviewed. There is currently an engagement process underway in respect of the development of Market Hill in Sudbury. The first virtual Innovation Awards had been held recently; it is hoped to continue with these next year (but ideally in person). The Planning Committee had recently passed a retirement village application in Pinewood. Both BDC and KPMG are currently working to find a suitable buyer(s) for Vanners (silk weavers in Sudbury for 250 years).

20/085 Finance & Administration

a. Receipts: Nil:

b. Bank Balances as at 30.10.20: Current: £18,694.27, Deposit: £32,133.51, Total: £51,097.78.

c. Bank Account: PC's banking requirements; Cllr Browning is continuing with his efforts in this regard

d. Payments

CB

The following payments were approved:  
Parish on Line (Geosphere Ltd): Purchase of Parish on Line software (re NP): £54.00 ()  
SALC: 6 months' payroll services: £22.80 ()

- e. Cllr Browning suggested that contact be made with SALC to ascertain if they know of another PC, which has switched to electronic banking, with a complex mandate, which might be able to assist us. Clerk
- f. Small business grant: Cllr Welfare had circulated a list of possible applications for this recent funding, which, it was agreed, would be considered at the next meeting. Two suggestions had been made, namely Cemetery and, Churchyard but more ideas would be appreciated. Cllr Browning suggested the following order; water supply to Cemetery, tree works and then revisit suggestions. Clerk

#### PLANNING

20/086

Decisions Received: Permission Granted:

- a. DC/20/04460: Oakhill House, Somerton Road: Erection of Garden Office.
- b. New Planning Applications:  
DC/20/05316 - Land East Of 6 Green View: Erection of 1 no Dwelling (following demolition of existing building).  
This PA was discussed. It was agreed that (a) an extension of time would be sought regarding the consultation submission date and (b) a site visit would be requested.  
Appeals: AP/20/00080: The Paddocks, Lawshall Road: Ongoing (Start Date: 11.9.20)  
Enforcement EN/20/00536: Land South of Hartest Hill: Alleged non-compliance with PP DC/19/03097 – size of garage erected. Response awaited from Enforcement Officer following proposed site visit.  
New Tree Preservation Orders: Decisions:  
DC/20/05014: 5 Copsy Meadow: Fell 1 no Goat Willow  
No objection raised  
Trees: The recent trees report had identified three on the Green requiring felling; namely: red Horse Chestnut, pollarded Lime and purple leafed Plum. John Kemp is to speak to BDC's Arboricultural Officer re these. Mr Kemp was also asked to obtain three quotations for this work. RC
- c. Affordable House: Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr Carpenter would liaise with Mr David Loxton to ascertain whether there might be a mutual benefit in seeking permission for one affordable dwelling on his land, which might then facilitate permission for another dwelling for himself.

20/087

Neighbourhood Plan:

Mr Carpenter advised that he had hoped to present a draft to Members at this meeting, but is now to discuss it first with Mr Ian Poole. Mr Carpenter stated that substantial changes had been made to the document and that it is necessary to finalise it urgently so that the NP consultation process can commence on 11 January 2021. Any comments/views in this connection should be advised to Mr Carpenter as a matter of urgency. As previously, a copy of the NP will be available in various locations including the Church, Institute, etc. A notice is to be placed to the effect that those, who do not subscribe to 'Contact', should advise him if a hard copy of the NP is required. ALL

- 20/088 Local Plan  
Mr Carpenter advised that the housing numbers recorded in this are incorrect. He advised that BDC would need to be told that Hartest is not expected to deliver more than 9-10 dwellings.
- 20/089 Green, Cemetery and Churchyard  
Ditch: Cllr Luttmann-Johnson advised that no meeting has, as yet, been arranged with Greene King. WLJ
- 20/090 Highways and Footpaths  
Grit Bins  
A brief discussion was held in this regard, but no decision made. NP  
(Cllr Price to monitor situation re grit/salt situation.)
- Closed Churchyard: Cllr Price updated Members re his discussions with Rev Prigg. Members agreed that it would be useful to hold an informal meeting in this regard as to how it was felt the churchyard should look, and to then move matters forward.  
It was felt that practical, low cost solutions should be sought. NP/WLJ  
Cllrs Luttmann-Johnson, Price and ANO are to arrange to meet.
- 20/091 Any Other Business  
None
- The meeting closed at 2015 hours.
- 20/092 Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 6 January at 7 p.m.
- 20/093 Items for Next Meeting:  
Consider Co-option Applications SW  
Preparation of Budgets and Precept for 2021/2

