

Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 December 2021 at 7 pm

Present: Cllrs C Browning (Chair), N Price, S Welfare and the Parish Clerk

In Attendance: Co Cllr R Kemp, Dist Cllr S Plumb, Mr J Kemp and Parish Clerk

ACTION

- 22/090 Apologies/Approval for Absence: Cllrs J Pask and W Luttmann-Johnson.
- 22/091 Approval of Minutes of the PC Meeting held on 6 October and 3 November 2021
These minutes were approved and signed.
- 22/092 Matters Arising: None
- 22/093 Declarations of Interest/Dispensation Requests: None
- 22/094 Public Forum: No matters raised.
- 22/095 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Kemp's report for December had been circulated and is attached. Cllr Kemp wished to pass on his thanks to all those volunteers, who had assisted with the COVID-19 inoculations. At the Cabinet Meeting on the 9.11.21, a request for a 20 mph speed limit in Long Melford was approved. A meeting was held with Public Health England re the current shortage of 'flu vaccine. The vast increase of HGVs using the A1092 linking up with Cavendish and Clare was discussed. Hartest Hill Flooding: Cllr Kemp advised that a previous highways crew had caused the blocking of drains whilst resurfacing.
- 22/096 District Councillors' Report: This report had been circulated. Cllr Plumb advised that both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils had published their draft five year housing land supply statements. Introduction of BDC's new car parking charges has been postponed. Hadleigh Market has grown from 4 stalls to 20 on Fridays.
- 22/097 Finance & Administration
Income: Funeral (C Gotts): £460.00
Bank Balances as at 31.10.21: Current Account: £9,122.70, Deposit: £44,693.51
Total: £53,816.21.
The bank reconciliation for the period to 31.10.21 is to be circulated along with the finance spreadsheet.
Enquiries are to be made to enable the Clerk to view statements on line. CB
Accounts Software: Members agreed to support the request to purchase Scribe Accounting and Cemetery Management software. An order is to be placed in this connection. Clerk
Payments
The following payments were considered and approved:
Community Heartbeat Trust: 1 x Adult Pads View (Chq 100415)
Parish Online (payable to Geosphere): Annual Subscription for 2022 (for NP use) £54.00 (100416)
Cllr Welfare is to advise Members at the next meeting as to the funds allocated to the Church and Cemetery.
- 22/098 Planning
Permissions Granted:
DC/21/02807: The Lake, Brockley Road: Change of use of existing building to Class E office unit. Erection of 1 no storage barn and WC for Class E Business Use.
DC/21/05238: Springfield, Brockley Road: Discharge of Conditions: Application For DC/21/03965: Condition 4 (Highways – Construction Management Strategy)

DC/21/04410: The Surgery, The Row: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/03523: Condition 4 (Surface Water Discharge Prevention), Condition 6 (Construction Management), Condition 7 (Agreement of Materials) and Condition 8 (Fenestration).

DC/21/06232: Tebbit, The Row: Erection of single storey linked rear extension, replacement windows and doors, insertion of new dormer window. Replace thatched roof. Widen pedestrian gateway and repairs to boundary wall.

DC/21/06233: Tebbit, the Row: Application for Listed Building Consent – Erection of single storey linked rear extension, replacement window and doors, insertion of new dormer window. Replace thatched roof. Widen pedestrian gateway and repairs to boundary wall. Internal works as detailed in the Design Access and Heritage Statement.

DC/21/04761: Tandem House, Hartest Hill: Application for Listed Building Consent: Erection of single storey rear/side extension (following demolition of existing extension), construction of garden wall (following demolition of existing wall), internal and external alterations as detailed in the Design, Access and Heritage Statement.

DC/21/04757: Tandem House, Hartest Hill: Erection of single storey rear/side extension (following demolition of existing extension), construction of garden wall (following demolition of existing wall) and external alterations as detailed in the Design Access and Heritage Statement.

Withdrawn Applications: None

22/099 New Planning Applications:

DC/21/05643: Nursery Bungalow, Poorhouse Hill, Cross Green: Felling of 39 no large Conifer surrounding house at risk of damaging property.

DC/21/05528: The Surgery, The Row: Application under s73a to vary or for Removal of Conditions following grant of planning permission DC/20/03523 Dated 29.10.20: Conversion of a redundant Doctors' Surgery to 1 no Dwelling; Front canopied porch, insertion of rooflight and erection of side extension, boundary fence. Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – to vary Condition 9 (Screen Walls & Fences) amended wording to condition as per application form. Members agreed to support the aforementioned applications. Clerk

Other Planning Matters:

Affordable (or Community Led) Housing:

Ralph Carpenter is to contact Ian Poole in order to ascertain how much he would charge in respect of the next Neighbourhood Plan stage, as the grants awarded had been exhausted. It was felt that, to await BDC's action in this connection, would cause momentum to be lost. Mr Clarke hoped to present this information to the next PC meeting.

Mr Clarke is to speak to Paul Bryant at BDC with regard to ascertaining the correct 'Call for Sites' procedure. It was also suggested that a new AH Group be formed and that contact with a BDC Housing Enabling Officer be established. RC

22/100 Green, Cemetery and Churchyard

Members agreed to cover the installation cost of the new memorial 'Jack's Bench'.

Green: It was agreed that the use of the footpath to Clarkes butchers by residential vehicles would be monitored.

Members were happy to confirm the purchase of a Christmas Tree for erection on the Green (for a sum similar to last year (£250)).

Various Litter Bins and Benches on the Green: Proposals awaited. MW

Notice on Cemetery Gates: It was noted that this is out of date; to be replaced. Clerk

Cemetery

Cremated Remains: Discussions had previously been held re the location of these. Mr Ian Leigh had kindly provided a scaled plan in this connection, which was approved by Members. Action to be arranged in this regard. JP

Fees: Members felt that the Fees were now due for revision. A recommendation in this regard is to be provided for Members' consideration. Clerk

Churchyard: Pollarding of the Sycamores was carried out on 1 December.

It was agreed that the PC would reimburse the PCC for the cost of this work by means of a formal grant. Clerk

- 22/101 War Memorial Cleaning: Quotations awaited. MW
- 22/102 Communications: All in order
Website: 2022 Meetings Schedule had been placed on website.
- 22/103 Footpaths/Highways
Parsons Walk: SCC expediting quotations to raise footpath level.
Smithbrooke Lane: Update being sought from SCC. Clerk
- Highways
Following discussion as to possible solutions to the speeding traffic problem through the village, it was agreed to seek the provision of a temporary speed monitor on the road through the village (A1066).
- 22/104 Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 January 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Institute.
- 22/105 The meeting closed at 2045 hours.

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 5 January 2022

