

Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs C Browning (Chair), W Luttmann-Johnson, N Price

In Attendance: Co Cllr R Kemp, Mr J Kemp (Tree Warden) and 5 members of the public

ACTION

22/039 Apologies/Approval for Absence: Cllrs J Pask, S Welfare, M Winterbone, District Cllr M Holt and Parish Clerk

22/040 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 21 July 2021: These minutes were approved and signed.

22/041 Matters Arising: It was agreed to carry forward

22/042 Declarations of Interest: None

22/043 Public Forum: Cllr Winterbone, who was unable to attend due to illness, had requested that the matter of the proposed affordable house, be carried over for further discussion at the next meeting. This was agreed; details are to be circulated. MW
Rogers/Smithbrook Lane: Requests had been received that these lanes be cleared of fallen/obstructive trees. Cllr Browning recommended that these be reported directly on SCC's database (on its website) for monitoring purposes.
Smithbrook Lane Bridge: Again, it was recommended that this be reported on SCC's database. Clerk

22/044 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Kemp's report for September had been circulated and is attached.

22/045 District Councillors' Report: This report had been circulated and is attached.

22/046 Finance & Administration

Income: 10.9.21: Precept Payment (Part 2): £6,602.00
9.8.21: Burial Fees: Mrs A Ross: £460.00
Bank Balances as at 30.7.21: Current Account: £10,874.49,
Deposit Account: £38,491.51 Total: £49,366.00.
CIL: £3,307.24

22/047 Payments

22/048 Cllr Luttmann-Johnson mentioned certain structures, which are to be put in place when the application comes before BDC.

22/049 Banking: Cllr Browning had arranged electronic access to the PC's account and Members were in the process of signing the required documentation. Update available?

None

22/050 Planning

Decisions: Permission granted: DC/21/02895: Brook House, The Green: Siting of oil storage tank

DC/21/04404: Permission granted: The Surgery, The Row: Various internal/external amendments following PP DC/20/03523

Withdrawn Applications: None

New Applications

- 22/051 Other Planning Matters:
Neighbourhood Plan/Affordable House: Cllr Price advised that there is a definite need for an affordable house (as evidenced by the earlier Neighbourhood Plan survey) and added that it remains an outstanding element of the NP (when it was recognised that many previous residents had left the village due to the high property costs). A suitable site is still being sought. Cllr Browning reminded Members, that the PC had received a compensatory sum of £109,313.19 through the loss (by BDC) of an earlier identified property, which was then sold on the open market. The Parish's NP is awaiting receipt of approved BDC Local Plan ready for final consideration.
- 22/052 Green, Cemetery & Churchyard
Trees on the Green: John Kemp had circulated a report re the action to be taken in this connection. Further discussions are to be held at the next PC Meeting in September. Clerk
Churchyard: Cllr Price is to double check the original PCC quote in this connection. Members are happy to take the "pollarding route". NP
- 22/053 Footpaths and Highways
Parsons Walk: SCC's PROW Officer advised that they had been considering raising the height of the Walk by means of a new surface in an effort to alleviate the flooding issue. A further email has been sent to James Pickering, Area Rights of Way Officer to enquire as to progress. Clerk
- 22/054 Various Litter Bins/Benches on the Green: Details are to be circulated in this regard. MW
- 22/055 Any Other Business
- 22/056 Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 6 October
- 22/057 The meeting closed at 2030 hours.

Approved at the PC Meeting held on 6 October 2021