

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HARTLEY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD, CHURCH ROAD
ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2005 COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mr A Barnett
Cllr Mrs Y Coutts
Cllr Mr J Gaywood (Chairman)
Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mr B Ramsay
Cllr Mr V Sewell
Cllr Mr A Tremain

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Proper Officer)
Cllr Mr K Tucker (Kent County Council)
5 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr L Abraham, Cllr Mr C Alford, Cllr Mrs J Burns, Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby and Cllr Mrs M Solman.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mr V Sewell declared a personal and prejudicial interest under minute item 5, in respect of the planning application SE/04/02788/FUL, amended consultation, for the proposed development at Woodside, Ash Road, as the applicant has undertaken work for the member in question, but as there was no discussion or voting on the matter it was not necessary for him to withdraw from the meeting.

Cllr Mr M Harris declared a personal interest under minute item 5, in respect of the planning application SE/04/03077/FUL for the proposed development at Orchard Lea, Church Road as his house overlooks the property.

3. Register of Interests

Members were reminded of their duty to update the Register of Interests within 28 days of their interest changing.

4. Minutes

- (a) RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th March 2005 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- (b) RESOLVED: That, the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th March 2005 be noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.35 p.m. to receive a report from the County Councillor and District Councillors and to allow a public question time.

The meeting resumed at 7.45 p.m.

5. Planning Committee

The Council considered the recommendation contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29th March 2005, under minute item 4 (a) on page 2, in respect of the outline planning application DA/05/TEMP/0008 for the building a new secondary school and other community facilities in the grounds of Axton Chase School.

Cllr Ramsay proposed and Cllr Sewell seconded an amendment to the recommendation so that the wording, ***“The Council does not feel the school should be built on Green Belt land and that such development does not constitute a very special circumstance, in order to save Kent County Council £4 million,”*** be included after the last sentence of the recommendation.

The Council considered the amendment. The meeting was adjourned at 7.55 p.m. to invite the views of the County Councillor. The meeting resumed at 7.56 p.m.

Following further discussion on the proposed amendment, Cllr Ramsay withdrew the amendment.

Cllr Ramsay proposed and Cllr Sewell seconded a further amendment so that the wording, ***“The building of 150 houses within the curtilage of Axton Chase School is to be deplored and there is no justification for Kent County Council to fund a new school by the development of 150 houses.”*** be included after the last sentence of the recommendation. The amendment was put to the vote and CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29th March 2005 and the amended recommendation contained therein be received and, where necessary, approved and adopted.

6. Youth Committee

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 15th March 2005 be received and adopted.

7. Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee

It was reported the meeting of the Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee due to be held on 7th April 2005 had been deferred.

8. Northfield Management Committee

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 11th March 2005 be received and noted.

9. Hartley Wood

The Council considered a report on advice received from its solicitor in respect of, (1) the offer to donate three plots of land in Hartley Wood by way of a gift and the costs involved in terms of professional fees and legal costs should the Council wish to proceed with the transfer of title and (2) an application for possessory title of the other plots of land in Hartley Wood where there are no known owners and the likely cost involved in terms of professional fees and legal fees, if such action was taken by the Council.

It was reported that there are eight registered plots in Hartley Wood, one of which is in the ownership of the Parish Council and that the remaining plots of land in the wood are unregistered. Cllr Barnett informed the Council that ordinarily Land Registry when considering applications for possessory title would require applicants to prove they had actually been “in occupation” and in doing so, would take into account the extent to which the land is enclosed by means of fences. However, this would not be required in circumstances where the public have always had access and indeed fencing would not be appropriate as the Council would be seeking possession to ensure the public have continued access to the land. Cllr Barnett referred to an information sheet published by the Open Spaces Society entitled, “Unclaimed land and adverse possession; protecting commons and other open spaces which have no known owner”.

RESOLVED: That, (1) the offer to transfer three plots of land located in Hartley Wood to the Council for nil consideration be accepted and (2) in light of the advice from the Council's solicitor, action to seek possessory title of the land in Hartley Wood where there are no know owners be approved.

10. Parish Plan

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meetings of the Hartley Parish Plan Steering Committee held on 3rd March and 22nd March (draft) 2005 be received and noted.

11. Highways

The Council considered notifications of new waiting restrictions to be applied to Ash Road (no waiting at any time), The Warrens (no waiting at any time) and Copse Side (no waiting Monday to Friday 07.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.) The Council expressed concerns over how such restrictions would be enforced.

RESOLVED: That, no objection be raised to the waiting restrictions to be applied to Ash Road, The Warrens and Copse Side and that the Sevenoaks District Council be asked how it intends to enforce these new restrictions.

12. Kent Association of Parish Councils

RESOLVED: That, Parish News no 307 be received and noted.

13. Payments

RESOLVED: That, the payment of the accounts for April 2005, attached as appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....

Schedule of Payments April 2005

Chq No	Payment to	Particulars	Net	VAT	Total
103761	J Hoad	Salary 01/04/2005 - 30/04/2005 (prev approved)	1,383.50	-	-
		Travelling allowance 21/03/05 Hartley to Inland Revenue Seminar @ Chatham 26 miles @ 50.5p per mile plus £1.10 car parking fee	14.23	-	-
		Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting 18/03/05	52.28	-	<u>1,450.01</u>
103762	H Gilder	Salary 01/04/2005 - 30/04/2005 (prev approved)	672.57	-	672.57
103763	Inland Revenue	Month 1	735.09	-	735.09
103764	D Cunningham	Cleaning services to Pavilion	80.00	-	80.00
103765	Mid Kent Water PLC	Consumption 09/09/04-14/03/05 & standing charge re allotments	26.49	-	-
		Consumption 09/09/04 - 15/03/05 & standing charge re Pavilion	65.72	-	<u>92.21</u>
103766	Wicksteed Leisure	Wet pour repairs at Chantry Avenue. Inv 55682	318.00	55.66	373.66
103767	Kent County Council	7 days work at Rectory Meadow undertaken by NWK Countryside Project & hire of power scythe.	1,150.00	201.25	1,351.25
103768	T D Munday	Routine maintenance work @ Manor Field Inv 30	48.00	-	-
		Football pitch line marking and checking goal posts @ Manor Field Inv 30	40.00	-	-
		Inspect playground equipment Inv 30	250.00	-	-
		Hartley Greens litter pick Inv 30	24.00	-	-
		Pond litter pick Inv 30	20.00	-	-
		Gorse Wood litter pick Inv 30	40.00	-	<u>422.00</u>
103769	T D Munday	Burial Ground visual inspection Inv 31	18.00	-	-
		Gorse Wood : Cut down bramble and pick up rubbish Inv 32	35.00	-	-
		Garden maintenance at Burial Ground Inv 29	119.00	-	<u> </u>

					<u>172.00</u>
103770	Kent County Council (KCS)	Stationery Invoice no S1728538	22.90	4.01	-
		Stationery Invoice no S1729885			
			18.35	3.21	<u>48.47</u>
103771	Sevenoaks District Council	Non domestic rates bill 2005/2006 Manor Field Pavilion	1,055.00	-	1,055.00
103772	Sevenoaks District Council	20 bundles of paper garden sacks Inv 43702	40.00	-	-
		20 bundles of paper garden sacks Inv 43832			
			40.00	-	<u>80.00</u>
103773	Supplies Team	Ink cartridge Inv 6856034			
			16.53	2.89	19.42
103774	Ash Setting and Printing	February Hartley Herald and delivery (Special Edition)	293.89	-	293.89
103775	Kent Association of Parish Councils	Annual subscription for year ending 31/03/06	840.00	147.00	-
		Local Council Review 6 issues per annum			
			26.00	-	<u>1,013.00</u>
103776	Valuation Office Agency Administration	Valuation services re land at Manor Field. Inv OP/I491915	400.00	70.00	470.00
103777	Sevenoaks District Council	Emptying of dog waste bins Jan-Mar 2005 Inv 2011342	182.00	31.85	213.85
103778	Land Registry	Copies of registers and title plans re Hartley Wood	64.00	-	64.00
103779	Cash	100 x 1st & 2nd class stamps 27/04 16/03/05	49.00	-	-
		90 x 1st class stamps 28/04 31/03/05	25.20		
					<u>74.20</u>
TOTAL			<u>8,164.75</u>	<u>515.87</u>	<u>8,680.62</u>

Adjournment

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked the County Councillor for his service to the community as a County Councillor and wished him well for his retirement from public office.

The County Councillor reported he would remain Chairman of the County Council until 26th May 2005 even though he was not standing for re election at the forthcoming election on 5th May.

The District Councillor, Cllr Gaywood reported that Cllr Mr L Fleming had been elected the new Leader of the District Council.

Questions were raised by members of the public in respect on matters relating to the future plans for the pond, members interests, proposed development at Axton Chase School, in particular its vicinity in relation to two known Roman sites and plans to withdraw the 6.08 Arriva bus service from Gravesend.