

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON
30TH AUGUST 2006 AT 6.30 p.m. AT HARTLEY LIBRARY**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Burns (Chairman)
Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby

In attendance: Mrs Gilder (Assistant Clerk)
Cllr Mr B Ramsay

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr L Abraham and Cllr Mr C Alford.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That,
the minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 8th August
2006, be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Newsletter

The Committee considered a draft copy of the September edition of the Parish
Council's newsletter and agreed on a number of alterations/additions.

RESOLVED: That,
1) following the September edition, the next edition of the Hartley Herald be distributed
in December 2006 and
2) the Assistant Clerk be requested to contact Ash Setting and Printing to establish the
copy date for December 2006.

5. Local Democracy Campaign

The Committee considered a letter received from NALC, dated 14th August 2006 and an
e mail received from NALC dated 15th August 2006, in relation to this year's Local
Democracy Campaign.

The Committee agreed that the Campaign was not really applicable to Hartley and was
directed more at District and Unitary Councils.

RESOLVED: That,
the letter and email received from NALC regarding this year's Local Democracy
Campaign, be noted.

6. Quality Parish Status

At the last meeting of the Communications Committee, the Clerk was requested to contact KAPC and NALC to enquire as to whether there are any frameworks that have been developed for entering into a Charter with the District Council.

a) The Committee considered a document entitled 'Charters for Town and Parish Councils and Principal Local Authorities: A Good Practice Guide April 2005.

The Committee expressed its disappointment that achieving Quality Parish Status did not appear to have benefited the Parish Council as much as had been hoped in respect of improving the Parish Council's standing with the District/County Councils.

RESOLVED: That the document entitled 'Charters for Town and Parish Councils and Principal Local Authorities: A Good Practice Guide April 2005, be noted.

b) The Committee considered The Parish and Town Council Model Charter from the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme: The Quality Scheme Explained booklet and agreed that entering into a Charter with Sevenoaks District would be of little benefit to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That,
the Parish & Town Council Model Charter from the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme: The Quality Scheme Explained booklet be noted.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 7th November 2006 at 6.30p.m. at Hartley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date:.....

