

**THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HARTLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN**  
**THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD, CHURCH ROAD,**  
**ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT 8.00 P.M.**

**Present:** Cllr L Abraham  
Cllr C Alford  
Cllr Mrs J Burns  
Cllr R Coates  
Cllr Mrs P Cole  
Cllr J Gaywood (Chairman)  
Cllr D Graeme  
Cllr S Granger  
Cllr J Minns  
Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby  
Cllr B Ramsay  
Cllr V Sewell

**In attendance:** Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)  
Cllr D Brazier (Kent County Council local member)  
1 member of the public

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr A Barnett due to illness.

RESOLVED: That, the absence of Cllr A Barnett be approved.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Register of Interests**

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

**4. Minutes**

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8.02 p.m. to receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and to take questions from members of the public.*

*The meeting resumed at 8.23 p.m.*

## **5. Planning Committee**

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received and adopted.

## **6. HAWK**

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the HAWK Youth Partnership Project held on 1st December 2009 be received and noted.

## **7. KALC**

(a) RESOLVED: That, the Parish News issue 344 be received and noted.

(b) RESOLVED: That, Cllr R Coates be appointed as Hartley Parish Council's representative at the Sevenoaks Area KALC Committee meetings.

## **8. Quality Parish**

It was reported that Hartley Parish Council's application for re-accreditation under the Quality Parish Scheme had met all the necessary criteria and as a result the Hartley Parish Council's Quality Parish status had been confirmed until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

RESOLVED: That,

(1) the report on the successful re-accreditation of Hartley Parish Council to the Quality Parish scheme effective until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be received and noted; and

(2) a vote of thanks be recorded to the Assistant Clerk for the work involved in preparing the portfolio of evidence.

## **9. Deposit Facility for Parish/Town Councils**

The Council considered a report on deposit facilities offered by Sevenoaks District Council.

RESOLVED: That, the report on deposit facilities offered by Sevenoaks District Council be noted and option 4 be accepted, to receive 50% of the precept payment on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and 50% of the precept payment on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

## **10. Salt bins**

The Council considered a report on the provision of salt bins in the parish.

RESOLVED: That, the matter be referred to the Highways Committee.

## **11. Sevenoaks District Sustainable Community Action Plan 2010 – 2013**

The Council considered a consultation document on Sevenoaks District Sustainable Community Action Plan 2010 – 2013.

RESOLVED: That, comments from Members be forwarded to the Clerk for submission to Sevenoaks District Council before the closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## 12. Payments

RESOLVED: That,

(1) the payment of the accounts for January 2010, attached as appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved; and

(2) the summary of receipts and payments as at 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be received and noted.

The meeting closed at 9.52 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date: .....

Chairman of the Council

**Schedule of Payments January 2010**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payment to</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
105064	J Hoad	Salary 01/01/2010 - 31/01/2010 (prev approved)	1,713.90	-	-
		Reimbursement purchase of Land Registry document re Hartley Wood	12.00	-	<u>1,725.90</u>
105065	H Gilder	Salary 01/01/2010 - 31/01/2010 (prev approved)	846.12	-	846.12
105066	H M Revenue & Customs	Month 10 Employer & Employee NIC & PAYE	903.04	-	903.04
105067	Kent County Council	Employer & Employees pension contributions January 2010	551.24	-	551.24
105068	Mr D Cunningham	Clean Pavilion January 2010	80.00	-	-
		Temperature checks and de-scaling	20.00	-	<u>100.00</u>
105069	Mr R Malpas	Replacement diffuser @ Pavilion inv 39	33.00	-	33.00
105070	Sevenoaks District Council	Disbursements re transfer of land @ Hoselands View	202.00	-	202.00
105071	Austin Treework	Removal of wind blown Larch tree @ Hartley Burial Ground inv 8172	80.00	12.00	92.00
105072	Kent County Council (KCS)	Purchase of bin re allotments inv IN455620	12.49	1.87	-
		Photocopier rental 21/12/09 - 20/03/10 inv PRCOP0078030	161.46	24.22	-
		Copy charge 21/09/09 - 20/12/09 inv PRCOP0077985	65.50	9.83	<u>275.37</u>
105073	EDF Energy Customers PLC	Electricity at Pavilion 01/10/09 - 17/12/09 + standing charge	149.29	7.46	156.75
105074	Sevenoaks District Council	30 bundles of garden sacks inv 88752	135.00	-	135.00
105075	T D Munday	Garden maintenance @ BG inv 76	120.00	-	-
		Burial Ground visual inspection inv 78	18.50	-	<u>138.50</u>
105076	T D Munday	Litter pick @ Manor Field inv 77	42.00	-	-
		Football pitch line marking & goal post inspections inv 77	62.00	-	-
		Inspect playground equipment inv 77	192.00	-	-
		Litter pick @ Rectory Meadow inv 77	48.00	-	-
		Litter pick Hartley greens inv 77	32.00	-	-
		Litter pick @ Hoselands Green inv 77	32.00	-	-
		Litter pick @ pond inv 77	15.00	-	-
		Litter pick Gorse Wood inv 77	48.00	-	<u>471.00</u>
105077	Sevenoaks District Council	Emptying dog bins October - December inv 2022234	336.70	50.51	387.21
105078	Beachcroft LLP	Professional fees 10/10/09 - 22/12/09 re Manor Field inv 10109056	182.00	27.30	209.30
105079	Cash	Postage fee 10/12/09 19/09	0.90	-	-

	Special delivery charge re re-accreditation 14/12/09 20/09	4.95	-	-
	100 x 1st & 2nd class stamps 07/01/10 21/09	69.00	-	<u>74.85</u>
105080	Trojan Tree Care			
105081	Kent County Training Partnership			
	Tree work carried out at Billings Hill Shaw. Invoice 300611	2,042.50	306.38	2,348.88
	Achieving CiLCA 2010 at Lenham Community Centre	90.00	-	90.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
		<u>8,300.59</u>	<u>439.57</u>	<u>8,740.16</u>

## **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8.02 p.m. to receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and to take questions from members of the public.*

The County Councillor explained the priorities implemented by Kent County Council in respect of the gritting of highways and reported on the County Council's performance during the recent period of snow and icy weather experienced before Christmas and during the first week of the New Year. He explained that 30,000 tonnes of salt had been held by the County Council at the beginning of the winter, 13,500 tonnes of salt had so far been used and 10,000 tonnes of salt were on order. He warned that the Government could order the redeployment of salt to areas around the country of greatest need and where resources of salt were low. He reported that the County Council had been criticised over its performance in dealing with the recent bad weather, but explained that the County Council had finite resources. The County Council had worked in partnership with local farmers to clear rural roads and District and Borough councils to salt pavements in town centres. He stated that some grit bins had been removed by third parties and confirmed that no salt bins had been removed by the County Council. Furthermore residents had been removing the salt from grit bins for use on private property. He warned that it was likely the condition of road surfaces be adversely effected by the bad weather and use of salt, but additional funding had been identified for repairs. Potholes should be reported to the Clerk or directly to Kent Highway Services.

Cllr Mrs Burns asked why the pavements had not been gritted. The County Councillor explained that the recent situation had been quite extraordinary and it would be too expensive to have in place the resources necessary to grit the pavements. He explained that the County Council would not provide third parties with salt, including farmers, and applauded the New Ash Green Village Association for purchasing stocks of salt for use in New Ash Green.

Cllr Graeme questioned how farmer would distribute salt.

There were no reports from the District Councillors

Mr Senneck asked about the current position regarding the installation of a new soakaway in Springcroft. The County Councillor advised that the works order had been placed and that works should commence within the next two months.

Cllr Mrs Cole enquired about the reinstatement of the bins at the recycling centre in Woodland Avenue. The District Councillors confirmed that there are no plans to reinstate the bins.

*The meeting resumed at 8.23 p.m.*