

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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24th February 2011

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee to be held on **Wednesday 2nd March 2011** commencing at **7.30 p.m.** at **Hartley Library, Ash Road.**

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive Members' declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

(WHITE)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on 2nd February 2011 as a correct record. (Annexed).

4. Football at Manor Field

To receive a report from Hartley De Sales FC.

5. Financial Report

(BLUE)

To consider a financial report indicating the net position of the allotments, open spaces and Manor Field Pavilion as at 24th February 2011. (Annexed).

Background document

Net financial position as at 24th February 2011.

6. Manor Field

(a) Grant of electricity Easement

The draft Deed of Easement in respect of the electricity cable at Manor Field states; "The Grantee (Hartley Parish Council) hereby covenants with the Grantors (Mr R & E Glover) to the Grantors and their respective estates and effects indemnified from and against any act loss damage or liability suffered by the Grantors or their respective

estates in the exercise of the right.” The Council’s solicitor has advised that this matter should be referred to the Council’s insurers.

The Committee is requested to consider any response received from the Council’s insurers in respect of the indemnity

Background document

E mails dated 17th January 2011 and 22nd December 2010 from Martin Tolhurst Solicitors

Draft Deed of Easement incorporating solicitor’s comments

(b) Storage container

The roof of the storage container has developed a hole and is leaking.

The Committee is requested to consider quotations in respect of repairs to the roof of the container.

(c) Worm control

To consider seeking quotations for the control of worms at Manor Field, and possibly Longfield Hill.

(d) Fertilizer

To consider quotations in respect of the application of fertilizer at Manor Field.

7. Woodland Avenue

(a) At the PACT meeting held on 12th January 2011 residents attending complained about vegetation from the recreation ground at Woodland overhanging the footpath. The Committee is requested to consider the matter and agree a course of action.

(b) To consider a quotation for the sum of £45 from T D Munday to clear and tidy up the corner of the recreation at Woodland Avenue by the kissing gate caused by fire damage.

8. Gorse Wood

(a) To note that the woodchips dropped in Gorse Wood have been spread along the public right of way by T D Munday at a cost of £120. The Council has received thanks from residents for undertaking this work which has made a considerable improvement to the surface of the footpath.

(b) To receive a progress report on the clearance of Gorse Wood. (Annexed).
(YELLOW)

Background document

Report on Gorse Wood

9. Longfield Hill

(a) Proposed new substation and underground cables

To receive a progress report on the proposed works to be undertaken by EDF Energy to install a new substation and underground cables at Longfield Hill.

Background document

Letter dated 17th February 2011 from HPC to Freedom Group

Letter dated 15th February 2011 from Freedom Group

Letter dated 15th October 2010 from the Freedom Group

Letter dated 8th November 2010 from Batcheller Thacker

Letter dated 16th November 2010 from Lambert & Foster

Letter dated 8th November 2010 from Martin Tolhurst Solicitors

(b) To consider a report on the control of moles at Longfield Hill. (Annexed). **(GREEN)**

Background document

Report on moles at Longfield Hill

10. Allotments

(PINK)

(a) At a meeting of the Amenities & Open Spaces Committee held on 6th December 2010, it was resolved that the rules relating to the Tenancy agreement with allotment holders be reviewed in light of the model issued by the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Ltd and the views expressed by allotment holders at a meeting held on 23rd November 2010.

The Committee is requested to consider a draft Tenancy agreement. (Annexed).

(b) To consider a quotation for the sum of £85.00 to cut back the Cherry trees overshadowing allotment plots 32 and 33 and remove two Cherry saplings.

(c) The allotment holder of plot number 11 has complained that the conifer trees at the rear of the recycling centre are shading the allotment plot and has requested the Council reduce or remove the trees. The allotment holder advises that two of the trees are dead.

The Committee is requested to consider quotations to reduce the height of the Conifer trees by one third and face up both sides.

11. Date of next meeting

List of circulated documents

Copies of all documents listed in the agenda are available for inspection in the Parish Office

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on 2nd February 2011. **(WHITE)**
2. Financial report indicating the net position of the allotments, open spaces and Manor Field Pavilion as at 24th February 2011. **(BLUE)**
3. Progress report on clearance of Gorse Wood **(YELLOW)**
4. Report on the control of moles at Longfield Hill **(GREEN)**
5. Draft Tenancy Agreement **(PINK)**

Committee Membership

Cllr Barnett
Cllr Gaywood (ex officio)
Cllr Granger
Cllr Sewell

Cllr Mrs P Cole
Cllr Graeme
Cllr Mrs Oxtoby (ex officio)