

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARTFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.15PM AT
HARTFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Hollens (Chair) Cllr Gibb
Cllr Haffenden Cllr Kershaw
Cllr Hudson Cllr Salvoni
Jo O'Donoghue (Clerk)

1. To receive Apologies

Cllr Bowden was unable to attend the meeting due to prior holiday booking. Cllr Poole tendered his resignation due to increasing work commitments, Cllr Notman resigned for the same reason and Cllr Kuypers resigned due to ill health.

2. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda

No member of the public, present at the meeting, disclosed any (a) Personal, (b) Prejudicial Interests which they are required to disclose by section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Parish Council (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.

3. Public Open Forum

Issues raised

Action to be taken

Amount of litter and broken beer bottles on
The Grange Park on Sunday mornings

PCSO Taylor to monitor
T Sproston to litter pick

Vandalism on Grange Park

Culprits identified and prosecution
for criminal damage imminent

Report on Red Lion request for payment
for providing public conveniences

HN to report that proprietors of the
Red Lion had made no formal request
to the PC for any funding and nor did
they intend to do so.

4. Attendance by shop owners

Representatives of the shops on Chester Road attended the meeting to ask for Parish Council support for a Victorian themed Christmas Fayre to take place on December 12th at the shops. Resolved: It was agreed that the Parish Council will provide both promotional and financial support for the scheme and that a meeting will be arranged to which representatives of the Parish Council will be invited to finalise arrangements.

5. PCSO

PCSO Andy Taylor attended the meeting to report on activities during the month as follows:

- Speedgun has been deployed
- Illegal use of scooters has been targeted and 4 section 59 warrants have been issued
- Children's play area in Carriage Drive is being repeatedly hit by vandalism and this is being monitored
- Meetings have taken place with Streetscene to address litter around the Hartford Campus, 15 new bins will be installed
- Surgery dates have been booked which will take place on 28/10/09, 18/11/09, 9/12/09, 20/01/09, 10/02/09, 24/03/09 from 7pm to 8pm at The Village Hall, Chester Road
- Input to local schools continues with "Stranger Danger" talks
- Monitoring of youth activity on Whitley Drive will continue

6. Approval of Minutes

To approve and sign Minutes of Full Council, 14th September 2009

Resolved: The minutes were agreed and signed

7. Finance and Administration

- a) To approve and sign the accounts for payment for October 2009 (copies provided to Councillors)

Resolved: Accounts for payment in the sum of £2,972.59 were approved and signed

- b) Report from Finance Committee

Resolved: To accept the following recommendations from the finance committee:

- Budget to be set at £210,600 to include for £135,000 to be budgeted for refurbishment of, and an extension to the Village Hall
- precept request from £65,000 to £95,000 which, based on the current electorate of 4,419, represents a cost of £21.50 per year per elector
- reserves of £13,000 be set against the cost of replacement play equipment
- 2009-2010 NALC Clerk Salary Award be implemented at the current scale of 31 backdated to 1st April 2009, from 1st September 2009 to award 1 salary point at scale 32 in recognition of service and achievement of the Certificate in Local Council Administration and from 1st April 2010 to award 1 further salary point at scale 33 in recognition of service which results in back pay of £175.86 to be paid in November 2009 salary.
- Clerk's SLCC membership fee be paid by the Council

- c) To agree previously circulated change to Standing Orders re planning

Resolved: To accept the planning protocol as previously circulated

- d) To agree signatures to Deed from St John's Church relating to strip of land along the existing church hall

Resolved: Permission granted for Chair and Clerk to sign the deed

8. Appointment of Councillor

Resolved: By unanimous decision, Mr Lawrence Salvoni was co-opted on the Council and agreed to accept office.

9. Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr Manley reported that he is now responsible for Regeneration and Lifelong Learning in an attempt to improve the local area and encourage business to move to the area. £8.5million has been set aside for Cheshire and Warrington to address the issues of youngsters not in employment, education or training (NEETs) by encouraging local businesses to provide 6-month placements to provide long term work experience. It was agreed that the on-line planning portal is not working and that the Council should issue a formal complaint.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Resource Director at CWAC to request improvements to the planning portal arrangement for public access.

10. Communications

No urgent communications were received

11. Village Hall

There was no further progress to report to date;

Resolved: Letters to be sent to users of the hall to inform them as to future plans as soon as they are available

12. Planning

Resolved: Clerk to inform CWAC as to the following:

Application	Address	Proposal	HPC decision
09/01824/OUT	Beech Farm House Burrows Hill Hartford Northwich Cheshire CW8 3AA	Erection of dwelling	No objection, providing trees are replaced where removed
09/01745/FUL	St Johns Church Hall School Lane Hartford Northwich Cheshire CW8 1NP	Inclusion of ventilation cowl located on roof ridge for approved scheme 09/00088/FUL)	No objection
09/01643/FUL	1 The Grange Hartford Northwich Cheshire CW8 1QJ	Demolition of single storey building and car port and construction of two storey extension including garage and orangery	No objection
09/01842/FUL	Bailey's Florist 301 Chester Road	Demolition of existing single storey building to rear and	No objection

		construction of a replacement building on the same footprint	
09/01874/FUL	10 Mornant Avenue Hartford Northwich Cheshire CW8 2FQ	First floor extension over garage	No objection
09/01893/FUL	22 Sandfield Lane Hartford Northwich Cheshire CW8 1PU	Double garage	No objection
09/01872/FUL	1 Whitehall Drive, Hartford, CW8 1SJ	Replacement boundary wall	No objection

13. Tennis Club

To discuss and agree response to the tennis club following their request for a 25 year lease on 2 of the remaining 3 grass courts.

Resolved: No objection in principle, details to be confirmed at the next meeting following discussion with members of the Club together with the Clerk and Chair

14. QPC

Report from John Gibb

Resolved: To form a working party consisting of any interested Councillor led by Cllr Gibb which will meet prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

15. Red Phone Box

Clerk reported that official confirmation has been received from CWAC Planning Department to state that they have no objection to the adoption of the phone box on Hodge Lane, or it's removal from the site.

16. Noticeboards

Resolved: Cllr Salvoni agreed to install Perspex in the noticeboard outside the Post Office on The Green.

17. Twinning

Members of the Twinning Committee have agreed to attend the November meeting to discuss ideas for involving the local community

18. Trees

It was agreed that a full tree audit by volunteer wardens is unrealistic and to look for other alternatives.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Vicarage Tree Surgery for a full assessment of the trees to the rear of the Village Hall

19. Councillors' and Representatives' attendance at meetings, seminars, consultations and minor reports/matters for consideration at future meetings.

- a) Forum Meeting - report provided by Cllr Kershaw
- b) Clerk's Meeting - report provided by Clerk
- c) Report from training - report provided by Cllr Gibb

20. Website

The Clerk reported that as soon as ownership of the domain name has been transferred to the Parish Council the site will be up and running

21. Buildings, open spaces and roads

- a) Bradburns Lane

Resolved: Clerk and Chair to arrange meeting with representatives of CWAC to finalise placing of Hart sign, benches, mosaic and landscaping.

- b) Grange Park

Clerk reported that the new climbing frame has been badly vandalised which will result in an expensive repair. The police are involved and a prosecution for criminal damage is possible. Clerk to progress. New litter bins have been ordered and a contractor engaged to fit.

- c) Football Pavilion

Resolved: Following the lack of progress on restoration work to the pavilion it was agreed to pursue a further 2 tenders for the work.

- d) Mosaic

The Clerk reported that the grant application has been approved and that a meeting has been arranged with The Grange School to finalise arrangements

e) Ann Todd garden

Resolved: Cllr Haffenden to meet with contractor to discuss future plans

f) Speedwatch

A meeting has been arranged for 7pm on 19th October. All Councillors are invited.

22. Hartford News

a) To consider and provide articles for publication

Suggestions included an article on the proposed Victorian Christmas. Council vacancies and a Bradburns Lane road update.

b) To note and agree printing arrangements

Resolved: ThinkPrint to be asked to produce 1700 copies of Hartford News as per their quotation dated 12/10/09

23. Any Other Business

There was no other business

Signed.....Date.....

(Chairman)