

HARTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held at
Hartford Village Hall, 244 Chester Road, Hartford on
Monday 14th December at 7.15pm

Attended by: Cllr Haffenden (Acting Chair) Cllr Kershaw
 Cllr Bowden Cllr Hudson
 Cllr Gibb Cllr Salvoni

Prior to the meeting respects were paid to former Councillor Roger Kuypers and his family

1. To receive Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda

No member, 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

2 members of the public attended the meeting and the Council was thanked for it's response to the application for The Hollies.

4. PCSO

PCSO Andy Taylor was unable to attend the meeting and provided a written report detailing his activities over the previous month.

The Clerk confirmed that the Service Level Agreement for the PCSO has now been received and will be circulated amongst Councillors for comment.

5. Co-option to Council

To consider 2 applications for the 3 current vacancies

Resolved: Peter Winterbottom and Philip Herbert were unanimously co-opted as Councillors with immediate effect.

6. Approval of Minutes

Resolved: The Minutes of Full Council dated 9th November 2009 were approved and signed

7. Finance and Administration

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

Resolved: Accounts for payment totalling £12,024.92 were approved and signed

- b) To receive report on the insurance claim for theft of lead from the Village Hall roof and subsequent water ingress

Noted: The Clerk reported that the insurance claim for damage and repair to the roof is on-going and that a quote is being sought to have the remaining lead and surrounding tiles painted with anti-vandal paint.

8. Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr Manley and Musgrave were unable to attend the meeting and sent their apologies.

Resolved: Clerk to establish progress of 106 agreement to supply sporting facilities (Wimpey on former college car park) and establish whether the existing Grange Farmhouse, former garden and orchard including outbuildings are classed as brown field.

9. Communications

- Local development framework - Clerk to obtain further copies and circulate
- Highways survey - Clerk to circulate and Councillors to respond
- Boundary Committee - Clerk to circulate and Councillors to respond

10. Planning

To agree response to planning applications received and note decisions made by the Planning Committee

09/00336/COU - Relish, School Lane - variation on condition 4 to extend opening hours - Hartford Parish Council has no objection to application number 09/00336/COU in principle however concerns have been raised with regard to the impact on neighbouring properties and the lack of available parking facilities. In view of this, the Council request that should a variation on condition 4 of the original permission is granted it be for a limited period of time (3 months) in order to assess the impact upon this residential area.

09/02401/LBC - Hartford Hall, 81 School Lane, Hartford - rebuild wall damaged by others using existing brick - no objection

09/02327/FUL - 2 Morris Park, Hartford - no objection

11. Village Hall

To receive update

Resolved: Clerk to obtain quotes for increased security at the Hall to include CCTV, lighting and alarm, Clerk to contact architect to obtain further copies of the plans and a specification to send out to tender.

12. Tennis Club

Response from Club regarding recommendation of a 21 year lease for the 2 grass courts (currently on a 1 year lease) at a cost of £200 per year, all costs incurred in drawing up the lease, for the Tennis Club only, to be paid by the Tennis Club and provision of £5,000 towards cost of renewing car parking area

Noted: No further response has been received

13. Quality Parish Council

To receive report from Cllr Gibb

Resolved: The statement of training intent was unanimously accepted by members of Council and Cllr Gibb agreed to put together a template for individual training requests

Noted: Chalky White from Cheshire Association of Local Councils will be attending prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the Quality Parish Council scheme. This will take place at 6.30pm prior to the meeting at 7.15pm on Monday 11th January 2010.

14. Noticeboards

To note update

Resolved: Clerk to contact Red Lion to enquire as to whether it would be possible for the Parish Council to replace it. Cllr Salvoni to arrange for Perspex to be fitted in the noticeboard by the Post Office.

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

- a) Community Speedwatch (Cllr Bowden)

Noted: No further report to date

- b) Finance update seminar (Clerk)

Noted: Successful session to be followed by VAT update in January

- c) Community Forum (Cllr Haffenden)

Noted: Chaired by Cllr Musgrave and attended in the main by Hartford residents, many question from the floor regarding MP expenses together with concerns regarding parking in the Village.

- d) Twinning

Noted: Members of Mornant Twinning did not attend the Victorian Fayre and there has been no further progress with widening participation within the group.

16. Buildings, open spaces and roads

a) Bradburns Lane

To receive update

Resolved: Clerk to contact highways regarding the inadequate and totally misleading signage within the village, the severe damage to verges caused by large lorries needing to use Riddings Lane and Abbey Way and request that a scheme is put in place to make good the damage on completion of the gas works.

b) Grange Park

To receive update

Resolved: Clerk to arrange for the car park to be improved

c) Parker Avenue

To receive update

Noted: Clerk reported that the official handover has still not taken place due to the number of current defects on site which require repair

d) Football Pavilion

To receive update

Noted: Clerk reported that the fascias, gutters, down pipes etc have now been replaced and that the rendering cannot take place at present due to the weather.

e) Ann Todd garden

To note progress and agree future works

Noted: The area has been levelled and seeded and now needs to be given time to grow, further assessment can take place in the Spring

f) Footpath and driveway to The Green

To note damaged path

Resolved: Clerk to contact Gas Alliance to see if they would help out with buckets of asphalt to repair faults on Council-owned land

17. Hartford News

a) To consider and provide articles for publication

Victorian Christmas event, update on gas replacement.

18. Any Other Business

It was noted that the Victorian Fayre had been a great success and will be repeated next year. Cllr Haffenden had carried out a brief survey during the event and this will be co-ordinated to produce an article for Hartford News. Congratulations and thanks were extended to both Dawn and Danny from the Co-Op for all their hard work

19. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)