

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HARTFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.15PM AT
HARTFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Hollens (Chair) Cllr Gibb
Cllr Salvoni Cllr Kershaw
Cllr Hudson Cllr Bowden
Cllr Manley (CWAC) Cllr Musgrave (CWAC)
J O'Donoghue (Clerk)

1. To receive Apologies

Cllr Haffenden was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies

2. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda

No member, present at the meeting, disclosed of 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.

Standing orders suspended

3. Public Open Forum

Members of the public attended the meeting to raise issues with the planning application for Hollies Farm and it was agreed that these concerns would be addressed when responding to the planning application. Concerns were raised concerning the traffic lights which are planned for Beach Road which will affect access to the Methodist Church and it was agreed that a letter will be sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council. One member of the public expressed concerns regarding the cars parked on the grass verge outside the garage on Chester Road and it was agreed that a letter be sent requesting cars to be parked only on the forecourt. Representatives from the shops on Chester Road attended to update the Council on progress with the Victorian Christmas event. One member of the public attended to voice objections to the planning application for 9 Walnut Lane and it was agreed that these concerns would be taken into account when considering comment on the application. The same member of the public raised concerns regarding delivery lorries parking on the new pedestrian refuge outside the Co-Op and it was agreed that these concerns would be taken up by the Council.

4. PCSO

To receive report from PCSO Andy Taylor - appended to minutes

5. Hartford/Mornant Twinning Committee

Members of the Committee provided a report to members - appended to minutes

Resolved: Cllr Kershaw will attend meetings of the committee in future; the Village Hall can be used by the group, free of charge, for public meetings; the committee provide regular reports for inclusion in Hartford News.

Standing orders resumed

6. Approval of Minutes

To approve and sign Minutes of Full Council, 12th October 2009

Resolved: minutes approved and signed

7. Finance and Administration

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

Resolved: Accounts for payment totalling £5,089.23 were approved and signed; Cllr Gibb agreed to become a signatory for the account

- b) To discuss provision of a digital projector

Resolved: To install a projector in conjunction with the Civic Society

8. Cheshire West and Chester Council

To receive reports which are of relevance to Hartford Parish Council

Cllr Manley provided an update on arrangements for rationalisation of properties now owned by Cheshire West and Chester Council and confirmed that the Council will be provided with 10% less funding from central government than in previous years.

9. Communications

Clerk to update members on correspondence received

Resolved: Clerk to contact tree warden to confirm that no further planting is required at this stage; Clerk to confirm with Hartford High School that the Council will provide a cheque for £50.00 towards awarding students for outstanding academic success.

10. Planning

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

9 Walnut Lane	Brick & tiles to match existing	No objection
16 Ravenswood		No objection

11. Village Hall

To receive update and agree tendering arrangements

Resolved: Clerk to contact architect and instruct to put in a planning application; tenders to be invited once drawings and timescales have been received

12. Tennis Club

To discuss 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.

Resolved: Clerk to contact tennis club to offer a 21 year lease for the 2 grass courts 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; written confirmation to be requested from the club to confirm their contribution of £5,000 towards the cost of improving car parking.

13. Parish Council Vacancy

To note current vacancies

14. Quality Parish Council

To receive report from Cllr Gibb

Resolved: Cllr Gibb agreed to submit requirements for training which will be sent out prior to the meeting; Clerk to invite Chalky White from ChALC to attend the January meeting of Council at 6.30pm to offer guidance on Communication and Community Involvement and Democracy and Citizenship.

15. Noticeboards

To note update

Resolved: Cllr Salvoni to arrange for Perspex to be fitted to the frame; Cllr Kershaw to provide quote for new noticeboard

16. Victorian Christmas

To note update and agree attendees at a meeting to be held on 17th November 2009, date and venue to be confirmed and to agree representation from the Parish Council on 12th December 2009.

Resolved: Clerk to attend the meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th November at The Red Lion; led lights to be bought to put into tree on Bradburns Lane, CWAC to be asked to install; £1,000 set aside to support the event.

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

a) Community Speedwatch (Cllr Bowden)

Cllr Bowden reported that the group started with the SID last week and that it will be in operation until next week; the average speed was 40mph in a 30mph area. In the next couple of weeks volunteers will be trained to use the speedgun and the police will use the data collected from that to send out notices. The exercise will be repeated again in 6 months' time and it is

hoped that the information collected will lead to gateway signage.

- b) ChALC Annual Meeting (Clerk)

The Clerk reported that the meeting was successful and was well attended

- c) Civic Society (Chair)

Cllr Hollens reported that the Civic Society had recruited 3 new members, had offered £500 for an overhead projector to be available to users of the hall and would be carrying out winter planting of village tubs

- d) Vale Women’s Aid - report from meeting with the group.

Cllrs Bowden and Hudson reported that they had attended a meeting and discussed the local refuge in area which is uncertain regarding funding which was previously supplied by VRBC.

Resolved: Clerk to write to CWAC supporting the aims of the organisation.

18. Buildings, open spaces and roads

- a) Bradburns Lane

Works are progressing and it is anticipated that the work will be completed before the end of November 2009

- b) Grange Park

The Clerk reported that an official handover of the new equipment has taken place; vandalism to the climbing frame has been repaired; the seats require a further coat of paint

Resolved: Clerk to instruct Village Keeper to carry out an extra litter pick on the park each week and rake the bark chippings under the equipment

- c) Football Pavilion

Resolved: Clerk to instruct M Leigh to carry out repairs/replacement of guttering at an approximate cost of £560 plus VAT

- d) Ann Todd garden

To note progress and agree future works

Resolved: Clerk to contact CWAC to ask if they will pay the invoice for works to the garden which have been negated by the recent roadworks.

19. Hartford News

- a) To consider and provide articles for publication

Suggested articles include Twinning, improvements to the play area, casual vacancy information.

- b) To note and agree printing arrangements for future issues

Resolved: Clerk to offer 12 month printing contract to ThinkPrint

20. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Clerk will provide mince pies and wine at the next meeting of Council in December.

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