

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2024 SUBMISSION

Hartlip Parish Council

Website: <https://www.hartlippc.gov.uk/>

The Annual Parish Council meeting (as opposed to the Annual Parish Meeting reported on last month) took place on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7pm.

The Annual Parish Council meeting is a combination of the usual monthly meeting but also serves to re-elect councillors into the various roles and responsibilities for the next civic year i.e. 2024/2025.

Cllr Daley and Cllr Black were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by both.


All councillors were elected to retain their responsibilities from the previous year.

Member of the council also considered the continuation of the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and again the council was unanimous in continuing with Clive Henley's appointment which he duly accepted. As the only paid member of the team, Clive's sterling work ensures the smooth running of the Parish Council in line with the law and local authority, maintains Parish Council policies, advising the council members and administers the financial management and much much more!

We thank Clive for his help and support since taking on the role last summer, particularly when many members of the newly elected council in 2024 were new to the world of the Parish Council!

As the current HPC team moves into its second year we have a good proactive team with its purpose to represent the Parish local community and as always we welcome any feedback, needs and ideas from you.

Full meeting minutes of the May meetings can be found on the HPC website and if you haven't already please sign up for the Parish Council email alerts which you can do on the home page of the website - look out for the blue button:

 Sign up to our Email Alerts

A copy of Hartlip Parish Council submission for the Hartlip & Stockbury Forum is also available on the Parish Website with previous submissions also available back to September 2023.

The next Full Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 12th June at 7pm** and the agenda will be available on the Parish Notice Board and HPC website one week before the meeting.

If anyone would like to attend/speak at the meeting, please get in touch with the clerk to arrange via email:
clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk

News

D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration

In 2024 the UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944 with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France.

Known as D-Day, the historic operation saw the Allied Forces mount a large-scale invasion of Nazi-occupied France that ultimately tipped the course of the Second World War in the Allies' favour

Hartlip Parish Council has arranged its own village commemoration in collaboration with St Michaels & All Angels Church and the school.

The event is free but donations are welcomed with the money raised going to village amenities – full details below:



**Hartlip Parish Council Invite you to
Commemorate 80 years since D-Day on Thursday
June 6th from 5pm -9.15pm
at St Michaels & All Angels Church Hartlip**

Refreshments with food truck & Ice-cream van
including Beer, Wine, Soft drinks, Teas & Coffee
Readings & Facts about D-Day read by
Children from Hartlip School & The Village 5.30pm
D-Day "Pub" Quiz 6pm
Wartime music & Singing with
"The Jukebox Sweethearts" 6.45pm
lighting of The Beacon at The Village Allotments 8.45-9.15pm

This Event is being organised by
Hartlip Parish Council for the benefit of the Village
All monies raised & donated are for the Village recreation ground
upgrades, War Memorial & Church Arch restoration

If you would like your child to be part of the readings then please
contact Sharon on 07812-184255

Highways

Cllr Maleed presented the Speed Survey consultation results.

In addition to the numbers below there were lots of comments which we haven't shared here but it certainly shows that Lower Hartlip Road seems to be a problem and the most dangerous. Only today I noticed the multiple skid marks on the road surface particularly on the section from Paradise Barn Nursery to the Tuck Inn.

When HPC started these discussions with Kent Highways last year, a speed reduction on Lower Hartlip Road was rejected on the basis of non-compliance. Its interesting that The Street which is 20mph features high on speeding which is due to such non-compliance with the limit. Some residents say that no-one keeps to the 20mph limit on the Street, so reducing the limit on Lower Hartlip Road may not work.

It remains to be seen if things will improve once the Stockbury roundabout transformation fully opens at the end of 2024/beginning of 2025. Its probably more about driver behaviour, but HPC will continue to work with Kent Highways in an attempt to improve and make the lanes safer in the village for us all.

The next step is to present our data and comments to Kent Highways and we will update you once that meeting has taken place.

Finally, we are considering joining the Community Speedwatch scheme. The scheme is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

This will only work if we have enough volunteers so if you are interested in volunteering, please email the Parish Clerk.

No.	Question	Response	Count
1	Have you experienced an increase in traffic through the village	Yes	18
2	Have you witnessed speeding drivers and if so where?	Old House Lane	1
		Lower Hartlip Road	4
		Munns Lane	3
		The Street	4
		Mill Lane	2
		Place Lane	1
		Bull Lane	1
		Meresborough	1
		Spade Lane	1
3	As a pedestrian walking around the village, have you experienced a dangerous situation with a speeding vehicle	Yes	12
4	Are you aware of any traffic collisions in the village recently and if so where?	Lower Hartlip Road	3
		Mount Lane	1
		Munns Lane	1
		Place Lane	1
5	Do you support a 20mph limit in Mill Lane?	Yes	15
		No	3
6	Do you support a 20mph limit in Munns Lane	Yes	15
		No	3
7	Would you like to see additional signage for example, slow/pedestrian/signs/road markings?	Speed Bumps/Chicanes	10
		Signage	3
8	Would you like to see any other traffic calming measures and if so what?	Speed Bumps/Chicanes/Electronic Slow Down Signs	n/a
9	Would you prefer things left as they are	Yes	2
		No	16

Fly Tipping

Still no news on the covert cameras, you will see in the Police Hartlip Newsletter that our local Police Officer Jez Chittim continues on the case with the Environmental Response Team. He also details some of the patrols that have taken place in the usual fly tipping spots.

This isn't unique to Hartlip of course, Cllr Palmer reported at the May Parish Council meeting that fly tipping was a real problem across the borough. I have also seen the huge amounts of fly tipping around the Iwade area and have been made aware of mass illegal dumping on private land.

I don't think this is going to go away soon, but this continues to be a priority.

Policing

Police Surgery

The Surgery on Wednesday 1st May at St Michaels and All Angels Church regular coffee morning was again a success. At the time of writing we do not have a confirmed date for the next one but it will be advertised on the website as soon as we do.



Community events attended and next month's events in surgery

- I attended the coffee morning at St Michael's and All Angels Church on 01/05/2024. This was well received, and some further crime prevention products given out to local residents.

Drop-in surgery

- Wednesday 3rd July 10:30 hours to 12:00 hours
- St Michaels and All Angels Church, Hartlip

Your local officer is Police Officer Jez Chittim

Incidents of note

- On Friday 3rd May a Range Rover was stolen from an address in Mill Lane. This appears to be an isolated incident, however if there is any information anyone has about this matter, please call 101 and quote Kent police incident 03-0125. Should anyone have a keyless vehicle and is concerned about the safety of their vehicle, I can supply a signal blocker key pouch upon request; or see me at my next surgery.
- Fly tipping is still an issue I am trying to tackle; however the Environmental Response Team have informed me that they do require more reports on repeat locations. I have been conducting some plain clothes patrols in and around repeat spots and patrolled a couple of times in an unmarked police car. I have not caught anyone in the act of fly tipping; however I have started to visit any people who drive through the village at the time of my presence with commercial vans or trucks etc and likely to be carrying waste. I am doing this in the hope to prevent anyone believing it is appropriate to dump waste within Hartlip.



The Recreation Ground

The new signage to the Rec was installed. This proved to be good timing as it was reported on the Hartlip Residents Chat WhatsApp group that the 'No Dogs' sign to the playground area had gone missing, however a week or so later the new sign went missing. I have no words to write here about that.

The first set of improvements to the playground equipment will be made early summer, these will be mainly maintenance tasks in advance of the annual safety inspection in July.

The Rec working group will shortly be making their recommendation for the next phase of improvements following the public consultation and these will be shared as soon as we can.

The Parkland

HPC now has quotes in line with the improvement/repair specification put together by Cllr Rose. We will be looking to select and approve the preferred contactor ASAP so we can get on with the work.

Organising the annual spraying to the Parkland Paddocks is proving to be a difficult task when trying to coordinate the movement of the horses with their respective owners, the contractor carrying out work and then the weather! The clerk is pulling his hair out but as I write the weather is looking better and expect to pin the dates down very shortly.

Bin Collections

It's the beginning of May and the bin collections are finally getting sorted out but its recognised that there are still outlier's which have not been collected, Hartlip was hit hard and so too were the surrounding villages.

As we said last month thank you to Councillors Richard Palmer and Chris Palmer for keeping the pressure on SBC and if you still have issues please still email Chris Palmer ChrisPalmer@Swale.gov.uk so these can be logged and cleared up. It amazes me how some residents haven't had a bin collection missed!

Planning

The following planning matters were discussed in the April full council meeting:

- **24/501427/LDCEX** 18 Hartlip Hill - Certificate for installation of hardstanding – No comment
- **24/501623/FULL** 2 Roman Villas, Place Lane – Single story extension – No comment
- **24/501387/FULL** Little Place Fm, Yaughar Lane - Sighting of Welfare building – Objection

The HPC website has a Planning Tracker for all Parish planning applications. detailing the status of each, so please visit the website for up to date information.

Allotments

Cllr J N Davies reported that there is still 1 plot available, if you are interested please get in touch with the Parish Clerk via email: clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk

Report it!

Whilst Hartlip Parish Council does report issues in the Parish anyone can also report issues, here are some of the common things and where you can report them:

Anti-Social Behaviour (e.g. noise, litter, graffiti)	https://www.swale.gov.uk
Dog Fouling	https://www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling
Fly Tipping	https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping

Problems with Footpaths and Bridleways	Report a problem on a right of way - Kent County Council
Missed Bins	http://www.swale.gov.uk
Potholes/blocked drains	https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem
Claims for damage sustained to a vehicle	https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem/claims-for-damage-to-your-vehicle

Contact Hartlip Parish Council

Please direct all communications through the Parish Clerk via email: clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk and HPC will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

Unfortunately due to the way in which the Parish Council operates we are unable to provide/publish and resource a telephone contact. If you do not have access to email, perhaps ask a friend or relative to email the Clerk with your contact details and briefly what your enquiry is and the Clerk can then arrange for the appropriate person to call you.

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