

# HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2024 SUBMISSION

## Hartlip Parish Council

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

The last full council meeting took place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7pm.

A number of residents were in attendance and spoke in the public participation section.

You will see in the Policing Section that there has been some antisocial behaviour at the car park on Warren Lane – the Clerk is writing to the Kent Wildlife Trust to see if the carpark can be gated and locked at night.

HPC renewed its membership of KALC - Kent Association of Local Councils

The Kent Association is a not for profit membership organisation serving member Parish, Town and Community Councils and Parish Meetings (Local Councils) in Kent. As the first tier of local government closest to their communities, Local Councils have a key role to play in shaping their localities with the Government's drive to devolve power and decision making to local people through the Localism Act 2011, the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 and changes in the Audit Framework. It is becoming increasingly important that Councillors and Clerks are better informed and are provided with the tools and knowledge to help them undertake their roles as efficiently and effectively as they can.

Full meeting minutes of the June meeting can be found on the HPC website.

The next Full Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 10<sup>h</sup> July 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](mailto:clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk)

## **Planning**

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

- I. **24/502190/TCA** 3 Dane Close, erection of two story rear extension . NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration.
- II. **II. 24/502085/FULL** Woodpeckers, The Street. Conservation notification, removal of dead branches. NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration.
- III. **III. 24/501964/FULL** Autumn Cottage, Munns Lane. Erection of a two part single story (side and rear) extension. NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration.

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.

## News

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### **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration**

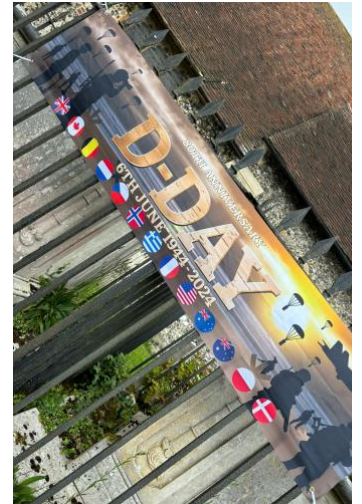
The commemoration event took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The event was well attended with up to 130 residents enjoying readings from the school children and adults. The Peace song was sung by the children and we had a 1940's singer.

It was a great collaborative event between HPC, The Church and the School so many thanks to all involved and to those who came along.

Special thanks to Sharon Black for being the chief organiser and for donating the profits from the bar to recreation ground, the church arch and the war memorial restoration and also David Martin for the reading of D-Day 'Tribute' at 9:15pm alongside the lighting of the beacon.

With the exception of some issues with slow food service, the evening was enjoyed by all and some really good feedback has been received particularly noting how many people attended and it being a great community event.

We raised over £200.



### **Fly Tipping**

Hartlip is on the list for the covert cameras. You will see in the Police Hartlip Newsletter that the Police have caught one individual but its understood that there are a network of fly-tippers working from outside of the area. The Police were hoping that with the arrest there would be a reduction in incidents, however within a matter of days of receiving this information there were at least 5 new piles of rubbish dumped around Hartlip. HPC will continue to work with the Police and SBC in an attempt to reduce this scourge of society.

Fly-tipping aside the amount of general litter along the lanes seems to have increased. It was only in April that we had our annual litter pick but I guess it comes from the increase in traffic who not only speed but enjoy throwing their rubbish out of the car – I fear an annual litter pick is not enough.

## Highways

Discussions continue with KCC Highways about speeding in the village.  
It's been pleasing to see a reduction in traffic now Junction 5 of the M2 has re-opened.

Back in Spring we arranged to clear the brambles from the corner of The Street and Dane Close. This is technically SBC's responsibility but it was too overgrown for it to be reduced properly. HPC will be planting this area up with something attractive, but we can only do this once the roots of the brambles are finally killed off. The Eco Gardener is regularly doing this and we hope it won't be too long before we get planting and make it a bit more attractive. If you have any ideas what you would like to see there then please email the Clerk.

## Police Newsletter



### Drop-in surgery

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 10:30 hours to 12:00 hours
- St Michaels and All Angels Church, Hartlip
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 10:00 hours to 14:00 hours
- Holywell Primary School, Upchurch

Your local officer is Police  
Officer  
Jez Chittim

## Incidents of Note

- 16/05 – There was an arson at an address along Lower Hartlip Road. Enquiries are still ongoing, however if anyone has any information that may assist police with this investigation, please call 101 and quote 46/80377/24. Whilst harrowing for the victims, it is believed to be an isolated incident.
- During regular patrols I have dealt with people from three vehicles parked in the car park along Warren Lane. One had camped up there for the night and intended to stay for a while. The other two vehicles had occupants smoking cannabis. They were given lifts home, parents spoken to and the vehicles left in situ until they could be collected safely. None of those dealt with were known to police and ranged in age from 17 years old to 19 years old. It doesn't seem to be a well used car park and therefore it is quite appealing to anyone wishing to commit undesirable activities.

## Good work story – Fly tipping

- Through some joint working with the Environmental Response Team at Swale Borough Council we have been able to catch a fly tipper believed to be the main culprit for the fly tipping in Hartlip, Iwade Road and Raspberry Hill Lane. It is an ongoing investigation and has so far highlighted additional suspects and it appears that there has been a network of fly tippers. This is likely to be a



lengthy investigation, however I'd hope we will now see a reduction in these incidents. Thank you for continually reporting these fly tips and please keep doing so.

- I have received various complaints about idling car engines at school drop off and school pick up times. I have asked the Environmental Protection Team to consider placing signs up along The Street along the straight stretch of road the school and the Church are on. They have agreed to assess the road and not only will they consider the signs but they are going to add this to their patrol regime at these key times.

## **Police Surgery**

- I will be holding a weekend surgery at least once a month from Holywell Primary School, Upchurch for all residents of Hartlip, Upchurch and Newington. Holywell have offered me use of an office to the entrance of the school and full use of the staff car park. The idea behind this surgery is to be more accessible to those that work Monday to Friday and who can't attend my other surgeries at pre-existing coffee mornings. The first one is to be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 between 10:00 hours and 14:00 hours. They will be advertised via My Community Voice and the Parish newsletter each month. If you wish to attend, please turn up between the times stated and you are welcome to park in the staff car park; to do this, drive up to the gate and press the bell on the intercom and I will let you in.

## **The Recreation Ground**

Replacement signage has been installed following the theft of 'no dogs' sign on the children's play area. Lets see how long that one lasts...

A grant application with a 25% contribution required from HPC has been applied for. This could fund one new piece of equipment or round benches for users of the children's play area or in the wider recreation ground.

Quotes for repainting the existing play equipment from suppliers of the equipment have come in and seem excessive, so we are seeking cheaper alternatives.

## **The Parkland**

Due to the wet weather and everything growing like crazy we had an added cost of having to have the Parkland topped before the spraying could be carried out.

Signs have gone up advising dog owners to keep off the affected areas.

## **Allotments**

The area around the beacon was recently cleared to enable safer display of the beacon for the D-Day event. We would like to maintain this area and perhaps introduce some seating, the views West towards Rainham are lovely and there are some great sunsets.

A parish council working group has been set up to progress the ideas.

If you have any ideas or thoughts on what you would like to see there then please contact the clerk via email.

## **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)	<a href="https://www.swale.gov.uk">https://www.swale.gov.uk</a>
Dog Fouling	<a href="https://www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling">https://www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling</a>
Fly Tipping	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping">https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping</a>
Problems with Footpaths and Bridleways	<a href="#">Report a problem on a right of way - Kent County Council</a>
Missed Bins	<a href="http://www.swale.gov.uk">http://www.swale.gov.uk</a>
Potholes/blocked drains	<a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem">https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</a>
Claims for damage sustained to a vehicle	<a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem/claims-for-damage-to-your-vehicle">https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem/claims-for-damage-to-your-vehicle</a>

### **Contact Hartlip Parish Council**

Please direct all communications through the Parish Clerk via email: [clerk@hartlipcc.gov.uk](mailto: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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22/06/2024