



# HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL AUGUST 2024 SUBMISSION

## Hartlip Parish Council

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

The last full council meeting took place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7pm.

Cllr T Daley tendered his apologies, prior engagement. Cllr M Rose tendered her apologies prior to the meeting. Members RESOLVED to approve the apologies

To receive as correct and approve for signature the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12 June 2024. Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes. The Vice Chair signed the document.

Borough Councillor Palmer reported on the escalating of fly tipping and also that the issues with waste collection are continuing with some improvements.

There was one member of the public from outside of the Parish in attendance and spoke in the public participation section and spoke regarding the occupiers of the Spade Lane static caravan site and associated problems affecting residents in the immediate area.

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

As with normal protocol there is no Council meeting in August so the next Full Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.**

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 July full council meeting:

- I. **APP/V2255/C/24/3344377** Spade Lane static caravan site appeal. Comments Closed.
- II. **24/502136/FULL** Mutley Meadows, Yaugher La - Amendment to fencing from equestrian to Dog walking field. NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration
- III. **24/502085/TCA** Woodpeckers, The Street – Conservation area notification, Dead Branches. NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration
- IV. **24/502226/FULL** Knights Place, Paradise Farm – Conversion of garage to annexe ancillary to dwelling. NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration
- V. **24/502635/TCA** Mount Place, Place Lane – Conservation area notification, Tree alterations. NO OBJECTION However HPC requests that SBC takes any comments from neighbours into consideration

- VI. **24/502595/SUB** Little Place Farm, Yaugher La. Submission of details to discharge condition 5. 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

### Fly Tipping - the nightmare continues...

HPC is in regular contact with the Police, however it's the local councils that lead and investigate fly tipping offences. PC Jez Chittim has been very supportive and he is currently working with other Police departments and partner agencies on fly tipping (please see the monthly Police Newsletter below for further info). On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July PC Chittim had a meeting with the Environmental Response Team (ERT), they are fully aware of the issues and it is understood that there are some large-scale environmental issues within Swale linked to organised crime that is taking a lot of resources.

However, the manager of ERT has confirmed to PC Chittim that he is bringing a team to Hartlip week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> July. There is also an expectation that the Police department focusing on fly tipping and their partner agencies will be focusing on Hartlip very shortly – they need to as the situation is becoming ridiculous.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July there was rubbish tipped at Wormdale Hill just past the golf club as it joins onto Danaway. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> there were 2 further piles of rubbish tipped there and a huge pile in a field along Oad Street. It's not just Hartlip, the other close villages are suffering too and wider afield, I saw multiple rubbish tipped in the lanes over at Halling near Snodland on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July.



**Above:** Yaugher Lane - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July Police confirmed that the vehicle that this discarded registration plate belonged to was from a vehicle that no longer exists. It was last taxed/insured in 2013 and they suspect the fly tippers used the registration plate to hide the true identity of their vehicle.



**Above:** Place Lane - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and today, 23<sup>rd</sup> July it was reported that someone has kindly added 2 fridges...

We see a lot of understandable emotion on the Hartlip WhatsApp group and as residents it would be good to make some noise with SBC directly - the more we report the better.

So if you are able please report any fly tipping directly to SBC online even if you know someone else has already done it. It can be done on line here: <https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/littering/report-fly-tipping>

As the intensity of the fly tipping continues HPC will continue to liaise with the Police and the Environmental Response Team directly and hope that they are able to make progress in stopping this blight on our and surrounding villages.

## Highways

### Speeding

Since the last Parish Council meeting, KCC have written to say they are happy to progress the speed reduction scheme on behalf of HPC. There is a process to go through including a detailed design of the scheme. However KCC have indicated a total cost of £20,000 which HPC would need to pay for. This is an incredible amount of money for what you may say are a few new signs! This year the Parish precept was set at £20,000 following a substantial increase from previous years. The budget was set last year and there is no spare cash, so HPC simply cannot pay the £20,000 to implement the scheme. The next step is to meet with KCC to discuss the detail, challenge the costs and consider any other funding options.

**Right:** looking up Hollow Lane 15<sup>th</sup> July, long skid marks indicate the vehicle was moving at speed. Hollow Lane was reduced from 60mph to 40mph several years ago.



### Dane Close/The Street

As reported last month, back in Spring we arranged to clear the brambles from the corner of The Street and Dane Close.

This is the responsibility of KCC however they have rejected requests for further maintenance following the useless 'mow' that was given by them last year. The intention was for HPC and the community to turn this into an attractive maintained area and we are nearly there killing of the roots off of the now cut down 15 foot brambles.

HPC discussed with KCC about taking the responsibility of maintenance on and with all these things it requires a form, liability insurance and a maximum height of 3 foot for any plants (clearly doesn't apply to brambles)...

Anyway, we hope we will get through this bureaucracy soon and we can get to work on it with a resident who is keen to get involved and donate planting which would be wonderful.



## Police Newsletter

**Kent Police**

**Hartlip newsletter**

Get the latest crime statistics by visiting: [www.kent.police.uk/yourarea](http://www.kent.police.uk/yourarea)

July 2024

### Drop-in surgery

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 hours to 14:00 hours
- Holywell Primary School, Upchurch
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 10:30 hours to 12:00 hours
- St Michaels and All Angels Church, Hartlip

Your local officer is Police Officer  
**Jez Chittim**

### Fly tipping

Whilst the Environmental Response Team had a positive outcome last month regarding fly tipping; I am very aware that it is still an issue. I have spent many hours in Hartlip in both marked and unmarked police cars and both uniformed and plain clothes patrolling trying to catch an offence being committed. Unfortunately, it only takes one fly tip to be hugely impactful on the community. I have therefore been visiting individuals, addresses and businesses of whom I think could be involved (I have no evidence) and giving warnings to them in the hope it puts them off and gets word out that I am looking out for them. The Parish Council are very good at passing on information posted within village chats and most recently sent me the image to the right. If anyone knows the registration to this van or any other vehicles fly tipping, please provide me with this information as it really will help me identify offenders.



### St Michaels and All Angels Church Coffee mornings

I continue to attend the coffee morning at St Michaels and All Angels Church and would like to thank the community as to how welcome they make me. I am currently arranging for a police colleague of mine to attend and provide a talk on fraud and cybercrime. Once this has been arranged, it will be advertised and all will be welcome.

### Police Surgery

Please come along to my next police surgery on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Holywell Primary School between 10:00 hours and 14:00 hours to discuss any local issues. This surgery is open to all residents from Hartlip, Upchurch and Newington.

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## Wheelie Bin Damage

There seems to be an increase in damage to the wheelie bins and food bins during collection.

The advice on the SBC website is detailed below but essentially says if you didn't see it happen or don't have any evidence then you are liable for the cost of replacement.

So why the increase? is it the new bin lorries? We don't know, but let's hope it's a blip and we won't need to install CCTV to record the bin collections to ensure we don't get charged for replacements...

This has been brought to the attention of SBC by HPC.

**Q. What happens if my wheelie bin is damaged by the collection crew or falls into the back of the collection vehicle?**

A. If there is no record of the wheelie bin being damaged by the collection crew, you will need to provide us with information/evidence about how this has happened so we can investigate this. If you did not see the damage happening, then we will require you to purchase a replacement wheelie bin.

**Q My bin was damaged by the refuse collectors, please can I have a new bin?**

A. You will need to provide us with information about how this happened so we can investigate. If you did not see the damage happening, or if you do not have a recording of the event then we will require you to purchase a replacement bin. If the container is damaged and the fault lies with the council's collection crew then this will be recorded and a new container will be delivered for free and as soon as practically possible. This excludes any damage caused by overfilling, placing inappropriate items in it, or reasonable wear and tear.



## **The Recreation Ground**

The 'no dogs' sign for the children's play area has been removed - again!

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We don't know how long this is going to go on for but we have the raw material for about another 120 signs - so we will keep going. We will be looking for a more permanent 'tamper proof' system for our signage as part of the project to enhance the play area and recreation ground.

The first phase of the of the play area improvements have been agreed with Wicksteed, a long established manufacturer/supplier of playground equipment, date to be confirmed but the expectation that works will be complete before the end of the summer. The equipment will also be painted by a local tradesman.

HPC also approved the purchase of 3 picnic tables and 2 benches which we hope the community will make use of and enjoy.

## **The Parkland**

HPC accepted and approved the lower quote of £2,800 for fencing repairs and maintenance for the Parkland.

The program of spraying work has now been completed.

The Parkland is a lovely area for the community and HPC want to see residents use the space so we welcome any ideas which would make you use it more

## **VE Day 2025**

Following the success of the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration event at the Church on 6<sup>th</sup> June this year, a working group has been formed to look at a similar event for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

Like the D-Day event it is again a National event on a Thursday. If you would like to be involved in the organisation please get in touch via the HPC Clerk.



## 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.

**Hartlip Parish Council**

23/07/2024