



HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2024 SUBMISSION

Hartlip Parish Council

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

As per normal protocol there was no meeting held in August.

The first full council meeting after the Summer break took place on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7pm.

Cllr S Black tendered her apologies due to a prior engagement.

Members RESOLVED to approve the apology.

To receive as correct and approve for signature the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th July 2024. Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes. The Chair signed the document.

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

Cllr John K Davies has decided to retire from the Parish Council and the remaining members and clerk thank John for his valuable contributions during his tenure and wish him the very best for the future.

There were two members of the public and one spoke in the public participation section and spoke regarding the speeding in the lanes and risk to horses and riders.

Full meeting minutes of the July meeting and September meeting will be on the HPC website shortly.

The next Full Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 16th October at 7pm**. This is a change to the normal 2nd Wednesday of the month as a one off due to availability of attendees.

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

Planning

Unusually there were no new Parish planning applications to discuss, however a number of developments outside of the Parish were discussed including the proposed Lidsing Garden Village of 2,000 new homes and Highsted Park near Teynham of nearly 10,000 new homes.

Going forward HPC will be sharing planning applications outside of the Parish which may impact the village or be of interest.

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 – a glimmer of hope?

At the beginning of September and after a lot of perseverance, the Police confirmed that deployment of covert cameras in Hartlip Parish has been agreed with the Environmental Response Team.

They will not say where the cameras are located or when they are running. We have to trust that they are doing their job and that they bring results as there has been no let-up in incidents.

On 11th August a member of the public captured a recording of construction metal and waste being dumped from a transit van in Lower Hartlip Road and reported it to the Police and the Environmental Response Team (ERT).

This is now an active investigation and ERT are prosecuting the offenders.

ERT have placed more signs up within Hartlip and increased their preventative and capturing measures.

Please report any fly tipping directly to SBC online here:
<https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/littering/report-fly-tipping>



Above: Cowsted Lane - Saturday 22nd August



Above: Mill Lane (A2 end) 7th August – it occurred around 8am.



Above: Warren Lane 3rd September.

Highways

Speeding

The meeting with KCC about HPC's 20mph plan is due to take place later in September. The issue remains the cost to HPC in implementing such a scheme and its effectiveness. It seems a collaborative approach with some neighbouring Parishes will help reduce some implementation costs, but the cost is still prohibitive unless we are able to raise funding from elsewhere such as a grant.

Potholes

It has been pleasing to see some progress here and in particular road repairs to the junction of Mill Lane and the A2 which were well overdue.

You can report and track highway issues and repairs here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

There are currently around 14 issues logged in the village including overgrown hedges to potholes and you can view the status of each one.

The Recreation Ground – Great News!

Some great news is that we have been successful in obtaining a National Lottery grant for use on improving the facilities of the recreation ground and furthermore we are hopeful for a further grant from Swale Borough Council following an application for a Community Infrastructure Grant.

Works have started on the existing play equipment and continue into September, a little later then hoped but there you go. The purchase of the picnic tables and benches has been put on hold as there is a possibility that we may get some good quality second hand ones donated.

Below is just some of the new kit that is in the plan.



Bin Collections

You may have seen from the Hartlip Residents WhatsApp group that Swale Borough Council have put together a survey and this is available online.

If you would like a hard copy to complete with freepost envelope, please get in touch with the Clerk clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk or anyone of the Parish Councillors and we will get one delivered to your door.

Being such a hot topic and with the comments on the WhatsApp group about the terrible service its hoped that there will be a good uptake in completion of the survey.

The Parkland

Fencing repairs and maintenance have commenced in the Parkland.

HPC will be budgeting for a Tree Condition Survey in the next financial year. There appears to some diseased and damage trees in both the Parkland and the Recreation Ground which may need removal to ensure they are not a danger to the public.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council as a volunteer Councillor, HPC is accepting letters of interest from 27th September. Please email the clerk: clerk@hartlippc.gov.uk

Police Newsletter

Drop-in surgery

- Saturday 21st September 2024 16:00 hours to 20:00 hours
- Holywell Primary School, Upchurch (Parking available at the school)

Your local officer is Police
Officer
Jez Chittim

Good work story/stories

- I organised a fraud and cybercrime input to Hartlip residents at St Michaels and All Angels Church on Wednesday 11th September. This was attended by 14 people and they received useful tips to minimise the risk of being a victim of such a crime by a Kent Police fraud specialist. For those that couldn't attend; a couple of top tips were:

1. Always delete your sent emails as these will often have an email that at some point has listed your bank details. Email addresses are sold on the dark web and there is software that can work out simple passwords. Deleting your sent emails is the last line of defence should someone hack your account.
2. Change your passwords regularly, don't have them written down anywhere and have a minimum of three words within your password with a mixture of capital letters, numbers and symbols. A good example of a strong password is **WatchRainLid2!** You can check to see if there have been any data breaches involving your email address by visiting the following website <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>

By typing your email address into the website, it will detail any breaches with company details and the dates there have been breaches. If your email address has been breached, don't panic, just change your password and regularly check to see if your email address is secure.

Incidents Of Note

- 11/08/2024 - Fly tipping along LOWER HARTLIP ROAD of construction metal/waste dumped from transit van. This was captured by a member of public recording on their phone and reported to police and the Environmental Response Team (ERT). This is now an active investigation and ERT are prosecuting the offenders. ERT have placed more signs up within Hartlip and increased their preventative and capturing measures. Thank you for your continued assistance reporting these issues.
- 22/08/2024 – Nuisance vehicles reported in the orchard belonging to PARADISE FARM, LOWER HARTLIP ROAD. Stated to be 3 youths with 2 dirt bikes. Unfortunately, no known names or registration plates. If anyone is aware of who this was, please inform the police and this will be followed up with a home visit.



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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@hartlippc.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 you enquiry is and the Clerk can then arrange for the appropriate person to call you.

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