

HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Hartlebury Parish Council held at Hartlebury Parish Hall after the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 1 March 2011

Present: Cllrs Mrs J Jones(Chairman), R Inman, Mrs C Boughton-Thomas, Mrs M Mathews, A Bishop, D Southall, N Dowty, H J Webb, D Stocker, Mrs W Southall, Mrs H Dixon.

In Attendance: Mrs J Hyrons (Clerk)

1. Apologies: Cllrs T Harrop and A Cupper

2. Declarations of Interest:

a: Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to ensure their register of interest is updated.

b: Personal Interests: Cllr N Dowty – Item 8

C: Prejudicial Interests: None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time – no residents attended.
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3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. Reports:

a: Police: PC Davies had provided a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

b: Clerk:

Parish Magazine: The Clerk apologised that no minutes were included in the March edition – residents who would like a copy are requested to email the clerk.

Incinerator Bottom Ash: Concerns remain from residents about IBA being transported to landfill. An accusation of a vehicle with uncovered ash travelling to the landfill site was made against Biffa who strongly refuted this. Residents with concerns about breaches to the permit are requested to gain registration numbers and exact timings of events.

Proposed Housing Development: Richborough Estates is considering promoting land in the centre of Hartlebury, bound by the Worcester Road, Inn Lane and Quarry Bank. The developer's stress this is at an early stage and will be arranging meetings in due course with stakeholders to explore their outline views.

Trading Estate signage: The Trading Estate has been asked to remove their sign on the A449 and apply for planning permission.

Station Road: A complaint was forwarded to Highways about wasteful work practices – Highways will investigate.

c: County Councillor: Cllr Broomfield had provided a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

5. Finance: Payments totaling £6,012 were approved and passed for payment.

6. Incinerator Planning Decision: Following the decision of Worcestershire County Council Planning Committee to be "minded to approve" the proposed incinerator on Hartlebury Trading Estate it was resolved that the Clerk will write to Eric Pickles, Secretary of State, and

Peter Luff MP requesting that the application be “called in” on the grounds of conflict of interest and green belt policy. Cllr Dowty was asked to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council to Ray Kirby and WAIL for their work in opposing the incinerator

7. Reducing subsidised Bus Services - Public Consultation: Councillors were asked to complete a questionnaire regarding the proposed withdrawal of some bus services including the 300 which serves Hartlebury on Sundays. The Clerk will formally respond as well. Councillors were appalled to hear that students may have their travel subsidies withdrawn for attending their catchment sixth form establishment. The clerk was asked to write highlighting the impact this would have on students and the environment.

8. WAIL Meeting Room Charge: The Clerk was asked to provide a breakdown of the funding the Parish Council has provided WAIL for meetings room charges prior to the review on this expenditure in April.

9. Parish Council Websites: The Parish Council currently has access to 2 websites - www.hartlebury.org.uk and www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish . It was resolved that the Clerk would write to other groups in the parish asking if they would be interested in making use of a village website maintained by the Parish Council. The current Hartlebury website could be adapted if sufficient interest is shown.

10. Correspondence: The correspondence issued with the agenda was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the Environment Agency’s consultation on the Draft Decision of the Permit for the incinerator restating the objections submitted previously.

10. Councillors’ Reports and Items for Future Agenda:
Fly tipping at Chadwick Bank – to be reported.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5 April 2011 at 7pm at Hartlebury Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed(Chairman) Dated