

## HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### The Minutes of the Meeting of Hartlebury Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 7 June 2011

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs J Jones (Chairman), A Bishop, Mrs C Boughton-Thomas, A Cupper, D Southall, D Stocker, H J Webb, Mrs L Brookes, P Holden, G Howard, A Jones, R Kirby

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Hyrons (Clerk), County Councillor M Broomfield

**1. Apologies:** Cllr N Dowty

**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: None

C: Prejudicial Interests: None

The meeting was adjourned for <b>Public Question Time</b> – see notes appended at end
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**3. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2011 were approved as a true record with one amendment and signed by the chairman.

**4. Reports:**

**a: Police:** The police did not attend but CSO Leslie sent her apologies.

**b: Clerk:**

Footpaths: We have been awarded funding from Worcs C.C to keep some footpaths / bridleways strimmed – Di Watson and Barry Bennett are liaising to get this work done

Hartlebury Common: Mark Barnett, Countryside Sites Officer, will be attending the July Parish Council meeting to discuss the management of the common.

Youth Council: It has been suggested by a resident that a Youth Council in Hartlebury would be a good way to give the youth in the village a voice. This will be a future agenda item.

**c: County Councillor:** Cllr Broomfield encouraged the Parish Council to make forcible representation to the Planning Inspector against the proposed incinerator. The Public Enquiry will start on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**d: CALC Regional Meeting:** One Councillor provided a report on the meeting she had attended – minutes will be available shortly.

**5. Finance:** Payments totaling £1,693.04 were approved and passed for payment.

**6. Finance Committee:** It was agreed that the Annual Return 2010/11 be adopted. This was signed by the chairman - Councillors expressed their thanks to the Internal Auditor for her work. The minutes of the Finance Meeting will be available at the next P.C meeting.

**7. Incinerator – Call In Decision:** It was resolved that the Parish Council will send the original objections to the proposed incinerator directly to the Planning Inspector. The clerk will liaise with Peter Luff, MP to ensure we are allowed to speak at the Public Enquiry (Rule 6 status) and will write to Wychavon D.C requesting that they too request to speak at the enquiry. The clerk was asked to circulate details of the WAIL public meeting to neighbouring parish councils.

**8. Village Website:** Councillors agreed to form a Working Party to initiate the possible adaptation of the Parish Council website into a village website. A local resident has offered his services to facilitate this project.

**9. Gypsy and Traveller Sites Planning Policy Consultation:** A response to this consultation which aims to give principal local authorities greater freedom to determine provision of sites for the travelling community was deferred until the next meeting.

**10. Hartlebury Common:** The clerk updated Councillors on the view of Worcestershire County Council that Natural England's 10 year plan is essential to ensure the sustainability of the Common. The clerk has made contact with Dr Rooney from the Hartlebury Common Local Group and we await her thoughts on the work that is being done. Martin Barnett will be attending the next meeting of the Parish Council and he will be asked to bring the plan of proposed works – particular concern was raised by Councillors regarding the bank of trees at Titton. One Councillor will speak to Martin prior to the meeting and will also speak to other local interested parties.

**11. Speeding / HGV:** Councillors were pleased to note that speed enforcement is being undertaken on Old Worcester Road. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the authorities were aware of the key times and places where speeding occurs. A request will be made to have additional enforcement in other areas of the village (eg: Rectory Lane by the school). With reference to HGV's using rural roads illegally Councillors were reminded that registration numbers / company names were required – it is more effective to complain directly to a company's transport department rather than inform the police.

**12. Correspondence:** The correspondence issued with the agenda was noted. 2 Councillors agreed to attend the briefing session about the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Update. The clerk will also write stating concerns about future housing without improved infra-structure.

**13. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:**

An event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – agenda item for a future meeting  
Youth Club – suggestion to set one up in the village – future agenda item  
Wienerberger noise – to be brought up at the next Liaison Meeting  
Various overgrown areas – clerk to report.

**14. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5 July 2011 at 7pm at Hartlebury Parish Hall.  
The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Dated .....

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### **Notes from Public Question Time**

Two residents attended – 1 provided an account for Councillors on his ideas for the village website as well as other ideas he has (eg: internet connection at the village hall, links to reporting potholes etc). He suggested a working group be set up to develop the project – this was discussed as an agenda item at the meeting.

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Prior to the meeting Alison Brimelow CBE (Chairman – Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust) addressed Councillors to provide an update on the work of the Trust. She provided illustrations of the Trust's plans to acquire and preserve the Castle and explained the partnerships that had been set up to provide weight to the project. She also explained the type of events / facilities which would be offered.

Alison explained the Trust's plans for the funding of the project and provided a time line of initial events. She suggested that the Parish Council consider possible outcomes from the project which would benefit the local community (eg: improved parking at the school). It was agreed that this would be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting. It was also agreed that the clerk will write to Wychavon expressing our support of the work of the Trust and enlisting their help to drive the project forward.

Councillors found the presentation extremely informative and thanked Alison and her associates for the hard work they are doing to secure the future of the Castle and its contents.