

## HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

---

### The Minutes of the Meeting of Hartlebury Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 2 August 2011

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Hyrons (Clerk), P.C Neil Price

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Mrs J Jones

**Absent** : Cllr Mrs C Boughton-Thomas

#### **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: Cllrs N Dowty, R Kirby and P Holden (Item 6)

C: Prejudicial Interests: Cllr D Stocker (Item 7), Cllr A Bishop (Item 8) - these Councillors left the room for the discussion and vote

The meeting was adjourned for <b>Public Question Time</b> – 2 residents attended but neither wished to speak
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

**3. Minutes:** It was commented that the minutes of the last meeting were brief and should have included voting results and financial amounts in Item 7 – WAIL Request. Following discussion it was agreed that all financial amounts for donations / grants should be stated in the minutes. It was agreed that the wider issue of the amount of detail included in the minutes be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2011 were approved with the amendment to add “of £5000” to Item 7 WAIL Request. The minutes now read “*It was resolved that the Parish Council will give WAIL a donation of £5,000 towards legal costs – subject to legal checks by NALC.*” They were then agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

#### **4. Reports:**

**a: Police:** P.C Neil Price attended his first meeting as Local Policing Officer following the retirement of P.C Richard Davies. He reported that speed enforcement is continuing on Old Worcester Road. Current issues affecting the parish include rural farm thefts, scrap metal theft and diesel siphoning. P.C Price was asked to clarify the police stance on the issues on Hartlebury Common – he confirmed that the injunction was the subject of an appeal and no arrests / prosecutions had taken place. Comment was made by a Councillor that speeding by Hartlebury Primary School was a major issue – P.C Price agreed to look into it.

#### **b: Clerk:**

Hartlebury Common: Vandalism continues on the Common despite Worcs C.C being granted an injunction –Councillors will meet with the Officer responsible for the Common.

Play Area: Maintenance work has been done on the large tree on the village green.

Incinerator: The Parish Council is registered to speak at the Public Inquiry on 22 November.

Inn Lane: Highways is looking into the reinstatement of the 30MPH red roundel that the Parish Council paid for in 2003.

Trading Estate Back Entrance: Discussion will be postponed for a few months to allow for feasible proposals to be brought.

Village Hall: Work is starting on the renovations on the village hall – one Councillor offered to look at the drawings to provide an assessment prior to work beginning.

Allotment Gate: A 12 foot agricultural gate and post and rail fence will be installed at the allotments to improve security.

Youth Bus: The bus will be visiting Hartlebury on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Hartlebury Castle: A tentative enquiry has been made by the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust for a contribution to match funding. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**c: County Councillor:** Cllr Broomfield did not attend and did not submit a report.

**5. Finance:** Payments totaling £1,795 were approved and passed for payment.

**6. Donation to WAIL:** Councillors confirmed that, in voting on the issue of a donation for WAIL last month, they were satisfied that they had considered whether a donation would provide direct benefit to the area / inhabitants and whether the benefit was commensurate with the expenditure incurred (as per the ruling for the use of Section 137 monies).

**7. PCC – Grass cutting:** It was resolved that the Parish Council would give a donation of £1,500 to the PCC for grass cutting in the parish churchyards.

**8. Hartlebury Tennis Club:** It was resolved that the Parish Council would provide a donation of £400 to help towards the cost of trimming the trees and tidying the vegetation bordering the courts. The future upkeep of the area will be discussed at the next Playing Fields Committee meeting.

**9. Allotment Gate:** It was resolved that, subject to permission from the landowner, an agricultural gate and post / rail fence at the allotment site would be installed to improve security at an estimated cost of £150.

**10. Correspondence:** The correspondence issued with the agenda was noted. The Clerk was asked to contact Leiston-cum-Sizewell to register support for their campaign for new planning guidance for major developers. A notice will be put in the Parish Magazine regarding the invitation to attend the Local Communities Energy Events.

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

Car sales on grass verges – next meeting

Overgrown bank on Inn Lane – to be reported to Highways again.

It was noted that Jack Hegarty (Wychavon Managing Director) has offered planning guidance to the Parish Council on their submission to the Incinerator Public Inquiry.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 7pm at Hartlebury Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Dated .....