

**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Monday 10th November 2025 in Hart Village Hall**

Present: Councillors John Littlefair, Tom Britcliffe, Keith Brown, Stuart Brookes, Joanne Quarmby, Frank Lancaster

In Attendance: Councillors Rob Darby and Mike Young

1. Police Report

PC Marty Ashley was welcomed to the meeting and provided a crime report. A discussion took place regarding the ongoing retail crime at Sainsburys. It was also noted poaching had occurred over the weekend. PC Ashley reminded everyone to report all crimes. Clerk to include PC Ashleys email address into Village Life

2. Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor John Wilson.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 13th October 2025

The following amendment was made - Item 13 – Should have read Whelley Hill development, awaiting outcome of appeal.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

6. Matters Arising

- a) **South View Car Parking** – Awaiting budget estimate
- b) **CCTV** – There had been no response from Matt Storey, but Johnathan Brash MP acknowledged email and said he would support. Councillor Darby to raise with Johnathan Brash at the Hartfields public meeting
- c) **Car Park Gate** – The Clerk presented the latest drawing, which was approved. Need to ensure the area where the boulders are placed leave a gap to ensure buggies can get through.
- d) **A179 and petition** – Still awaiting a response, it was noted Owen Riddle was now the Chair of Neighbourhood Services. Clerk to email him
- e) **TPO** – an application for a TPO has been submitted for the tree situated on Nine Acres, Palace Row.
- f) **Traffic calming** – HBC have proposed an alternative scheme which was discussed. As there were differing views, it was agreed to request HBC undertake a consultation with the full village, including the farming community. Councillor Littlefair to send details of the farmers to be included in the consultation.

7. Chairman's Report

Councillor Littlefair provided the following update:

- The Christmas Trees have been ordered for the Village Hall and the Church
- The hedge from the village to Nine Acres has now been cut.
- The Street Lights are not working along part of the A179 and Chicken Lane
- HBC are undertaking HMO consultation
- Anne Johnson delivered a session on history of graves
- Photos of the decaying tarmac along Chicken Lane have been sent to Kieran Bostock

- Discussed the additional defibrator with Chris and Leigh Taylor who are in support.

8. Ward Councillor's Report

It was noted a Pride in Place programme is commencing in December, with wards across Hartlepool having pop up hubs and a range of works to tidy up the area carried out. Hart ward is between 15-22 December.

9. Maintenance Committee Report

A discussion took place regarding the maintenance list. Councillor Brookes to familiarise himself with the outstanding actions. Clerk to send details of booking on the portal training.

10. Financial Report

The following payments were made:

100972	F Ford wages (October 2025 and backdated increase)	£300.16
100973	HMRC (October 2025 and backdated increase)	£75.04
100974	Fiona Ford (laptop and website reimbursement)	988.06
		£1,363.26

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

12. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss

13. Matters of Concern to Councillors

There following items were noted:

- Street Light along from Nine Acres is still not fixed
- Although the hedge has been cut from Nine Acres to the village, the footpath needs clearing of debris
- The remembrance decorations on the village hall look fantastic and a real focal point for the village
- Upper Warren development mud all over the road and the road sweeper making more mess

14. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 6.45 pm

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