

Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Monday 12th May 2025 in Hart Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Councillor Rob Darby

1. Police Report

There was no Police Report available.

2. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Hartmoor Farm

Emma Devlin and Andy Ray from Field Energy were welcomed to the meeting. They provided an overview of the proposed scheme, a discussion took place and the following items were noted:

- Planning permission has been submitted and is awaiting validation.
- The construction is proposed to commence at the end of the year.
- Noise modelling has been undertaken, the bunding acts as a sound defence and therefore sound deadening is not required.
- The height of the fencing will be approximately 3m high
- A construction traffic management plan has been produced and submitted with the application, which details the procedure for controlling vehicles
- The delivery of the batteries is still to be agreed via Hartlepool Port.
- Emma to advise on the number of vehicles proposed during the construction period.

A lengthy discussion took place around the volume of traffic on the A179 and concerns regarding all the developments. Councillor Britcliffe to draft a letter to send to the Leader of Council.

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. Apologies

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillor Aaron Roy.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Littlefair declared an interest in Item 2 - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - *This interest was declared before Item 2 commenced.*

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2025

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

7. Matters Arising

- a) **South View Car Parking** - Clerk to email Peter Frost and ask for the agreed design and cost to determine if the PC are able to contribute.
- b) **CCTV on Worset Lane** - Will now be replaced with a camera on the Village Hall.
- c) **Car Park Gate** - Still awaiting a response from HBC re ownership details, however planning application can still be submitted. Clerk to liaise with Architect to submit the application.

8. Police and Crime Commissioner Meeting

It was agreed the meeting would be 7.00 - 8.00 which with following agenda:

- Welcome from Chair of the Parish Council
- Introduction from Matt Storey, Police and Crime Commissioner - Priorities
- Questions and concerns from Members of Public - including ASB, flying tipping, speeding and poaching.

The meeting will be advertised in Village Life and the Hart Hub.

9. Chairman's Report

Councillor Littlefair gave the following update:

- The VE Day celebrations held on Thursday 8th May was a huge success.
- Anne Johnson has been a recipient of Maundy money - Clerk to write to Anne acknowledging the receipt of the money as a fantastic achievement.
- The resurfacing on the A179 was now complete.
- The ivy on the wall at the back of the Village Hall has now been removed.
- Send a letter to the Village Hall committee and Church thanking them for VE day celebrations.

10. Ward Councillor's Report

Councillors Darby advised he is now a representative of the Reform Party.

11. Maintenance Committee Report

School Field Gate - Councillor Britcliffe to discuss with resident and school re updating the licence.

12. Financial Report

The 2024/2025 accounts were presented and agreed and the following payments were made:

100943	F Ford wages (March 2025)	£245.20
100944	HMRC (PAYE March 2025)	£61.40
100945	F Ford wages (April 2025)	£245.20
100946	HMRC (PAYE April 2025)	£61.40
100947	F Ford Reimbursement	£151.67
100948	Affordable Landscapes (March)	£952.80
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		£2,670.47

13. Correspondence

HBC and Parish Councils Annual Parish Get Together - Monday 2nd June, 5.30 Civic Centre

Parish Councillor Vacancy Procedure - HBC to provide a notice to be displayed. Clerk to include a section in Village Life remembering Keith Park.

14. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss.

15. Matters of Concern to Councillors

The following items were noted:

- Car Park sign still to be erected in car park
- Footpath to Magdalene Drive - Add to HBC Portal
- A179 to Naisberry to report to HBC

16. Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council

The next meetings will be held as follows:

Monthly Meeting	Monday 12 th June 2025 at 6.45 pm
Police and Crime Commissioner	Monday 16 th June 2025 at 7.00 pm

It was agreed the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners would be held in July, date tbc

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