

**.Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Monday 8th September 2025 in Hart Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Councillor Rob Darby, Aaron Roy, PC Bennett and additional PC

1. Police Report

PC Bennett was welcomed to the meeting and a general discussion took place. He advised the COPA app should not be used for reporting crime, he provided his mobile number that will be published in Village Life and the Residents fb page, but confirmed it is not for emergencies. If anyone has any concerns or want to report a crime use 101 or 999 in an emergency.

2. Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Apologies

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillors John Wilson and Joanne Quarmby.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th July 2025

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

6. Matters Arising

- a) **South View Car Parking** - Clerk to chase up Peter Frost
- b) **CCTV** - Was raised as part of the consultation process for the proposed development near Nine Acres. It was also noted the discussions around the proposed development included providing a play park. The developers would hand over the play park to the Parish Council and would contribute towards the maintenance for a set number of years. A meeting has been organised to discuss the proposal, which will be brought back to a future meeting for decision.
- c) **Car Park Gate** - The Surveyor has looked at options to reduce the impact below ground, which are as follows:
 1. Change the fence and gate to timber; this would result in 6 posts set 400/600 mm deep in concrete foundations. With the weight reduction there would be no requirement for Structural Engineered designed foundation solution, however, Archaeology is likely to be required due to the excavation needed.
 2. Utilise rock boulders either side of the vehicular timber gate. The timber gate would be vehicular only; there would be no need for a pedestrian gate or a fence. This would reduce the intrusive nature of the installation to two 600 mm deep concrete founds for the gate posts.
 3. Combination of boulders and hinged bollards to deter vehicular access. This would involve reduced excavation and minimal impact upon the Scheduled Ancient Monument and is likely to be supported by Historic England.

It was agreed to progress with Option 2.

d) **Letter to HBC re: traffic on A179 -**

The petition has reached approximately 900 and will be promoted again and remains open until 30th September.

7. Councillor Vacancy

Two applications were submitted and both applicants attended the meeting separately to discuss their application. Clerk to contact Lorraine Benison at HBC to find out if the number of Councillors can be increased from 7 to 8.

8. Chairman's Report

Councillor Littlefair gave the following update:

- Attended Ron Greys funeral
- A meeting has taken place with Jonathan Brash on the A179 and petition. He is happy to convene a meeting with the Leader of Councillor and Tees Valley Mayor to discuss the next steps. Include on October agenda.
- HBC Parish Council representative. Discussions ongoing between the Parish Councils as to nominating and filling the role. Councillor Littlefair to propose that the position is held on a yearly basis meaning it can rotate between all the Parish Councils.

9. Ward Councillor's Report

Complaints have been received from residents at Milbank Close regarding weeds along the walkway area. A discussion then took place regarding CCTV and hardship circumstances.

10. Maintenance Committee Report

- No responsibility signage to be erected on car park.
- Prepare a list for maintenance and send to Stuart to take over the responsibility.

11. Financial Report

The following payments were made:

100963	F Ford wages (July and August 2025)	£490.40
100964	HMRC (PAYE July and August 2025)	£122.80
100965	Clear Insurance	£114.14
100966	Affordable Landscapes	£1,500.66
100967	Fiona Ford (Print Cartridge)	47.86
		£2,275.86

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

13. Planning Applications

The appeal for Welly Hill was discussed and the Clerk advised the appeal will now be dealt with via written representations rather than a hearing procedure

14. Matters of Concern to Councillors

There following items were noted:

- Traffic calming measures - Clerk to ask Peter Frost what the outcome of the consultation was

15. Date of next Meetings of the Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th October 2025 at 6.45 pm

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