

**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Monday 14th April 2025 in Hart Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Councillors Rob Darby and Aaron Roy and one member of the public.

1. Public Forum

A discussion took place regarding the ongoing issues of litter, poachers, ASB and fly tipping and the best way to report instances. It was noted littering should be reported to HBC and the other items to the Police as they are criminal offences. A discussion then took place regarding the use of wildlife cameras to capture offences.

These ongoing issues can also be raised at the Crime Commissioner meeting, which will be held in May/June. The Clerk is awaiting a date.

2. Apologies

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillors Tom Britcliffe, Keith Park, and the Clerk, Fiona Ford. It was noted Councillor Park was still in hospital, and thoughts and best wishes had been passed onto the family.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Littlefair declared an interest in Item 8 – Battery Energy Storage Facility at Claypool Farm.

4. Police Report

There was no report available. It was noted the Police had been provided with dates of the monthly meetings to either attend or provide a monthly report.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2025

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

6. 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** - To be reviewed
- c) **Car Park Gate** - The Clerk had received land ownership details from the Land Registry and was checking with HBC re: next steps, before the Planning application could be submitted. The residents of Magdalene Drive have reiterated their support for the gate.
- d) **HBC Committees** - For anyone interested in joining the committees, contact the Clerk.

7. Chairman's Report

Councillor Littlefair gave the following update:

- The issue of ongoing speeding on the A179 was discussed at the Parish Liaison Meeting, however the current statistics do not show many crashes. The Police offered to attend a meeting to discuss the concerns on the A179.
- Litter picking has been undertaken by a couple of boys/girls in the village.
- The flower beds were planted up within the village on 6th April. The Village Hall committee supplied the plants and compost.
- Clerk to write to M Shurrock for the Guess the Picture on the Hart Hub and brightening up a Saturday morning.
- Police Commissioner meeting to be publicised, once the date is confirmed.
- Councillors Britcliffe and Brookes met with developers for land near Nine Acres. The developer has advised they are working with HBC regarding number of houses necessary infrastructure.

Councillors Britcliffe and Brookes both suggested open space on the development for play, which they said would be considered.

- The Village Hall committee are arranging for the Ivy at the back of the Centre to be tidied up.

8. Ward Councillor's Report

Councillors Darby and Roy gave the following updates:

- Another development for an 800MW Battery Energy Storage Facility at Claypool Farm, 2km North of Elwick, has been proposed. The email has been passed to Councillor Britcliffe and the Clerk.
- Persimmon Homes have withdrawn their planning application for Hart Reservoir.
- A meeting to tackle ASB had taken place at Hartfields with Councillors Darby and Roy in attendance.

9. Maintenance Committee Report

No additional items to be discussed.

10. Financial Report

Deferred to the next meeting.

11. Correspondence

Claypool Farm Letter

12. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss.

13. Matters of Concern to Councillors

The following items were noted:

- Condition of the Road (Tarmac breaking into fields near wind turbines) - to be discussed with Peter Frost/Kieran Bostock
- Roadworks to be undertaken:
 - A179 - 26th April 2025
 - Naisberry Lane 27th May 2025
 - Woodstock Way 13th May 2025
- The trees beside the wall at the school field are decaying
- No update on Whelly Hill Farm EV charging
- Minutes not going into Notice board/website in a timely manner - Clerk to action
- The lock in the bottom notice board is broken and needs replacing - Clerk to chase up locksmith

14. Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting will be held as follows:

Monday 12th May 2025 at 6.45 pm.

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