



HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at 7.30 pm (held online)

PRESENT

Name		Position	Parish/Town Council	
Jane Worlock	JW	Chair	HDAPTC	
Trish Monks	TM		Blackwater & Hawley	BW
Jo Shaw	JS		Blackwater & Hawley	BW
Richard Martin	RM		Church Crookham	CC
Ann Fillis	AF		Dogmersfield	DO
Marilyn Robson	MR		Elvetham Heath	EH
Adrian McNeil	AM		Eversley	EV
David Morgan Jones	DM		Ewshot	EW
Leslie Holt	LH		Fleet	FL
Les Morrison	LM		Hook	HO
Chris Farrance	CF		Hartley Wintney	HW
Jenny Roberts	JR		Mattingley	MA
Ruth Brooker	RB		Rotherwick	RO
Meyrick Williams	MW		Winchfield	WI
Richard Milnes-James	RMJ		Winchfield	WI
Tony Spencer	TS		Yateley	YA
Tricia Hughes	TH		HDC	
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Secretary	HDAPTC	

		Action
22/1	Introduction and welcome All were welcomed by the Chairman of HDAPTC, Jane Worlock.	
22/2	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Liz Tomlinson, Hook• Cllrs Ambler and Jackson, Crookham Village• Cllr Bob Schofield, Fleet• Heckfield PC – meeting clash• Odiham PC – meeting clash	

22/3	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2021</p> <p>The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by MW, seconded by TM, with the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bob McSorley (Yateley) was at the meeting <p>All being in agreement, they were duly signed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
22/4	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>All actions reported as complete except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/537 Road closures – MW – Foy – TH will liaise with MW. • 21/552-3 RM asked whether there was any progress on traveller sites as part of the local plan review. TH will check the progress of this and report back. • AM asked about the progress of a planning application for a small traveller site in the centre of Eversley, and what was HDCs strategy for such site? TH will check with Daniel Hawes as to the current status of the strategy. 	<p>Hughes</p> <p>Hughes</p> <p>Hughes</p>
22/5	<p>Hart District Council Update</p> <p>TH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks’ Forum meeting took place and has proved useful. • She is planning a “Meet the Team” session with HDC Planning. In February. Although this may be part of the Clerks’ Forum, may extend it to Chairmen. Attendees welcomed involvement of members as well as officers. • Parish News Link – changed during COVID to be a much more comprehensive news source. Now moved to Parish Newsletter, which goes to parish, town, district and county councillors. Looking for feedback on content, frequency and relevance for parishes. Attendees were of the opinion that it was too broad and would be better if the content were just aimed at parishes. • Attendees reported that the COVID newsletter seemed to have stopped in early December: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TH would investigate. • Welcome Back Fund – money is still left in the budget but must be spent by 12 March. Please visit the website for more information. • Platinum Jubilee Grant - £1K per ward for grass-roots celebrations. See application form for further information. Closing date is 1 May or when all the money has been spent, if sooner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR: can it be for small events? ○ TH: yes – look at being innovative and different, and finding a way of getting people out into the community. Only constituted bodies can apply. • Levelling Up/County Deal – no progress, waiting for White Paper to be issued. 	<p>Hughes</p>
22/6	<p>Parish Questions for Hart District Council</p> <p>No questions received in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW: Remaining action from Shapley Heath – where are the results of the consultation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TH: wording has been signed off, so will check. 	<p>Hughes</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: There is a bubble of frustration due to resource/expertise shortfalls at HDC, especially with planning. For example, reduction in consultation period for planning, lack of resources in the Countryside Team, not being able to get dates when matters may be dealt with. How can we work together in future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TH: There is already a dedicated email address for HDC cllrs. TH is suggesting something similar for parishes to SLT, but regular attendance at clerks' session may improve things. 	
22/7	<p>HALC AGM (6th November 2021) Summary Report</p> <p>Details will be issued through the official minutes, but highlights are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC presentation Affiliation fees – no increase Awards – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best local council website (runner up) – Elvetham Heath Best local council newsletter (joint winner) – Elvetham Heath Best use of social media – Fleet TC Hants council of the year – Odiham PC <p>Minutes will be circulated when available.</p>	
22/8	<p>Speed Limit Motion</p> <p>At the HALC AGM there was a motion from Dummer to make 20mph the default speed limit for residential areas, and a counter motion from Clanfield to allow councils the power to set 20mph limits where they thought fit.</p> <p>In summary, the views of attendees were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was support for 20 mph limits, but only where appropriate – as per the Clanfield proposal. Enforcement was the issue: without enforcement the limits were worthless... ...and the police seemed reluctant to enforce. They would be especially useful near schools, especially if the limit could be reduced around school entry/exit times. They should be accompanied by traffic calming... ...but due to the expense this would need to be installed by Highways. Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) are useful, but expensive at around £3K each. <p>It was pointed out that the PCC (Donna Jones) was looking for comments on strategy and this should be raised as a critical issue. JW agreed to summarise the above points and issue to parishes for comment before presenting them to the PCC.</p>	Worlock
22/9	<p>HALC County Executive update</p> <p>JW reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was an informative presentation from the NHS Integrated Care Board. It would be useful to invite them to the HDC Overview and Scrutiny committee to present on integrated care in Hampshire. <p>It was suggested that Cllr Dr Anne Crampton from HW may be a helpful person to involve in this - JW will check.</p> <p>Minutes will be circulated when available.</p>	Worlock

22/10	<p>Community Governance Review Campaign</p> <p>Hampshire ALC has requested NALC to lobby for a simplification of the Community Governance procedure that allows councils to increase their membership, and were asking for comments by 18 January.</p> <p>Attendees were uncertain as to whether the procedure was cumbersome. JW agreed to look at the guidance (available from https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance) and try to find out why it is apparently cumbersome.</p>	Worlock
22/11	<p>Parish Reports</p>	
1.	<p>Hartley Wintney</p> <p>(written report)</p> <p>In HW we are anticipating confusion and traffic hold-ups when the temporary road closure of the Fleet Road comes into operation on 10th January. There seems very little information as to the exact location of the closure nor of how long it is to last. Four months seems to be a possibility although that could well be a maximum term for the licence.</p> <p>We must thank SE Water for postponing the closure until after Christmas and HW benefited from this at its excellent and successful Christmas market in December. The High Street looked particularly festive thanks to a concerted effort from the retailers, Scouts and Parish Council and the market was very well attended.</p> <p>Councillors are about to finalise our budget proposal for submission to Hart. There is a belief that Councils may be asked to shoulder provision of some of the services usually carried out by HDC to help with their deficit budget issues. This is causing problems when trying to balance the extra expenditure that this will cause against the current hardships, due to household budget increases, being experienced by residents. This must be a problem for all Councils this financial year.</p> <p>Our Community Bus is back on the road although with limited space due to Covid restrictions. Having recently learnt that the No.7 bus run by Reading Buses is to be axed we now need to address this new lack of public transport to see whether there is some way of filling the gap.</p>	
2.	<p>Church Crookham</p> <p>(written report)</p> <p>Christmas Event</p> <p>Like all parishes events have been scaled back over the past 2 years. This year Church Crookham PC wanted to provide some festive cheer and put on a Christmas market with Santa visiting on his sleigh with his REAL reindeer. This took place on Saturday 27th November and despite the awful weather that day the event was hugely successful. Christmas market went indoors but we had limited the number of stall holders so it could be safely carried out indoors. The queue for Santa was relentless over the 3-hour event with a free gift for every child. His reindeer were very popular too.</p> <p>2022</p> <p>Looks to be a busy year for Church Crookham ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All out-election year for the parish council • Plans to refurbish and extend Peter Driver Sports pavilion 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to host a Platinum Jubilee event in collaboration with Fleet Lions and celebrating our sports facilities. 	
3.	<p>Rotherwick (written report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A party of volunteers has begun the initial pilot stage of preparing the stakes and binders for the cut & laid hedging along the boundary of the village copse. Following the delivery of the free 420 saplings these have been planted too, with an additional application for more saplings in progress from the Woodland Trust. After waiting considerable time for BT Open Reach to work with the village in upgrading the broadband supply, at a cost to residents, we are pleased to confirm that the upgrade is now going ahead courtesy of a Central Government plan to assist rural areas. And at no cost to the Parish, which is great news. There is currently an estimated completion time of the end of 2022 The Bunkers Hill Solar Farm was approved in November, which is good news for Hart's green plan, but devastating for those parishioners whose homes will be negatively impacted due to its proximity. We have had substantial difficulty in getting the thatched cricket pavilion insured, with the quote coming in at a substantial premium and additional works required to the building to meet the new criteria. If anyone knows of a specialist insurance company that could assist in the future that would be very helpful? 	
4.	<p>Fleet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a Xmas day lunch Hosting extensive Jubilee celebrations in June Harlington Centre open, but future bookings – and revenue – have dropped off Had to use general reserve to compensate for drop in revenue, so reserves now very low. 	
5.	<p>Hook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting of poppies for the Remembrance Day displays in the village was very successful during lockdown Uncertain about Aldi supermarket coming to the village - may end up being a logistics centre only, if Aldi back out or application refused Planning permission for another care home has been refused 3 applications for solar farm are imminent Sainsburys will apparently be coming to Hook later this year – finally. 	
6.	<p>Elvetham Heath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan Hyatt has now retired as clerk and the council has a locum, Mary Harris. 	
22/12	Any Other Business	
1.	<p>Updating the Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...is in progress. MWh had been contacted by a couple of clerks who were unsure whether they were allowed to attend HDAPTC meetings. This should be made clear in the revised version. 	

2.	<p>Website and email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW was working with HDC on facilitating a website. • As a number of people had asked to be added to the mailing list for the Association, MWh was looking at using a Google Group to keep track of email addresses – especially as he had found a number of the ones on the original list to be out of date. 	Worlock Whittaker
3.	<p>Basingstoke Canal</p> <p>Cllr. Jackson sent a written statement asking that the meeting be advised that as the Basingstoke Canal Representative he wished it reported that they are understaffed for Rangers and finding it very difficult to recruit.</p>	
4.	<p>RM will be standing down from CC as he had moved out of the area.</p>	
5.	<p>AM reported major issues with HDC planning enforcement. People were getting wise to the fact that HDC does not seem to do any, so are starting to build what they wish without permission. If anyone has a problem, please could they let him know at adrian.mcneil@eversley-pc.gov.uk.</p> <p>JW – this should be taken to the planning Meet the Team session. HDAPTC should also consider sending a strategic letter to Head of Place, copy to Daryl Phillips at Hart</p>	All
22/13	<p>Dates and Venues for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 12 April 2022, 7.30pm – Venue TBD - Tony Spencer to chair • Tuesday, 12 July 2022, 7.30pm (AGM) – Venue TBD 	