



# HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 at 7.30 pm (held online)

### PRESENT

Name		Position	Parish/Town Council	
Jane Worlock	JW	Chair	HDAPTC	
Andrew Friend	AFr		Crookham Village	CV
Julia Ambler	JA		Crookham Village	CV
Ann Fillis	AF		Dogmersfield	DO
Shawn Dickens	SD		Eversley	EV
Bob Schofield	BS		Fleet	FL
Ruth Brooker	RB		Rotherwick	RO
Meyrick Williams	MW		Winchfield	WI
Richard Milnes-James	RMJ		Winchfield	WI
Patricia Hughes	PH		HDC	
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Secretary	HDAPTC	

		Action
22/14	<b>Introduction and welcome</b> All were welcomed by the Chairman (JW). She apologised for the late change from in-person to an online meeting. MWh apologised for the difficulties with the meeting link, which may have limited the number of attendees.	
22/15	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hook: Liz Tomlinson</li><li>• Ewshot: apologies from David Morgan Jones: nobody else available</li><li>• Eversley: Adrian McNeil is stepping down from the council</li><li>• Hartley Wintney: Diana Harvey</li><li>• Odiham: Pam Verdon</li><li>• Greywell</li></ul>	
22/16	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2022</b> All being in agreement, they were duly signed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
22/17	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b> All actions reported as complete except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21/537 Road closures – MW – Foy – PH will liaise with MW: complete.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21/552-3 RMJ asked whether there was any progress on traveller sites as part of the local plan review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PH will check the progress of this and report back.</li> <li>○ Post meeting response from PH: “I am advised that the decision notice should be issued 'imminently' which in Planning terms, is the next two weeks. If there's any problem with that timeline, I've asked the Development Management team to give you a heads up on this at the Parish Council - as well as detail on when the decision will be issued, if there is a further delay.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 22/4 Adrian McNeil asked about the progress of a planning application for a small traveller site in the centre of Eversley, and what HDC’s strategy for such site? PH will check with Daniel Hawes as to the current status of the strategy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PH: this has now been discussed extensively between the PC, MP, local residents and HDC. PH will forward the response sent to the MP.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 22/5 Restart COVID newsletter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PH: this was stopped at the end of March, but any urgent items will be sent out to parishes as they happen.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 22/5 Publish results of Shapley Heath consultation - complete</li> <li>• 22/8 Summarise speed limit points and issue to parishes for comment before presenting them to the PCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JW will forward the response from HALC, when available, to the PCC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 22/9 Suggest Cllr Dr Anne Crampton from HW to be involved in the NHS Integrated Care Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The NHS ICB has been invited to the next meeting of the Hart Overview and Scrutiny committee. JW will send out a link to the meeting stream.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 22/10 Look at the Community Governance Review guidance to determine why it is apparently cumbersome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JW has read it and agrees it is extremely cumbersome. Ongoing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 22/12-2 Website – MWh is currently building a new website at <a href="https://hdaptc.wordpress.com/">https://hdaptc.wordpress.com/</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JW to send MWh the old agenda and minutes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Hughes</p> <p>Hughes</p> <p>Worlock</p> <p>Worlock</p> <p>Worlock</p> <p>Worlock</p>
22/18	<p><b>Hart District Council Update</b></p> <p>PH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elections will be COVID aware.</li> <li>• Soft launch of new footpath by Fleet Pond: this is the first delivery from the Hart Green Grid. Formal launch will be later in the year.</li> <li>• Here for Hart programme (<a href="https://www.hart.gov.uk/hereforhart">https://www.hart.gov.uk/hereforhart</a>) is going well.</li> <li>• UK Shared Prosperity Fund: this is money to be provided as part of the Government’s Levelling Up agenda to help to improve communities. More information will be made available when the Government announces how much money will be available.</li> <li>• Other money is available under the Levelling Up agenda for cultural and community engagement and town centre development. HDC is reluctant to spend money on a bid that may not be fruitful.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ukraine: HDC is working with local Ukrainians to provide help. Only the simplest home checks will be required.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Post meeting note from PH:</b></p> <p>We now have details of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). Like Rushmoor, Basingstoke and many others, we have been conditionally offered £1 million which is subject to approval of an investment plan by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Whilst I will pop some information in the Parish Newsletter, recognising that there will be a relatively short period to capture ideas and use them to build our investment plan, I've captured a few key points from the Governments guidance below.</p> <p>We anticipate holding a workshop for all interested parties, probably in June, date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Government guidance:</p> <p>The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. This aligns with Levelling Up White Paper missions, particularly: 'By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.'</p> <p>The UKSPF will support the UK government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging</li> <li>Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest</li> <li>Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost</li> <li>Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency</li> </ul> <p>This does encompass a lot of different options when you look at the detail, I suspect we could create a list of ambitions which would spend £1m this year, let alone over 3 years so we may need to think about how we consider the relative merits of one proposal over another.</p> <p>If anyone would like to read the documents in more detail they can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
22/19	<p><b>Parish Questions for Hart District Council</b></p> <p>No questions received in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MW: please pass this on to planning colleagues. HDC has announced a 10-year land supply, but not clear where it came from - is it possible to explain? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PH asked MW to send details of the question to her and she will pass on to the appropriate person.</li> <li>Post meeting response from PH: "I asked the team this morning about the land supply issue you raised last night at HDAPTC, and they drew my attention to the following document, which we publish each year, in accordance with the Government's requirements. Page 7 sets out the calculation, which confirms that the Council has over 10-year land supply (something many other Councils would be jealous of!). Hopefully, this provides all</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>the information you need; I don't have any additional information or narrative to add at this point in time.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MW Totters Farm (Hook/HW borders) has apparently been sold for development of up to 1000 houses. How does this fit in with the local plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PH: people may purchase land when they wish; this does not necessarily mean anything.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AFr asked about checks on families hosting refugees, and whether safeguarding would be considered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PH: DBS and enhanced DBS checks will be done by HCC where appropriate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PH: it had been decided not to provide a dedicated email address for councillors to make enquiries of HDC. Instead, any urgent matters should be addressed to <a href="mailto:chiefexecutive@hart.gov.uk">chiefexecutive@hart.gov.uk</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>22/20</b>	<p><b>HALC Board Meeting update - JW</b></p> <p>JW is still waiting for the minutes of the last meeting: will summarise at the next meeting.</p> <p>The HALC website has been redeveloped to make it more use friendly.</p>	
<b>22/21</b>	<p><b>HALC County Executive update – JW</b></p> <p>The last meeting was cancelled.</p>	
<b>22/22</b>	<p><b>Parish Reports</b></p>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Hook</b></p> <p>(written report submitted)</p> <p><b>Storm Damage and tree Policy</b></p> <p>Storm damage in Hook was thankfully minimal as we had undertaken our regular tree survey sooner than usual following collapse of two trees I the village. This resulted in almost 30 trees with ash die-back and other problems having to be felled and general maintenance of a number of others undertaken.</p> <p>This prompted us to adopt a policy to replace any tree that are lost on our property as soon as possible. To this end we have applied to the Woodland Trust for 30 saplings to form a small copse in the village.</p> <p><b>Environmental Issues</b></p> <p>Other environmental initiatives have also been undertaken: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have just completed a programme at the Community Centre including Parish office and Elizabeth Hall to replace light fittings with LEDs.</li> <li>• The Parish Council support, promote and participate the Lions in the monthly litter pick.</li> <li>• Meetings – all Councillors attending bring their own drinks</li> <li>• Meetings in the office – reusable mugs are used.</li> <li>• Solar lights have been installed in Mitchells Field. They are set at 40% brightness and only rise to 60% when activated for 30 secs to minimise light pollution. Local residents are so pleased with the installation that they have asked for further lights to be installed.</li> <li>• Mitchells Field is also the site of our largest wildflower meadow</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have signage in place in Hartletts Car Park encouraging parents dropping off or collecting their children from school to turn off their engines while waiting</li> </ul> <p>The ‘greening programme’ and other environmental issues will be discussed at our Environment and Communities Committee meeting next week.</p> <p><b>Queens Platinum Jubilee</b></p> <p>To mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee along with Hook and Odiham Rotary Club and Hook Townswomen’s Guild are creating a small garden area in Wellworth Park. Initially it will have three trees and two benches and various plaques.</p> <p><b>Hook Fun Run</b></p> <p>The Fun Run is back this year taking place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</p>	
2.	<p><b>Fleet</b></p> <p>(written report submitted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held our Annual Residents Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Attended by 90 local residents and the proceedings were also streamed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded our first Honorary Freeman of the Town to Mr Geoff Baker</li> <li>Presentations given by local medical practitioners, local police together with HDC’s Community Safety Manager and HDC’s election officer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fleet BID held its referendum for a renewal which was successful and will now continue until 2027.</li> <li>We have been running a programme of traffic monitoring with a SID board being located at suspected “hot spots.” The amazing outcome is that in every instance the 85<sup>th</sup> recorded speed has been within 1 or 2 mph of the speed limit.</li> <li>The new market operator of the Gurkha Square Saturday Market started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The market is now operated by a CIC managed by a mix of Town and District Councillors</li> </ul> </li> <li>Last Sunday FTC hosted a charity concert to support Ukraine which was well supported by both the public and performers</li> <li>The Platinum Jubilee celebrations are well-developed, and the town will hopefully enjoy four days of events over the long bank holiday weekend</li> <li>4 out of the 5 Wards of Fleet Town Council go uncontested, but there will be a poll in the Pondtail Ward.</li> <li>Janet Stanton, our Clerk after 12 years with the Council will be retiring this Summer.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Rotherwick</b></p> <p>(written report submitted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storm damage – several trees were blown down in the February storms, those on Parish Council land have been cleared, and we are working with Hampshire Countryside Services to make sure that the rights of way get full access to the public again.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways – After some persistent dialogue with Hampshire Highways, resurfacing of key areas of roads will shortly be undertaken, with the hope that the repainting of lines will improve safety at the village junctions.</li> <li>• Environment – the cut and laid hedge is now complete, thanks to the hard work of a group of volunteers. An ongoing survey of amphibians and reptiles in and around the ponds at Rotherwick and Lyde Green has been introduced.</li> <li>• Solar farm – Dialogue is ongoing. Construction work will begin Spring 2023, and JMB are currently doing due process to appoint a contractor.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Hartley Wintney</b> (written report submitted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are delighted to report that the Fleet Road has now re-opened following installation of the water main, slightly ahead of time and much to everyone’s relief.</li> <li>• Planning permission has now been granted for two separate developments in the village, one is a care home with a dementia specialism on the site of the former Grey House school. The other is for nine houses on the site of the old Travis Perkins yard. This development, if all goes according to plan, promises to be of a high eco and biodiverse standard of which both the developer and the Parish Council will be proud.</li> <li>• In that same vein we have recently signed up to the Greening Campaign which is being supported by Hampshire County Council (HCC). We are aware that Odiham has also signed up but would be interested to know whether any other councils in the Hart area are also getting involved. We felt that we could no longer stand on the sidelines of Hart’s Climate Crisis policy and that we should become involved in making our parish greener, more sustainable and generally leaning towards supporting the climate crisis: if you like: ‘doing our bit’. Further burnishing our ‘Green’ credentials we are running a ‘Wilding Project’ at our historic St Mary’s Church where a number of areas are being left uncut to literally see what ‘pops up’ – we have a local expert and are being supported by Hampshire &amp; IOW Wildlife Trust.</li> <li>• Along the same lines we are considering joining the ‘20 is Plenty’ Campaign particularly as HCC now has set up a ‘Task &amp; Finish Working Group” to review the issue of 20mph limits (see Terms of Reference) influenced by broad congruence with Government Policy, the overwhelming public support (put at 70%) and the more recent imperative of Climate Change. The Working Group is due to report in September this year.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Winchfield</b> MW reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SE Water – Station Rd and Bagwell Lane are closed, which causes problems with access to the station. When Pale Lane is closed this will continue the disruption. Relations with SE Water are good, but the work is still disruptive.</li> <li>• Many of the verges in Winchfield and Dogmersfield were severely damaged by the extra traffic and were currently protected only by traffic cones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JW offered to send a letter on behalf of HDAPTC to Rod Humby and Stuart Jarvis (HCC), cc HCC Cllr Tim Davies, to urge them to repair the verges.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>22/23</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> None.	
<b>22/24</b>	<b>Dates and Venues for future meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday, 12 July 2022, 7.30pm (AGM) – Venue: TBC</li></ul>	