

**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting  
held at 6.45pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Hart Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Tom Britcliffe, Joanne Quarmby, Keith Brown, John Wilson

**In Attendance:** Fiona Ford – Clerk, Councillor Darby

**1. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillors John Littlefair, Stuart Brookes, Keith Park, and Aaron Roy.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**4. Police Report**

There was no report available. The Clerk advised the Rural Crime Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> February had raised the lack of police attendance at PC meetings again. It was agreed for Clerks to send details of the 2025 meetings to enable Police Officers to either attend or provide a written report. It was also agreed a public meeting with the Commissioner would be organised. It was noted the Clerk is liaising with the Commissioner's Office and the Village Hall to arrange a suitable date either in April or May.

**5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 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** – Still awaiting installation date.
- c) **Car Park Gate** – A discussion took place regarding the ownership of a small part of the car park. Clerk to obtain land ownership details from the Land Registry.
- d) **HBC Committees** – The Clerk confirmed there are five policy committees that Parish Council representatives have been invited to participate in, the next meetings are as follows:
  - Children's Services Committee (none) – 18 March – 5pm
  - Adult and Community Based Services Committee (x1) – 20 March – 10am
  - Economic Regeneration and Growth Committee (x3) – 21 March – 10am
  - Neighbourhood Services Committee (x2) – 24 March – 5pm
  - Finance and Policy Committee (x1) – 7 April – 5pm

The numbers in brackets indicate how many parish council representatives are already appointed to the Committees. Any nominations received will need to be agreed by Council at their meeting on 1 May 2025 (deadline for items 15 April). The dates for the meetings for the next municipal year will be available following the Annual Council meeting in May.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

Councillor Britcliffe advised Councillor Parkes is still unwell and thoughts and best wishes are with his family. He then updated on the following items:

- The decision letter (approved 19/06/24) for the Installation and operation of a Grid Stability Facility consisting of Synchronous Compensators and associated Electrical Infrastructure, underground cabling, access tracks, drainage, temporary construction compounds, ancillary infrastructure and demolition of existing buildings at Land adjacent to Hartmoor Substation was issued on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- A discussion took place regarding the Welly Hill EV Charging Station.
- Since the new gully has been installed at Buckingham Road there has been no flooding.
- The Hart private residents Facebook group is proving successful in reporting issues around crime, ASB, poaching and fly tipping, thanks to the three volunteers who run this useful service.
- It was noted Hart Easter Fair will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March organised by the Church and Village Hall Association.
- An issue with the safety of electric wires close to a tree Millview had been raised and since resolved.
- The Council tax bills have been issued, which confirm the Parish Council have frozen Council precept for 4 years in a row.

## **8. Ward Councillor's Report**

It was noted a meeting to discuss ASB issues will be organised at Hartfields, all welcome to attend. Councillor Darby will provide the date, once agreed.

The planning permission for homes at the reservoir is being considered on 12<sup>th</sup> March, it was noted there are concerns around lack of maintenance in areas of Bishop Cuthbert, which could be replicated on this site.

It was noted there is fly tipping into the entrance to the Hart Reservoir site

## **9. Maintenance Committee Report**

The following items were discussed/noted:

- The footpath between Nine Acres and the village has now been cleared by the council.
- It was agreed to include grass cutting at the Fens in the village maintenance.
- Concerns with the litter along the A179 grass verges and at the Fens Road.

#### 10. Financial Report

The following cheques were signed:

100936	Clerk wages (Feb 2025)	£245.20
100937	HMRC (PAYE Feb 2025)	£61.40
100939	Well Medical (Pads and starter kit)	£165.42
100940	RNJ Partnership (part payment)	£1,337.10
100941	Affordable Landscaping	£480.00
100942	Clerk reimbursement	£155.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,444.12</b>

#### 11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

#### 12. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss.

#### 13. Matters of Concern to Councillors

It was noted the Village Hall AGM would be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Clerk and Councillors Quarmby and Darby to attend.

#### 14. Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting will be held as follows:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.45 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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