 **Minutes of Meeting held at 7.22 pm on Monday 9th May 2022**

**at Hart Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. J. Littlefair, K. Brown, T. Britcliffe, J. Quarmby, K. Park and D. Simmons

**In Attendance:** M. Ireland, Clerk, Ward Cllr Cook

1. **Public Forum:** No members of the public present
2. **Apologies:** Ward Cllrs Cassidy and Leedham, PCSO Hester
3. **Declarations of Interest**: None made
4. **Police Report:** None received
5. **Minutes of 11th April 2022** – Cllr Quarmby proposed and Cllr Simmons seconded the adoption of the minutes. All present being in agreement, it was **resolved** to accept the draft Minutes a true record.
6. **Matters Arising**: (a) ***School Field notice –*** The Clerk reported that the school had agreed to take responsibility for the signs at the public entrance to the field. Cllr Britcliffe agreed to collect the keys of the new pedestrian access gate.
7. **Chairman’s Report:** Cllr Littlefair reported that:

* The recent elections had brought in new Ward Cllr John Leedham, who replace John Riddle, who stood down. The Clerk was requested to send a letter of congratulations to Cllr Leedham and thanks to John Riddle for his service to the community.
* He had attended the Parish Liaison meeting with the Leader of HBC, Cllr Shane Moore. It had been a fairly positive meeting but there was still the issue regarding the draft Charter. The next meeting was to provide an update on the Elwick By-Pass. Rural Parish Chairs had proposed a working party be set up to work on the Charter, consisting of 2 Ward Cllrs (preferably from parished Wards), a member of the HBC legal team, 2 parish council reps and a Clerk. All would have equal status. The rural Parish Chairmen had agreed to recommend that our reps be Roderick Thompson, EPC, Lyn Noble, DPPC and Minna, Clerk to Hart PC. Parish Councillors **agreed** the nominations unanimously. Cllr Cook asked the numbers had been decided, and noted that he was not aware of any Ward Councillors being approached to join the Working Party. He also asked if substitutes were to be allowed. The response was that numbers were simply to get the working party moving as swiftly as possible – the important point being that each side was equally represented and there had been no discussion on substitutions.
* The Platinum Jubilee mugs, purchased by HPC, were delivered on Saturday. **Action:** Clerk to write to Cllrs Leedham and Riddle, order mugs and produce flyers.

1. **Ward Councillors’ Reports:** Cllr Cook reported that the first part of the HBC AGM was to be held on 21st, with the second part being held on 26th – this would be the ceremonial installing of the Mayor. He represented a grouping of Independents and Hartlepool People, who would not be part of the Coalition of Conservatives and Independents selected to run the Council. He further noted that due to purdah, “everything had come to a halt”.

1. **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:** Cllr Simmons reported that the mugs and programme for the Jubilee weekend events had been delivered by Jubilee Committee volunteers; she had 11 mugs left, but there were still 33 households in the village yet to receive one as well as approximately 20 outlying households, therefore another 42, at least, were needed. The Clerk was requested to enquire if the company was able to produce more and, if so, to order 3 boxes. Cllr Simmons noted that another 50 flyers were also needed. **Action:** Clerk to order 3 boxes of mugs and produce 50 flyers.
2. **Maintenance Committee Report**: Cllr Park had circulated the report in advance. Key points to note –

* A179 – Peter Frost to be invited to next Parish Council meeting
* Hart Back Lane is currently being resurfaced however, it appears the section from Home Farm gate to the A179 has not been included, and this is where the worst potholes are. It is understood that HBC will only resurface a 9’ width, which does not include the pull offs. It was noted that extra concrete was placed at the A179 end to improve access for the Tall Ships race – and Councillors asked if will this be resurfaced across its full width?
* Residents are complaining of vehicles speeding towards Clavering down Worset Lane since that road was resurfaced.
* Cllr Park tabled a map of the proposed grass cutting areas in the village; after being reviewed by Councillors, the 2 sections either side of Home Farm on Front Street were removed. Residents of The Darlings were concerned that their grass was not included; the Clerk had explained that this was because the land belonged to the developer, who was responsible for its maintenance. Cllr Britcliffe accepted this but thought that, as all residents contributed to the precept, we should cut the grass if we could afford to do so and take over the land as previously offered by the developer.

**Actions:** The Clerk to request a quote from Affordable Landscapes for cutting the grass in The Darlings, to forward a copy of the grass cutting map to Cllr Cook and forward the report and concerns to Kieran Bostock and Peter Frost.

1. **Financial Reports:** The Clerk presented the financial reports, which were **approved.**

**Receipts: £ Payments: £**

HBC (Precept, Concurrent & LCTSG) 11,306.00 Bank charges 6.60

Interest (Business Account) 0.17 Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd (Jubilee Beacon) 588.00

**Total 11,306.17 Total 594.60**

1. **Correspondence**: (a) NHS. Consultation on Hartfields Surgery – noted. Poster to go on Notice Boards and website, also on Hart Hub.
2. **Planning Applications:** None received
3. **Matters of Concern to Councillors**:

Cllr Simmons raised concern about: (a) the state of the car park and requested it be tidied up before the Jubilee; Cllr Littlefair **agreed** to do this. (b) the lamp post outside Bede Cottage is a H&S hazard, as children keep removing the tape put on by HBC as a temporary mend; it needs a permanent fix.

Cllr Simmons requested the Clerk to forward contact details for the PCSOs.

Cllr Park raised concern about the chevrons at the roundabout which are so faded as to be useless – they need renewing.

Cllr Quarmby raised concern about people parking inconsiderately near drive entrances, making it difficult for residents to turn in or out.

Cllr Britcliffe wished to put on record congratulations to Hart Primary School, Hartlepool Town Primary School Football Champions.

**Actions:** Cllr Littlefair to tidy car park ASAP;Clerk to informRob Daley of lamp post issue, Peter Frost of chevron issue and to forward contact details for the PCSOs to Cllr Simmons.

1. **Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council:** 6.45pm Monday 13th June 2022 at Hart Village Hall.

**(NB:** Cllr Cook gave his apologies for the June meeting in advance)

*Chairman closed the meeting at87.38pm*