

HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 7.30 pm At Elvetham Heath Parish Council Offices

PRESENT

Name		Position	Parish/Town Council	
Jane Worlock	JW	Chairman	Hook	HK
Meyrick Williams	MW		Winchfield	WI
Richard Milnes-James	RJ		Winchfield	WI
Ruth Brooker	RB		Rotherwick	RO
Bob Schofield	BS		Fleet	FL
Paul Einchcomb	PE		Fleet	FL
Marilyn Robson	MR		Elvetham Heath	EH
Tracy Hamer	TH		Elvetham Heath	EH
David Jackson	DJ		Crookham Village	CV
Simon Ambler	SA		Crookham Village	CV
Mike Barter	MB		Greywell	GW
Tony Spencer	TS	Vice chairman	Yateley	YA
David Neighbour	DN		Leader, HDC	
Daryl Phillips	DP		CEO, HDC	
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Secretary	HDAPTC	

		Action
22/51	Introduction and welcome	
22/52	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Odiham (clashes with precept meeting)• Trish Monks• Diana Harvey The presence of 8 councils satisfied the quorum of 7.	
22/53	Minutes of the meetings held on 18 October DP requested a clarification to item 22/47.10, that HDC does not set business rates for buildings such as the Bridewell: these are set by the Valuation Office. With this clarification, the motion being proposed by MR and seconded by SA, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously as an accurate record.	

22/54	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>All actions reported as complete or on the agenda.</p>	
22/55	<p>Hart District Council report – DP and DN</p> <p>DP’s report is included as an Appendix to these minutes.</p>	
22/56	<p>Parish Questions for Hart District Council</p> <p>None received before the meeting.</p> <p>Questions asked at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR: Is it OK to post to Facebook during the pre-election period (‘Purdah’)? Facebook is covered by the same rules as all communications. Probably best to leave all posting to officers. • DJ: response times for 101 are slow. DP will pass this on to police. • MW: can police be encouraged to engage more with PCs? JW: there is a quarterly Police and Community Together meeting, in person and online, notified by email. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of January: JW will circulate details. TS reported that local police don’t go out on patrol anymore: all work is desk based. • JW: Which HDC services have moved from environment to communities? DP: Countryside has moved. All Traffic and Highways is being passed back to HCC, include on street parking & enforcement. • JW: how are changes to polling station locations being communicated? DP: Leafleting, info on polling cards, but is a problem. It would be useful if all parishes published updated details in minutes, newsletters, noticeboards etc. They should also take the opportunity to inform people about voter ID. If any parishes are doing newsletters or leaflets in March, pleased could they contact DP for info. • MW: trying to show HDC planners that Neighbourhood Plan policies override HDC’s Technical Advice Notes, eg the Parking Standards TAN, but cannot get a response. Noted by DP. • DP suggested that it would be a good idea to reissue note as to how s.106 monies can be used. DN will organise an information session. DP also pointed out that CIL is very much up in the air and little sensible can be said at this stage. 	<p>Phillips</p> <p>Worlock</p> <p>All</p> <p>Neighbour</p>
22/56a	<p>Chairman’s Update</p> <p><u>County Executive Meeting, Dec 2022 - HALC AGM and Conference Feedback:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from delegates on the AGM and Conference was positive overall • An issue was raised around the conference charge, which was lower than previous years and also costs less than a full training day. The cost will be reviewed for the next conference; however, it is hoped that this would return to the usual optional topics format. • It was suggested that one or two tickets for the conference should be included as part of the membership fees – this is under consideration • It was confirmed that the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association would be the subject of an Extraordinary General Meeting taking place on Thursday 23rd February at 6.00pm and notice for this meeting was sent to Parish and Town Council Clerks in December - the formal papers will be circulated in February. This allows plenty of time for Member Councils to give any feedback no later than 12noon on 	

	<p>Tuesday, 31st January, prior to the formal documents being circulated in February. The EGM will be a hybrid meeting and can be attended online or in person at the Hampshire Rural Business Centre, Sparsholt College – preliminary details are on the meeting notice circulated last month</p> <p>DJ: asked for clarity on people who have yet to pay HALC fees are treated in the constitutional changes. JW will take it to the next HALC meeting.</p> <p><u>HDAPTC Treasury Matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDAPTC bank signatories now changed to Dawn Hamblet, Paul Mahoney, JW (any 2 to sign) • Online banking now registered • Financial documents, cheque books etc requested from Alastair Clark. <p>Miscellaneous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been recent problems in Hook with somebody flying a drone low over housing and publishing pictures on the community Facebook page. HDC doesn't have one, but Hook PC has a drone policy covering the flying of drones from PC land. to cover PC land. DJ pointed out that the PC can stop people launching but not overflying: overflying open land is not against the law. <i>[MWh post-meeting note: flying over residential building as has caused the trouble in Hook would appear to be against the CAA's Drone and Model Aircraft Code]</i> 	Worlock
22/57	Parish Reports	
1.	<p>Rotherwick – RB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local diversion arising from the closure of the stretches of Griffin Way North & South appears to be working without too much disruption to Rotherwick village. • The PC are actively looking to co-opt two new Councillors following recent resignations. • An ecologist report has been undertaken on the 2 village ponds, with the view of supporting the wildlife and ameliorating access with pathways. • On 8 December Rotherwick Village Hall hosted the Police North Hart barn meeting which was attended by circa 20 members of the public. Our Police Community Support Officer, Nick Greenwood headed up the event with several speakers. • Rotherwick PC has submitted its Precept Demand for 2023/24 applying a 10% increase on 2022/23 which was necessary due to the increase in insurance and grounds maintenance. • Following the successful proposal for a new solar farm and battery storage facility at Bunkers Hill Farm put forward by JBM Solar we are advised that Vantage RE have bought the project from JBM and will be delivering the solar farm. Vantage's letter of introduction advises that it owns, develops, and operates renewable energy assets across the UK with Headquarters in London. The company are part of the Malaysian utility company, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB). • Rotherwick PC has seen a couple of residential solar panel planning applications in recent months. One is for ground mounted panels and one roof mounted. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The police online reporting site for 101 – easier than waiting for a phone response - is https://linktr.ee/HantsIOWPoliceOnlineReporting. 	
2.	<p>Crookham Village – DJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CV Parish Council is back to full strength after recent co-option to fill the final vacancy. Plans to convert Zebon Community Centre to green power (solar panels with battery backup) are well advanced and a grant bid via HCC is in final stages of preparation. A second phase envisages replacing gas boilers with heat pumps. Plans by CVPC to provide grant funding to the Canal Authority to refurbish very-muddy sections of our local canal towpath are approaching final approval following receipt of tender responses. The A287/Redfields Lane roundabout is open at last. It has come to light that consultee comments on planning applications submitted online appear only under the Consultee Comments tab on the web. Consultee responses submitted by email appear both in the main list of documents and also in the Comments section. Given that the Consultee section is deeper in the menu tree and also presented as consolidated web pages rather than indexed documents, CV will be submitting all such responses via email in future to ensure that parishioners are more-easily able to find parish inputs. Meetings of the Fleet Area Over 55's Forum (run by Hart Voluntary Action) have proved to be a useful source of information about services available to support older generations. 	
3.	<p>Fleet – BS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Council supported another very successful Christmas Festival with the turning on of the Christmas lights and very varied Christmas Market. Fleet Town Council hosted the Christmas Day Lunch for 43 local residents who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Members of the Ukrainian Community were celebrating Christmas in the Harlington the 14th January. After years of negotiation it appears that a resolution of the Harlington lease is imminent. 	
4.	<p>Yateley – TS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We set the budget, agonised over the rate and using some reserves to keep the increase to 7.8% without compromising services, supporting local charities and still on target for zero carbon by 2030. We organised as part of the Mayor's charity a Christmas dinner for 38 people, identified as alone at Christmas, plus 20 volunteers, and sat them down to a slap up dinner with drinks and Carol singing at the new Yateley United FC clubhouse, helped by Yateley Lions, the church, volunteer cooks, food and drink from local supermarkets, Yelabus collected guests and took them home. We haven't had a Civic Service in the church for at least five or six years and reinstating that this year on 5 February in St Peter's Church. 	
5.	<p>Winchfield – MW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S.106 for the village hall has now been received. No change to precept for the second year 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Plan is now at Reg 18: the Plan will include rebuttal for proposals at Shapley Heath • Have distributed large quantities of trees to residents 	
6.	<p>Elvetham Heath – MR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SE Water pipeline installation through Elvetham Heath is now almost complete. The woodland walk that was affected by the work now has an agreed re-planting plan which should start next week. • Recent work to install a Gas Pressure Reduction Station near the entrance to Elvetham Heath was commenced without The Parish Council being aware. Numerous mature trees and shrubbery was removed by agreement of the landowner - Calthorpe Estates. There is now a gaping hole in the tree line and a huge unsightly green cabinet on full view. We intend asking for some re-planting to take place but are not convinced this will happen. It would appear that HCC approved the work but were not required to inform the Parish Council. • Speed Indicator Device – We have purchased a SID to use along Elvetham Heath Way and it will be installed shortly. We have noticed a huge increase in traffic using the estate as a cut through but not always respecting the speed limit. • Warm Hub – We are working alongside the Church on The Heath to provide a WARM HUB for our residents. It is difficult to gauge whether there is a need for this, but without having a go we'll never know. The church has offered an area on the ground floor for 2 hour warm hub slots initially on a Tuesday and Thursday, from 1pm. There would be hot drinks and biscuits available which will be provided by The Parish Council. This will start on Tuesday 24th January, with 4 dates initially advertised to see what uptake there is. • Lidl Application - A very good response from the residents with 300 objections on the application. Hampshire Highways produced an extremely good report highlighting many of the issues affecting the proposed site. The Parish Council held several information evenings for the residents. A resident also ran a very successful campaign providing good information and producing a petition against the building of a Lidl Supermarket and drive through Coffee Shop with 800 signatures. The application has been withdrawn. • In the Spring of last year, The Parish Council took ownership of the upstairs of The Key Centre. • We have now almost completed the refurbishment. The area consists of 4 rooms suitable for offices or other activity, a large communal reception area, a small kitchen and toilets. The access is by a private entrance. • These new facilities are now ready to be marketed. 	
7.	<p>Hook – JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Xmas: no lunch this year, but made a large donation to HDC and Hook food banks • New Xmas lights were erected • Sainsbury's site – subcontractors dug through major new sewage pipes, pollution in the village. All the authorities were informed. • Landslip on railway. To get big machines to repair the embankment it may be necessary to make a new access through the business park. JW 	

	will distribute information about the stakeholder meeting Monday 23 January.	Worlock
8.	<p>Hartley Wintney – DH</p> <p>(Written report received and summarised by MWh at the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the meeting in October there has not been much to report from Hartley Wintney for this meeting. In December the High Street looked very festive with festive window displays, Christmas trees and Christmas lighting displays. The Christmas Market at the start of December was a great success so much so that the food stalls were moved into the car park to make space for the increasing number of retail stall holders in the High Street. • A community lunch was held on Christmas Day in the Victoria Halls. This has become a long-standing annual event and there is almost a queue to help at the event as much as a queue of people asking for tickets. Our thanks go to everyone who helps in the organisation, especially Cllr Chris Cornwell. • To combat the rising cost of living there are now warm hubs set up for each day of the week in different venues across the village and these are very well attended. • Our Conservation Area Review is now with HDC and we can do no more now but wait to hear their opinion. • The transfer of Hatten’s and Causeway ponds from HDC to the Parish Council was completed at the December cabinet meeting. We can now plan the management of the ponds, and progress will soon be seen as and when the time is right for the creatures that live in the pond. 	
9.	<p>Odiham</p> <p>(Written report received and summarised by MWh at the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Greening Campaign launch Phase 1 - 247 joined the campaign which equates to a saving of 177.5 tonnes CO2. OPC has been invited to join Phase 2 and will be joining a workshop next week. This work aligns with OPC’s adopted Environmental and Climate Action Plan which will be a key focus this year. • Updated Odiham & North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal – worked with Hart DC, adopted by Hart DC as a supplementary planning document. • Christmas – very pleased with Christmas decorations, largely arranged by volunteers. OPC ran a tree lighting event followed by a thank you reception for community groups. Minimal cost to the community which is highly valued and appreciated. • Coronation Street party – ran a community survey to support OPC’s decision to plan for a Coronation street party in May. • Saving The Bell public house – OPC supports the campaign to “Save The Bell public house” which is led by a community interest company. The community worked together to object to four planning applications to change the pub into housing, made representation to the Hart DC planning committee and all 4 applications were refused. The campaign has already secured over £400k in pledges. • OPC continues to work on developing The Bridewell into a community hub. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPC Council meeting 17th January will consider budget and precept which is proposing a 7p increase on band D properties. 	
22/58	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	
22/59	<p>Date and venue for next meeting:</p> <p>Dates for the next period are on the third Tuesday, every 3 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/4/23 - JW will ask if Hook can host • 20/6/23 (AGM) <p>Please contact the Secretary or Chairman if you are able to host future meetings.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 2127.</p>	Worlock

Martin Whittaker, Secretary, HartDAPTC@gmail.com

1. Hart Senior Leadership Team

Chief Executive – Daryl Phillips

Executive Director Corporate & S151 – Graeme Clark

Executive Director Community – Kirsty Jenkins

Executive Director Place – Mark Jaggard

2. Elections

We are moving ahead with the planned May 4th Elections. The Elections Team has been refreshed. Penny Bradley is still with us, and we have recruited a new Elections Manager (Vicci Pepper) and also a new Senior Elections Officer (Lucy Smith) following the departure of Charlotte Griffiths and Clare Griffin.

3. Pre-election period

The pre-election period (previously called ‘purdah’) will start on Thursday 23rd March 2023. It is the period of time immediately before elections or referendums when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place. It affects all local authorities, including parish councils, irrespective of whether they have elections this year.

4. Voter ID

The Government is pressing ahead with Voter ID. Anyone who is intending to vote in person at the elections will be required to produce photo ID such as a passport, driving licence, etc (the list is specified on the Government’s web site: <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>). Otherwise, you’ll have to show a Voter Authority Certificate’

You can apply on-line through a government portal for a ‘Voter Authority Certificate’ if

- you do not have accepted photo ID
- you no longer look like the photo on your ID
- the name on your photo ID is different to your name on the electoral register

If the name on your photo ID is different, you can [register to vote](#) again or take a document with you to vote that proves that you have changed your name.

Post Meeting Update

If anyone is doing parish newsletter drops during March and April could they please let the HDC elections team know (elections@hart.gov.uk) to see if Hart can including voted ID information in the newsletter or included as a flyer?

5. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Council has received £1 million (and £20k capacity funding) which is staggered over three years: £59,708 is allocated in 2022/23, £79,417 in 2023/24 and £880,875 in 2024/25.

The Council's Local Investment Plan confirms the community-based projects, which were identified and prioritised by our key stakeholders in our UKSPF workshop in June 2022:

Community and Place

- The provision of Community Hubs
- Feasibility Study - Data mining to better understand the hidden issues within the district

- Employment & skills interventions and young person's engagement
- Development of the Green Grid Strategy

Supporting Local Businesses

- Marketing campaigns to attract business/people to invest in Hart
- Feasibility Study - Refresh of the Economic Development Strategy

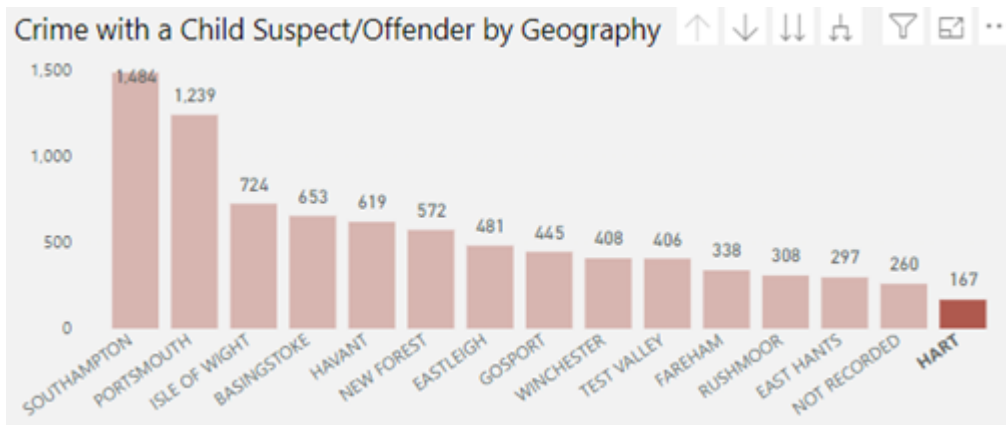
Hart's Cabinet will be reviewing our UKSPF programme and financial spend plans later in spring. The Council will then start work with our stakeholders to develop the projects throughout 2023. We will be in touch regarding the next steps

Please see our press release for more information:

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/the-council/news/council-secures-%C2%A31m-funding-uk-shared-prosperity-fund>

6. Hart - a safe place to live, work and play

The Hart Community Safety team has put together an interesting report detailing figures and incidents of antisocial behaviour (ASB) and youth-related crimes. It also includes information on how to report any incidents:



The team also produces a regular Community Safety Newsletter - read the [December Community Safety newsletter](#)

https://mcusercontent.com/f70a8e3fbd859a92f6fa30588/files/f5825779-5775-c852-32c0-f86223b48092/Newsletter_Issue_20_December_2022.pdf or find more information at www.hart.gov.uk/community-safety.

ASB and youth-related crimes have featured regularly in our local, regional, and national news recently and, as a result, sensitivity to and fear of both can be much elevated.

Hart has the lowest incidence of both ASB and youth-related crime of any district across Hampshire and, whilst our figures are not at zero, and there continues to be work required in prevention, early intervention, detection and resolution, Hart remains a very safe place to live, work and play in.

There are robust systems in place with the local shopping centres, Neighbourhood Policing teams, the Community Safety team and schools to identify those involved in offending, where possible. Early intervention action is then taken, if appropriate, but where behaviours carry more risk, our partner agencies have specialist teams in place to manage and address those risks.

Our key message is that if you are a victim or witness to crime or ASB - please report it, using the contact details in the above report. Posting on social media does not constitute reporting through the proper channels, and means that vital information will go unrecorded, and no one can follow it up to potentially take any positive action.

A reminder of the ways in which you can report:

- Call 999 in an emergency i.e. when life or property is at immediate threat or if an incident (including ASB) is in progress.
- call 101 to report non-emergency issues or incidents not in progress to Police
- Report to Crimestoppers (Fearless for under 18s) if you wish to remain anonymous.

You can also contact Hart Community Safety team on 07816 109682 / 07816 109687, at communitysafety@hart.gov.uk or through our online ASB Reporting Form for advice and support regarding ASB.

Post Meeting Note

The emergency 999 and the non-emergency 101 numbers go to separate call centres. However, when 999 calls are busy overflow call are then directed to the 101 call centre where they are then given priority over 101 calls.

7. Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy consultation

On 22 December, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) launched a consultation to seek views on the department's proposed approach to updating the National Planning Policy Framework.

DLUHC is also seeking views on preparing National Development Management Policies, how they might develop policy to support levelling up, and how national planning policy is currently accessed by users.

The consultation closes on 2 March.

If you have any questions, please contact: PlanningPolicyConsultation@levellingup.gov.uk

Consultation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy>

8. Homes for Ukraine Update

This was a difficult year for our Ukrainian guests. When they first arrived in Hart, they faced an uncertain future. We know how challenging it has been for them to rebuild their lives and start over and we are glad we've been there for them and managed to make a positive difference.

Now our guests have settled in Hart, they have sense of community and look a lot more confident. Eleven families and three individuals have recently moved out of their sponsors and are now settled in their new rented homes.