

## Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in The Boxted & Hartest Institute at 6.30 pm on Thursday 8 April 2004

Present: Cllrs Rachel Irvine (Chairman), James Long (Vice Chairman)  
Saxon Gotts, Mary Gough, Jo Pask, John Schofield.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Robin Oaten (attending church service)

Attending: Mr David Morbey (Clerk to the Council) 1 member of the public

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### 04/13 Declarations of interest

Cllr Gotts (04/16/b - grass cutting contract)

Cllrs Gotts and Irvine (04/17 fete)

### 04/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2004

The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Schofield, Seconded Cllr Long **approved**

Meeting suspended for Public forum – no speakers

### 04/15 Planning

#### **a. BaberghDC decisions:**

None received

#### **b. HPC decisions:**

B/04/381/TCA/NN Wheelwrights, The Green, Hartest, IP29 4DH – Re-Pollard lime tree. **No HPC objections**  
(Mike Feather report)

#### **c. Considered at this meeting:**

B/04/00426/CEU/GD Meadowcroft, Poorhouse Hill, Hartest IP29 4EH – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing use being the occupation of a dwelling without compliance with the occupancy condition which seeks to restrict occupation to persons wholly or mainly employed or last employed in agriculture.

There was discussion on observations from Councillors on the use of the site over the previous ten years prior to the application. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the application along the following lines:

The Council believes that during this period Mr Page carried out a business as an electrician on part of the site and that at times horses were grazed on the site and kept in buildings and that geese were sometimes grazed on the site. The precise dates are not known or recorded. **Action Clerk**

### 04/16 Finance

#### **a. payments to be approved:**

##### **Cemetery Rates 2004/2005**

Babergh District Council **£48.71** cheque no: 367

##### **Domain name renewal: hartest.com**

The Clerk had been able to renew the domain name with Virtual Names at a reduced cost of **£9.99**

Proposed Cllr Long **approved**

#### **b. Grass Cutting**

Cllr Gotts left the meeting for this item.

To authorise payments to Mr D Gotts for cuts as needed until the grass cutting contract is awarded.

Proposed Cllr Pask **approved** **Action Clerk**

#### **c. The Green - Tree Management**

The Clerk had obtained a letter from Babergh agreeing to urgent remedial work without the necessity to obtain planning permission. It was suggested that Mr Chris King be asked to carry out this work. Proposed Cllr Long **approved**

**d. Litter bin installation, Repair of post box steps - to consider quotations received:**

Mr Chris Roper £256.00 plus cost of bull nosed bricks (no price available at present).

Moriarty Builders £315.00 (ex VAT) (does not specifically include removal of old bins)

It was considered that both companies would do a good job and so the lower price from Mr Roper was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Gough **approved**

The Chairman asked Council to approve siting of the new bins: One next to the seat near the village sign and the other near to the Parish Notice board. These positions were accepted. **Action Clerk**

**e. Replacement of cemetery gate posts, to consider quotation received:**

Mr L D Pawsey & Son £250.00 (ex VAT) (does not include fitting on site).

There was discussion on whether the old oak posts should remain in place. It was decided that councillors should visit the site so that a decision can be made at the next meeting. **Action Councillors**

**f. To consider making a payment to the retiring Parish Clerk Mr M Schosland.**

It is believed that Council funds cannot be used in this case and that a personal collection would be appropriate so that any presentation can be made at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk to receive donations from Councillors.

**Action Councillors and Clerk**

**04/17 To consider a request for permission to hold the Annual Church Fete on Hartest Village Green**

Cllrs. Irvine and Gotts declared an interest and took no part in discussions. This item was chaired by Cllr Long.

A request had been received for permission to use The Green for the Annual Church Fete on August bank Holiday.

It was agreed to grant permission. Proposed Cllr Long **approved**

Cllrs Pask and Schofield said that the fete organisers should be asked to properly clear up The Green after the Fete and that rubbish should not be put in the rubbish bins at The Institute.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Leeming as above. **Action Clerk**

**04/18 Parish Plan: To consider approval of the funding application drawn up by the Parish Plan Steering Group (PPSG) to The Countryside Commission**

There was discussion on the PPSG application. The total bid was for £5465 with £2235 requested from The Countryside Agency. HPC contribution will be a maximum of £270. If the application is successful, any grant will be paid to HPC who will administer the fund. The Chairman proposed a minute for the approval of the HPC contribution of £270. **approved (minute number 04/12)**

Cllr Pask proposed support for and signing of the PPSG funding application to The Countryside Commission.

**approved**

**Date of next meeting:**

18 May 2004 following the Annual Parish Meeting