

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Harting Council in the Main Hall of
Harting Community Centre at Pease Croft, South Harting on Thursday
16th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Press and Public are welcome to attend.

- 1) **Apologies for absence**
- 2) **Declarations of Interest**
- 3) **Minutes** – to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2017
- 4) **Questions from the Public**
- 5) **Matters of Urgent Public Importance** – raised with consent of the Chairman.
- 6) **Reports from the County and District Councillors**
- 7) **Markwells Wood hydrocarbon drilling site – Briefing document by Andrew Shaxson**
Recommendation:
That Harting parish council consider whether to contribute a sum towards this work, and if so to agree the amount.
- 8) **Agenda item 8 Harting Youth Club (An Affiliated Group) – briefing by Daphne Gammon**
Recommendation:
To note the report

9) Finance

a) To approve expenditure for February.

Trish Walker	Clerk & RFO salary	undisclosed
SSALC	Local Council Review subsc	17.00
J B Enterprise Ltd	Dog bin bags and gloves	101.40
SSALC	New Clerks Training	90.00
Trish Walker	Clerk expenses	99.74
Harting Minibus	VAT Refund	300.21
Ladywell Accountancy	Annual Payroll Service	90.00

- b) To seek approval for the payment of benches for WMPF and work at the HCH being carried out under the S106 grants scheme. Expenditure needs to be made by 5th March 2017, and will be refunded by CDC under this scheme.

WL West & Son £2164.19 incl VAT
Molland £5926.58 incl VAT

- c) To note income for February - £863.07 vat refund
- d) To approve the bank reconciliation for February 2017
- e) To approve the bank balance as of 9th February 2017 - tbc

- 10) **Correspondence** – All Parish Meeting on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 6pm in East Pallant House, Chichester.
- 11) **Clerks report** – attached
- 12) **Items for future meetings**
- 13) **Date of next meeting** – 16th March 2017

Trish Walker – clerk to the Parish Council

Reports - Harting Parish Council meeting 16th February 2017

Agenda Item 7 Markwells Wood hydrocarbon drilling site

On 25th October 2016 Harting Parish Council's planning committee considered an application by UKOG to drill for hydrocarbons at Markwells Wood in Stoughton parish. Although this site is some distance from Harting parish the committee objected, on the grounds that if permitted it 'may cause severe ecological and environmental harm to the South Downs National Park'. The reasons for this view were detailed, including the risk to the aquifer from contamination caused by spillage from the drilling process.

Some of the opposition to this application is being fronted by a group of local residents to the site, who have called themselves 'Markwells Wood Watch'. In order to ensure their concerns are based on sound evidence they have commissioned a study by specialist hydrologist Dr Aidan Foley. Studies so far indicate that the area might be karstic, indicating the presence of geological features similar to those found in limestone areas. If proven, this would mean that any pollutant could move through the aquifer much quicker than previously indicated. Dr Foley's work comes with a price tag, and Harting Parish Council has been approached to contribute towards the £2,000 needed to pay for his work

Recommendation:

That Harting parish council consider whether to contribute a sum towards this work, and if so to agree the amount.

Agenda item 8 Harting Youth Club

Although many attempts have been made to find a new leader to run the Harting Youth club, these have been unsuccessful.

Unfortunately this is the same for a number of other youth clubs in the county who have been forced to close.

We are at the discussion stage with the intention of finally completing the closure of the club.

Funds and other assets have to be considered. We are in the process of assessing these.

We will keep the Parish Council informed when the final closure takes place.

Recommendation:

To note the report

Clerk's Report

Items raised at previous meetings:

Date first raised Mtg date (Actual)	Item Detail	Action by	Status
Minibus Transfer (9 March 2015)	Full Council agreed to manage the operation of the minibus as a Community Interest Company (CIC)	P-A G and/HMCIC	Handed over to HMCIC on 1 st December with a retention of £50,000 by HMMC for liabilities. Final handover 31 March 2017.
Fingerposts May 2015	Repair of fingerposts	Vice-Chairman/Clerk	No further work has been undertaken since the last meeting. The Chairman has emailed Mr Slegg twice with regard to the quality of the work he has done, and with regard to a timescale for finishing. No response at the time this report was written.
November 2015 (Minute 13)	New Homes Bonus s106	Clerk/T&FG	Seats for South Gardens Delivered, installation has been deferred to 2017, seats are being stored by N H-J.
Furze Meadow/Hyde Homes June 2016 (Minute 86)	Discussion with Hyde Homes regarding the play area at Furze Meadow	Chairman/S Br	Further correspondence has been received from Hyde's legal department. Now awaiting clarification. Response awaited from Anne Greaves
POSAC October 2016	Pursue a partner to oversee the restoration and future	HS/POSAC	still in progress

(Minute 156)	management of the South Gardens ponds To employ a specialist for a Day to mentor the tree wardens	HS/POSAC	training day to be arranged
	To consider the footpath to the Scout Hut	HS/POSAC	Deferred for further Discussion
Roads/hedges	Tim Bonner has had a couple of complaints about hedges over hanging pavements and road issues.	Highways & footpath comm & clerk	provide info how the public can report issues.

Trish Walker
Parish Clerk