



The Hartley Herald

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HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council took place on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at Manor Field Pavilion, Church Road. At the meeting, Cllr Mrs Anne Oxtoby was re-elected as Chairman of the Council and Cllr Mr Larry Abraham was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Glander, Graeme, Malham, *Mrs Oxtoby & Sewell.

Planning Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Colwell, Mrs Driscoll, *Mrs Oxtoby, Ramsay, Ross & Sewell.

Burial Grounds and Gardens of Remembrance Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Perry Cole, Mrs Driscoll, *Mrs Oxtoby, Ramsay & Ross

(Chairman & Vice - Chairman are ex officio members on all committees - Current Chairman & Vice - Chairman marked with * & shown in italics)

Finance Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Colwell, *Mrs Oxtoby, Ramsay & Sewell.

Standing Orders Advisory Committee

Cllrs; Abraham, Perry Cole & Mrs Oxtoby

Personnel Committee

Chairman of the Council, Vice - Chairman of the Council & Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Northfield Management Committee

Cllrs; Glander Mrs Oxtoby & Sewell plus 3 members from Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council. Northfield Management Committee was set up to manage the public open space at Northfield, in partnership with Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

- Are you concerned about your local area ?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?
- Do you want to contribute your business or personal skills ?

BECOME A COUNCILLOR AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Jim Colwell, Lesley Driscoll, Laurence Glander, David Graeme, Mally Malham, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay, Ian Ross & Vincent Sewell.

They can be contacted via the Clerk, Helen Boden at the Parish Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8EL, by email: enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or by telephone: 01474 709441

UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT

As many residents will be aware, an unauthorised encampment moved on to the recreation ground at Woodland Avenue on 21st April 2023.

Notices were served by the Parish Council on the occupants of the vehicles, on Saturday 22nd April, requiring them to leave the land before 10.00hrs on Monday 24th April.

The occupants left the site on the evening of Friday 28th April accompanied by the Police.

A deep clean of the area was carried out by Sevenoaks District Council and repairs to the fences have been completed.

The Parish Council is in the process of installing a bund at Woodland Avenue and considering the installation of bollards at Hoselands Green to prevent any further incursions.

We would ask all members of the public to remain vigilant in regards to our open spaces and report any suspicious or unusual activity to the Police on 101.

Thank you for your co-operation.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Hartley Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting took place on Friday 12th May at 7:45p.m in Hartley Village Hall.

6 residents attended the meeting and speakers included Jackie West, the Community Warden and Mr Matthew Scott, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, who gave verbal reports.

A copy of the Annual report for 2022/23 has been distributed to all households.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Do you know who your local District and County Councillors are and how to contact them? Their contact details can be found below;

Sevenoaks District Councillors:

- Cllr Larry Abraham - 01474 706690 cllr.abraham@sevenoaks.gov.uk
- Cllr Penny Cole - 0754 066 8751 cllr.penny.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk
- Cllr Perry Cole - 0783 476 8315 cllr.perry.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Kent County Councillor:

- Cllr David Brazier - 01474 873857 david.brazier@kent.gov.uk (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport)

MANOR FIELD BURIAL GROUND

Hartley Parish Council owns and manages Hartley Burial Ground adjacent to All Saints Church in Church Road. As such, the Parish Council has a duty of care to assess and manage the risks imposed by memorials in the burial ground.

The inspection and testing of all the memorials in the burial ground and closed church yard is scheduled to take place during the week beginning 10th July 2023.

If you have any questions about this essential work, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 01474 709441 or by email enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



FAMILY FUN DAYS WOODLAND AVENUE RECREATION GROUND

TUESDAY 25th JULY 2023
TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 2023
10:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

Both events are FREE.
There is no need to book, just come along!

THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD

The Pavilion at Manor Field, Church Road is an ideal venue for family gatherings, regular or "one off" hiring or as a venue for children's birthday parties.

HARTLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall, located on Ash Road, is also available to hire for regular or "one off" events.

For further information and details of availability at either venue, please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on Tel: 01474 709441 or Email: enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2023-2024

The Parish Council is seeking to award a contract for the routine maintenance and patrol of its open spaces located within the Parish and to undertake minor repairs to fences, gates and equipment.



The contract shall take effect from 1st July 2023 and expire on the 30th June 2024.

The quotation period expires at noon on Friday 23rd June 2023.

Any company, group or individual interested in providing the Council with a quotation for the above works should contact the Parish Clerk, The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8EL
Telephone 01474 709441 Email: enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS



The Parish Office will be closed on **MONDAYS** for a trial period. The office will be open as usual from Tuesday to Friday. When the office is closed, the Clerk can be contacted by email at enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

DEFIBRILLATORS—DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED ?

There are **FOUR** defibrillators in Hartley;

One is positioned outside the Village Hall, Ash Road and there is another unit complete with paediatric pads positioned at The Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.

There is a third unit located in Hartley Country Club and a fourth in Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road.

THESE UNITS CAN BE USED WITHOUT TRAINING



HARTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A lot of work has been going on to produce the necessary evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan. This includes Planning Assessments and a Landscape Character Assessment of the Green Belt and more recently the development of a design code for future buildings. In addition the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been developing Policies for the Plan reflecting the views of residents expressed at the initial consultation.

These Policies will be put to residents and businesses in the Parish in a consultation document in the Autumn and the Steering Group hope that residents will respond with their views. Much of the work to date has been funded by Government Grant and the Plan, if approved, will give the Community a major voice in how Hartley will develop in the future.

In the meantime the Steering Group are sharing a stand at the **Fawkham and Hartley Fete** at Fawkham Church on **Saturday 24th June 2023**.

Come along and express your views.