

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Harting Parish Council held at Harting Congregational Church Hall
on **Tuesday 22 August 2023** at **7pm**.

Present: Mr Shaxson (Chair), Mr Bonner, Mrs Bramley, Mrs Curran, Mrs Maxwell Davies, Mr Miller, Mr Olphert and Mr Palmer.

In attendance; Trish Walker, Parish Clerk.

There were no members of public in attendance.

104. Apologies for absence: Mrs Martin.

105. Declarations of Interest: None.

106. Minutes from Meeting held on 20 July 2023.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 July 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

107. Questions from the Public: None.

108. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

The members noted concerns about the state of the 60 year old black poplar trees on the northern side of the B2146 just west of South Harting. Several large branches have dropped from them onto the road over the last few months, the latest two occurring over the weekend. The Clerk will contact the landowners and WSCC to notify them of the Council's concerns.

109. Support for the erection of notices on New Lane

The members were informed that a legal notice had been served on WSCC by the Open Spaces Society (OSS) to make the entire length of New Lane from Elsted Road to Hill Lane a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT). It was noted this was one of many such paths that have been identified to be given this status by the OSS, and WSCC are working their way through the backlog.

Although the New Lane case is unlikely to come to committee any time soon, enabling evidence to be collected to resist this move, there has been an increase in motorcyclists using the route. The usage is being monitored by residents in that area.

The ownership of New Lane is not known but it had been suggested that notices are erected to request that motorised vehicles do not use it. Although it is not necessary for the Parish Council to agree to these notices the members felt it was important to support them, particularly as local residents have previously raised concerns.

The following proposal was made and agreed:

That the Council support the erection of notices on New Lane requesting that it is not used by motorised vehicles.

110. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 September 2023 at Harting Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm.