

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton

Present:

Councillor: Ben Banks (BB) - Chairman

Councillor: Richard Benson (RB) – Vice-chair

Councillor: Garry Johnson (GJ)

Councillor: Chris Coleridge (CC)

Clerk: Kim Quince

In attendance: District Cllr Doug Cattermole and one member of the public

1. Apologies for absences

Apologies received from Cllr Kindersley.

2. To receive Members' declaration of interest and dispensations

None received

3. Public Participation – open forum session of 10 minutes for members of the Public to speak on matters that concern the Parish – a member of the public was present.

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Parish Council meeting held on 10 January 2017 – the minutes were approved by council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

5. PLANNING – application S/0491/17/FL - 16 Haslingfield Road, Harlton, proposal to alter and further extend an existing two-storey rear extension at the back of the property Parish Council made no recommendation or request for the application to be reviewed by the Planning Committee. **ACTION:** Clerk to complete recommendation form and return to SCDC. CCC, Application S/0204/16/CW Importation by rail & deposit of inert restoration material to restore former clay & chalk quarry, Barrington – members gave consideration with no comments.

6. To receive Clerk's report and updates on business actions

Cllr Benson had reported the street lights out in the village. Harlton PCC acknowledged as the Glebe was used by the village as an amenity, and as such should be included in the annual parish tree inspection. See items below for other ongoing business action reports.

7. To receive report from Cambridgeshire County and District Councillors

Sebastian Kindersley's monthly councilor report had been circulated. Doug Cattermole's gave a verbal briefing update from the SCDC meeting in January :South Cambs council are opposed to a congestion charge as it would penalise local residents who have no alternative to the car for travel into Cambridge. Council are considering the budget and will need to make savings to cope with a cut in government rate support of around £700k. The extension of Cambourne to provide additional homes, schools and shops has been approved.

8. Finance:- The clerk presented the bank statements / bank reconciliation

Invoices and order of payments for approval - the following expenditure was approved for payment: £200.11, Clerk's salary, £100.15, Cambridgeshire County Council, Street Lighting Energy for Harlton

9. Parish council monthly children's playground inspection – no issues had been reported.

ACTION: BB will undertake a playground inspection and report any problems.

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10. Parking improvements for Coach Drive – the Village Hall trustees had enquired if the parish council intended to continue with extending the parking facility. Members agreed the work is still scheduled to be undertaken by Cllr Banks. This next stage of improvements requires careful assessment to locate services (which may incur costs to hire a professional scanner) and will involve the movement of large amounts of soil; work to be scheduled time permitting.

11. Reports and consideration for ongoing business including:-

Village Hall Trustee Liaison – see item 10 above re parking for Coach Drive.

There had been problems closing the village hall front door and the trustees have carried out a temporary fix. The clerk had confirmed acceptance of the MKA Services quotation for the new door replacement. Cllr Benson reported that the trustees would make a donation towards costs. Cllr Johnson reported the start date for the work was likely to be now in April (due to lead –in time for delivery of the door), but waiting on confirmation. He was still pursuing a quotation for repair/ maintenance of rotten window sills. Cllr Benson had forwarded a copy of the Village Hall trustee minutes to the clerk. The village hall risk assessments had been carried out and a date had been set for the yearly boiler inspection.

Management of the Clunch pit – Cllr Johnson had sent an expression of interest in respect of a potential SCDC Tree Survey service; to date no reply has been received. Members agreed to organise another working party to undertake a day of ivy clearance. A Forestry Commission Officer had been seen visiting the Clunch pit woods, mid-January, carrying out the national inventory survey. **ACTION:** RB to arrange a date and seek volunteers for the ivy clearance.

Consideration of purchasing speedwatch equipment for Harlton

Members agreed to look at the share costs of buying equipment to support speedwatch activities as the team are not guaranteed the use of the police equipment. The clerk is waiting to hear from the Haslingfield PC clerk as to whether they are still interested in sharing the equipment/ costs.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm interest with Haslingfield PC in principle, subject to costs involved and consideration of a proportional/ ratio share cost to reflect Harlton’s smaller precept.

12. To consider correspondence received - items below discussed and noted.

23/01/2017 Depart for Environment Food & Rural Affairs, Notice under Regulation 5 (3A)b of the Nitrate Polution Prevention Regulations

02/02/2017 SCDC, Parish Council Election Letter – copy of new Local Government new order

07/02/2017 SCDC, Planning Policy Monthly updates, February 2017

08/02/2017 CCC, Invoice Street Lighting Energy

12/02/2017 CCC, County Councillor notes

13. Matters for consideration at the next meeting – ongoing business.

14. Incidents and observations relating to the village

A resident had reported there had been an issue with the power connection to a number of lights which was now resolved with the lights re-instated. There will be a pop-up pub with food in the Village hall Friday 24 February

15. To approve date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 28 March 2017

Meeting Closed – 8.45pm

ChairmanDate