

NEWSLETTER

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HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the efforts and commitment of the many volunteers and residents who work to keep the village a thriving community to live and work in.

The Village Hall Trustees do a fantastic job managing the village hall for the community. The council are very grateful for all their hard work and efforts, and also for their generous contribution towards the costs of the front entrance alterations and replacement door last year.

Many thanks extended also to the steering committee for their tremendous work and success in purchasing the Hare and Hounds pub for the community. And not least, many thanks to the community for their amazing generosity and investment in the legacy of village life. A warm welcome to Andy and Richard. We are now very fortunate to have the option of both the La Pergola/ Wheatsheaf and Hare and Hounds offering Sunday lunches again!

DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

2018 will bring the end of the four year term for serving Parish Councillors. Existing Councillors will be required to step down and if they wish to, re-stand for appointment at the Parish Council elections in May. The elections are due to be held on 3 May, along with District Council elections. Nominations forms for candidates are available from the Clerk or from: elections@scambs.gov.uk Completed forms should be returned by hand to South Cambridgeshire Council's offices at Cambourne, no later than 6 April 2018.

CONNECTIONS YOUTH CLUB BUS

The facility is parked on Haslingfield recreation ground car park Wednesdays 1600 -1800, during term time. Sessions are free to school Year 7 children. The council believe the facility offers an invaluable youth amenity for the area, awarding a £1,000 towards running costs. Please do encourage your children to go along, to help keep it viable.

VILLAGE MEETING SAVE THE DATE – 24 APRIL

The Annual Village meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 April, 7:30pm in the village hall. We would love to hear any ideas you may have for improvements in the village, so please do come along and have your say!

IDEAS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD... Watch out for news for potential charitable fund raising activities to help purchase a defibrillator for outside the pub.

Community Speedwatch – operating signs for all three entrances to the village to help raise speed reduction awareness. The council are consulting with the Speedwatch group

Cycle path - interest for a cycle route between Harlton and Haslingfield and Wimpole to Cambridge has been lodged with the Greater Cambridge Partnership, Greenways project team

Clunch Pit Woods - the council are now working on a plan for the ongoing management of the area and safety inspections, including the trees on the Glebe.

A603 Wheatsheaf junction - A Local Highways Initiative (LHI) grant application has been made jointly with Eversden Parish Council for a Safety audit and design study for A603 Wheatsheaf junction

PLANNING IN THE VILLAGE

South Cambs District Council (SCDC) has granted outline planning permission for erection of two dwellings on the site of 26 Haslingfield Road; a decision is yet to be determined on High Street, Burnt Farm development for the erection of six dwellings. Prior approval for an extension to the existing grain store in Washpit Lane was given in December 2017. The parish council have been made aware of a proposal to submit a formal planning to further extend the existing grain store to accommodate all required grain storage at the one site.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The precept request for 2018/19 is £8,500. This remains the same as the previous year. General reserves are healthy, however significant expenditure is allocated for village hall window repairs.

The councils Governance and audited Accounting statements for Year Ended March 2017 are published on the village website, or a copy can be obtained from the clerk.

Open Space and Facilities contribution monies (S106) received from South Cambs District Council (SCDC), payable from new housing development in the village 2014-2016 was allocated to the tree safety works in the Clunch Pit, the village pump restoration, two replacement community benches, and stone lintel repairs on the hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council next meet is Tuesday 27 March, in the village hall. All members of the public are invited to attend. There is a short session at the start of the meeting for public question time where you are invited to raise issues or questions. Meeting dates and agendas are published on the village notice board and village website.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Please send any news, updates or articles for the village website to the clerk or your interest for joining the web team!

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2016		Receipts & Payments		2017
£15,758		Opening balance		£15,787
		<i>Income</i>		
	8,500	Precept	8,500	
	1,237	Grants	0	
	776	Vat recovered	757	
	202	VHT rent, interest, refunds	165	
	10,715		9,422	
£26,473				£25,209
		<i>Expenses</i>		
	5,173	Amenities	4,024	
	250	Village maintenance	300	
	2,341	Staff	2,400	
	300	Audit fees	400	
	281	Administrative	517	
	776	VAT on expenditure	712	
	1,073	Parish Insurance	1,089	
	491	Fixed Asset - bench	468	
	10,686		9,910	
£15,787		Closing balance Year End 31 March		£15,299