

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the VIRTUAL (Zoom) meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Thursday 14 January 2021, starting at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Ben Banks (BB) Chair, Chris Coleridge (CC) Vice Chair, Richard Cottam (RC), Garry Johnson (GR) Isabel Robinson (IR), Parish Clerk - Kim Quince. Apologies District Councillor Ian Sollom

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES – FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

20-21/089 CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME

20-21/090 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Ian Sollom

20-21/091 COUNCILLORS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received.

20-21/092 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 Minutes) – No members of the public were present

20-21/093 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8 December 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record. Parish Clerk’s report: Awaiting feedback from the Greater Cambridge Planning team in respect of an enquiry for more information regarding Parish Consultation or notification of the Manor Barn application on the planning portal.

20-21/094 EAST WEST RAIL / CAMBRIDGE APPROACHES UPDATE

Ongoing progress and latest updates are available from Cambridge Approaches (CA) and the village website. Parish Council discussed a Public meeting for the village but will wait until new information is available. 14 of the action group’s new EWR signage will be ordered for residents to show support in the village for ‘Choosing the Right Approach’. Cllr Banks reported that local parish councils were being asked by Cambridge Approaches for financial assistance for a possible Judicial Review against EWR in the future. The level of contribution requested was based on the population and the sum allowable for parishes under the power of expenditure S137 of Local Government Act (1972). All Councillors were in support to pledge the maximum possible S137 contribution of £2035, payable in July 2021, if required.

ACTION: BB to confirm the pledge amount with CA

20-21/095 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT No report received this month.

20-21/096 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT The written report from Cllr Sollom was noted. This will be placed on the village website

20-21/097 VILLAGE ENTRANCES A resident had written to the Parish Council to propose replacing the hardstanding at the Haslingfield end of the village with a grass verge and putting in place village entrance fences as a village enhancement. It was felt that village entrance gates can help to slow traffic and make drivers aware they are entering a residential area. It was agreed to make investigations and to enquire with CCC Highways to understand permissions needed before a decision is taken. **ACTION: CLERK**

20-21/098 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN THE VILLAGE. The clerk had been informed that a community group are setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Information on how residents can get involved will be posted on the Village website. **ACTION: CLERK**

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20-21/099 FINANCE

Precept Requirement 2021/22: The budget was confirmed. An unchanged precept requirement of £8,500 was supported by all. Much of the routine expenditures are anticipated to stay the same. The S137 expenditure will be met from general reserves.

Awarding Grants: A grant of £300 to Haslingfield Little Owls pre-school was approved for 2021; and a donation of £300 to Harlton PCC in lieu of grass cutting service costs for the village Glebe 2020/21.

Order of Payments approved: K. Quince salary, SSE Southern Electric £98.84

20-21/099 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND INSPECTION No concerns were reported.

20-21/100 REPORTS ON ONGOING BUSINESS

Village Hall Trustee Liaison: Cllr Robinson reported Offord and Camp had carried out the village hall roof slate repair; the internal hall decoration to make good the leak damage will be done shortly. It was noted that there are concerns about the condition of the hardwood floor in the main hall. The Trustees had been made aware that the hall management Licence Agreement is due for renewal June 2021. The Parish Council were appreciative of all the efforts and hard work of the Trustees in managing the hall and acknowledged the good relationship that was in place. It will review the licence conditions and present a draft agreement for consideration and mutual approval. **ACTION: Clerk, ALL**

Management of Clunch Pit: No matters to report.

20-21/101 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2021/01/11 Greater Cambridge Shared Planning(GCSP) Decision Notice: 9 Haslingfield Road, Non-Material Amendment. Permission granted by GCSP.

2021/01/05 Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, Planning Advisory Service Report – circulated and noted

2020/12/22 Consultation on an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to record a public footpath in Harlton. Council agreed no comments. It has no evidence to support the application. The map will be placed on the village website.

20-21/102 INCIDENTS AND OBSERVATIONS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE

House break-ins and attempted burglaries are still happening. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police via the Cambridge Police via the online reporting tool or calling 101. There had been some surface flooding in the village. Residents should report drainage and surface flooding issues to Cambridgeshire County Council through the Highways online fault reporting portal.

20-21/103 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING - Usual business

20-21/104 MEETING DATES

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 25 February and Thursday 25 March

Annual Village Meeting Tuesday 20 April, Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 18 May

Meeting closed 9.30 PM

Signed

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