

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the VIRTUAL (Zoom) meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Thursday 25 February 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

In attendance: County Councillor Lina Nieto and District Councillor Ian Sollom

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received
2. **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA** none declared.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 Minutes)** no members of the Public were in attendance

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14 January 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Parish Clerk's report: CCC Highways are dealing with a high volume of requests and will respond to the enquiry regarding permissions needed to erect village entrance fences as soon as possible. The hardstanding, next to the Public footpath, on the approach going out of the village towards Haslingfield is from an existing entrance to the adjacent field. While not currently in use, the landowner would like to keep the ability to re-establish the entrance there.

5. **EAST WEST RAIL / CAMBRIDGE APPROACHES ACTION GROUP UPDATE**

Isabel Robinson reported on a meeting (7 February) arranged by Anthony Browne MP and Haslingfield Parish Council. Discussions were fairly positive. Anthony Browne agreed that the northern route should be given equal assessment with the southern route, and that parity of assessment is vital before an informed decision can be made. Both Isabel and Chairman (BB) attended a further meeting with Parish Council representatives and Cambridge Approaches on 11 February, organised to endorse a letter written to the Department of Transport with a request to ensure that proposals for a Northern route for the Central Section of the EWR are fairly evaluated at the same time and to the same degree as alternative routes proposed by East West Rail Company. Summaries of both meetings will be placed on the Village website.

A letter has been received from the EWR team in relation to the parish council meeting held on 14 January asking for an opportunity to address concerns, and to understand the parish council's basis for a potential claim for judicial review from CA. The PC will refer to CA before responding. CA have been advised the next non-statutory consultation by EWR will happen within weeks. They are now collecting pledged donations. There is a limited time period to request a judicial review and for this the judge will need to see funding. The PC agreed to pay £1,000 now and the second part of £1,035 in 2022/21, in the new financial year.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** Cllr Nieto reported the Bourn Airfield Planning application for 3,500 houses had been approved. The Girton interchange has now been included in the County's Highways investment plan for 2021. The PC asked Cllr Nieto whether it would be possible to find out if any footpath repairs for the Village had been logged with Highways Officers.

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7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – a written report had been circulated and available from the Village website. Cllr Sollom advised to contact SCDC to find out the current position regarding the issue of new Dog Waste Bins.

8. GREATER CAMBRIDGE SHARED PLANNING (GCSP) NOTIFICATIONS

Planning consultation for 20/05376/S73- Burnt Farm, High Street, S73 variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission S/3367/18/FL

Members were unable to access the link on the online planning portal. The clerk would email the planning team to find out more information to understand what the variations were.

9. FINANCE - The following payments were approved:-

£300 Haslingfield Little Owls Grant payment

£300 Harlton PCC Donation in lieu of Village Glebe grass cutting costs £300

£251.96 K. Quince, re Solopress invoices /EWR signs, £143.88 K. Quince, reimbursement of Zoom subscription fee, K. Quince, Monthly salary

10. REPORTS ON ONGOING BUSINESS

a) **Village Hall Trustee Liaison** – IR had forwarded the minutes from the meeting of 13 January to the clerk; the Village hall health and safety checks were up-date. There are still issues with the hall floor lifting, likely due to the damp weather and that the hall has not been used for a long period. The trustees are seeking expertise advice.

b) **Management of Clunch Pit**- no matters to report

c) **Playground Monthly inspection.** BB reported he had carried out a visual check. Moss on the playground surface needs attention. BB will organise for the surface to be power washed.

11. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – circulated and noted.

2021/01/25 County Planning, Minerals & Waste: Consultation Local Validation List

2021/01/28 CCC Highways, Proposed closure (TTPO) High Street, 12/05 - 14/05/21

2021/02/10 SCDC Consultation on new housing policies (Build to Rent – Affordable Housing)

21/02/10 ROSPA Notification of Annual play inspection in April

2021/02/09 County Councillor Lina Nieto report for month of February

12. INCIDENTS AND OBSERVATIONS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE

Surface repair patches had been carried out in places in Washpit Lane. The PC were grateful for Moira Malfroy for looking after the library until someone could take this on. Kim Quince has now volunteered to organise and tidy the kiosk in the interim.

13. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Arrangements for Annual Village Meeting in April, Financial Year End and AGAR dates

Date of next meeting 25 MARCH 2021

Signed

Chairman.....