

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 July 2021, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Ben Banks (BB) Chair, Chris Coleridge (CC) Vice Chair, Richard Cottam (RC), Isabel Robinson (IR), Parish Clerk, Kim Quince; District Cllr Ian Sollom

- 21-22/ 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Garry Johnson, County Cllr Michael Atkins**
- 21-22/ 2 COUNCILLORS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest from Councillors pertaining to items on the agenda.
None declared
- 21-22/ 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OPEN FORUM (10 Minutes)**
To provide an opportunity for members of the Public to raise questions – no members of the public were present.
- 21-22/ 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
a) The minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
b) To receive Parish Clerk’s report – There had been no reply to date from Cambridge University in response to the question about building the proposed Solar Farm on farmland at Lords Bridge. Notification of Parish Council exemption status 2020/21 for a limited assurance review under Local Audit Regulations had been logged with external auditors, PKF Littlejohn. The website had been updated to include councillor roles and the risk management Register. Awaiting reply from SSE regarding the energy contract query. A request had been received from a Haslingfield resident asking Councillors to consider a planning application, and the potential risk of a loss of service with the reduction of shop floor space and removing kitchen and toilet facilities at 21 High Street, Haslingfield known as County Kitchens.
- 21-22/ 5 EAST WEST RAIL – CAMBRIDGE APPROACHES AND WORKING GROUP UPDATES.**
Eversden working group were meeting again fortnightly. The group are looking at ways to garner wider support for a fair consultation of all routes, in the interim period: such as canvassing Mill Road Traders Fair/ Stalls to help spread the word. There was a discussion around a proposal for an alternative route alignment through Harlton, as suggested and submitted to EWR by a local resident. However it is felt as the consultation is now closed, there is little that can be done until more is known on the exact route the proposed railway will take.
- 21-22/ 6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS –** Written reports had been received and available to view from the website. District Councillor Ian Sollom referred to the Haslingfield planning application (see item 4b above). There was discussion around the potential risk for change of use, under permitted development rights, from commercial to residential – and the loss of a village amenity if permission was granted. Members acknowledged that County Kitchens was Harlton’s closest shop: it is used by many in the village and a valued community asset. All were in support of making Parish representation expressing concerns via the online planning portal. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 21-22/ 7 FINANCE –** To resolve to approve the following order of payments, BAC’s transfers and standing orders: All agreed.
£259.60 salaries (Standing order - Salaries, August)
£100 Jenny Reavell, Internal Audit fee 2020/21

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£320 Haslingfield Parish Council, Grant towards Connections Youth Club sessions

£438 SCDC, Supply and installation of Dog Waste bin Eversden Road

Action: Clerk - Payment details to be sent to Cllr Ben Banks, and Cllr Garry Johnson to set up the BACs mandate and process the online payments.

21-22/8 QUOTATION FOR REPOINTING OF BRICK PILLARS TO COACH DRIVE/ VILLAGE GLEBE

A quotation of £1,510 (without VAT) to carry out repairs/ repoint single pier and front sides of the brick wall at the entrance of the Village Hall and the Glebe main road side, subject to the understanding that the PCCC will proceed and cover costs to repoint / repairs Church facing side, at the same time. ACTION: Cllr BB to follow up.

21-22/9 PARTY WALL ACT, AWARD NOTICE – Following correspondence and Statutory Three Metre Notice sent to the Parish Council, Langley Associates were appointed to act as Agreed Surveyor to deal impartially and set out an Award under the Party Wall Act, between the Parish Council (Owners of the Village Hall) and Biggs Winter Ltd (named owner Burnt Farm housing development). Cllr Coleridge has looked at the document and is content that Parish Council interests are covered sufficiently. The Award is of standard type. It records conditions of the premises with photographic evidence as inspected by the surveyor. It also sets out Biggs Winter Ltd rights to go ahead with the works, subject to their responsibility to make good any damage should it be caused to the adjacent village hall.

20-22/10 BUS STOP AT THE WHEATSHEAF JUNCTION Cllr Banks had received correspondence regarding the location and maintenance of the northerly bus stop at the Wheatsheaf. It was agreed, the location of the bus stop is a matter between the Bus Company and County Council Highways. Parish councils have authority to spend on the provision and to maintain bus shelters, if deemed to benefit the wider community, however the consensus of Councillors is that relative to use, a bus shelter would not be cost effective. It would also involve statutory consultees via the principle authorities and the necessary permissions.

21-22/11 REPORTS ON ONGOING BUSINESS:

- a) Village Hall Trustee Liaison – No matters to report.
- b) Management of Clunch Pit –No matters to report
- c) Monthly inspection of the Children’s playground – No concerns reported.

21-22/ 12 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2021/07/13 SCDC Taxi and Private Hire Policy – Proposed Revisions. Noted

2021/07/10 County Councillor Report – available from the village website.

2021/07/07 CAPALC July Bulletin

2021/07/02 Langley Associates, Chartered Surveyors, Party Wall Act- Notice and Award, re High Street Burnt Farm development – see item 9 above

2021/07/01 SCDC Visitor attraction and tourism website. Noted

21-22/ 13 PLANNING APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS

21/01150/HFUL, 77 High Street, Revised Scheme: No Comments

21-22/ 14 INCIDENTS AND OBSERVATIONS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE

The council had received reports of an abandoned vehicle in the Haslingfield/ High Street layby.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING, Tuesday 21 September 2021

MEETING ENDED 8.50 PM

Signed

Chairman.....