

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 October, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Ben Banks, Chair (BB), Chris Coleridge (CC); Richard Cottam; Isabel Robinson (IR); Kim Quince, Parish Clerk (KQ);

In attendance: South Cambs District Council Leader, Bridget Smith (BS); District Cllr Lisa Redrup (LR), and approximately 15 members of the Public

- 22-23/1 To receive apologies for absence** Apologies received from Cllr Johnson.
- 22-23/2 To receive declarations of interest from any Councillor with regard to items on the agenda** – None received
- 22-23/3 Open Forum (10 mins) for members of the public to raise questions.**
Members of the public asked the leader of South Cambs District Council about her endorsement of a letter sent to Government regarding EWR project and expressed concerns. See item 22-23/6
- 22-23/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 27 September 2022**
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair (BB). All supported
- 22-23/5 To receive Clerk's report** – agenda items 22-23/9, 22-23/12 refer.
- 22-23/6 To receive an update from District Councillor (LR).** LR reported on the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) plans to improve bus services and introduce a congestion charge for Cambridge. The 75 Harlton bus services is not currently shown in the plans. She would investigate with CCP. LR's monthly report on activities is available from the village website. **Cllr Bridget Smith Leader South Cambs District Council arrived at 8pm.** Cllr Smith outlined the Council's position on support for East West Rail links in so far as these are supportive of the economy and the emerging local plan, and that will have as little impact on communities as possible. She listened to views and responded to questions from councillors and residents. She believed that council had little influence over the EWR project but agreed to write a further letter to represent the concerns of all residents.
- 22-23/7 Planning Applications Notifications and Decision notices from SCDC** - none received.
- 22-23/8 To consider Parish Insurance renewal.** All supported renewal invitation of 5-year Long Term Agreement (LTA) premium of £671.35 with Zurich Municipal. This provides continued benefit from a discounted premium. Policy details remain unchanged.
- 22-23/9 To discuss Unmetered Supply, Street Lighting energy supplier contract/ tariff offers**
The clerk reported there are ongoing issues with the SSE account (re energy supply for PC owned Street lights in Coach Drive). These relate to new MPAN's /disconnection following an LED street lighting upgrade and the requirement for the issue of new UMS certificates from UKPN. It is not possible to confirm new fixed term tariff offer rate / obtain quotes from other energy suppliers until resolved. However, from initial enquiries suppliers were not currently taking on new business customers so likely difficult to find an alternative supplier for the contract.

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22-23/10 To receive quarterly bank reconciliation and 2022/2023 Precept Budget report.

The clerk presented a budget expenditure report in preparation for the precept meeting in January. The bank reconciliation was noted.

22-23/11 To approve and pay following invoices and online payments - All supported

£52.56 SSE Southern Electric (DD), energy supply for Street Lighting
£691.53 Zurich Municipal Parish Insurance Premium
Salaries, K. Quince
£24 HMRC/PAYE deductions

22-23/12 Reports and discussion for ongoing items:

- a) **Possible purchase of Land off High Street (The Glebe) from the Diocese of Ely.** The clerk reported she had telephoned Carter Jonas to follow up the PC's request for further details on EDBF's offer. They were apologetic for delay and promised this was in hand and these would follow shortly.
- b) **Grass cutting and 'No Mow' areas in the village** Members of the Harlton Eco Group were present. They would like to proceed with the project to create wildflower areas in Harlton. It is proposed initially to start with the 'triangle' of grass in the centre of the village which sites the village stone sign. The Parish Council were supportive of the plans. It was agreed to ask Highways, CCC to remove the area from the grass cutting schedule. A volunteer from the group would scythe the verge in late July. All supported. **ACTION KQ**
- c) **East West Rail, Cambridge Approaches and Harlton working group updates** The Local Rep meeting scheduled for 1 Nov for parishes will focus on the Business Case Process. The EWR drop-in engagement session in Haslingfield last month was well attended. The Chair (BB) extended thanks to villagers for their support.
- d) **Management of the Clunch Pit** - no matters to report
- e) **Monthly inspection of the children's playground** – no concerns reported.
- f) **Village Hall Liaison.** Cllr IR reported the Trustees' were seeking quotes for village hall floor repairs. The Parish Council would like to see a full report on the condition of the floor to understand whether repairs or a new floor replacement is required. Quotations should be addressed to the Parish Council. It is anticipated that this will incur significant expenditure.

22-23/13 Incidents and observations relating to the village – none reported

22-23/14 Date of next meeting – Monday 28 November 2022

Signed Chairman.....