

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2023, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton.

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

In attendance: District Cllr Lisa Redrup (LR), and one member of the public

- 22-23/1 To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Cllr Chris Coleridge, Cllr Garry Johnson and County Cllr Michael Atkins. CC and GJ were unable to attend due family circumstances.
- 22-23/2 To receive declarations of interest from any Councillor with regard to items on the agenda**
None declared
- 22-23/3 Open Forum** - A village resident was present for discussions regarding the possible Glebe land purchase - **22-23/10 a)** refers. The item was brought forward.
- 22-23/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2022** – The minutes had been circulated. All approved as a correct record of the meeting. Clerk to bring copy to be signed at the next meeting.
- 22-23/5 To receive Clerk’s report and updates from actions from the previous meeting.**
- Noted November meeting cancelled due unavailability of clerk to attend.
 - A request to consider speed reductions measures in the village was received. It will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
 - Notice of Public Local enquiry 10 May, 2023 in Orwell regarding Footpath No 8, Harlton
 - Notification received from SCDC regarding expiry of ACV listing for Hare and Hounds.
 - Cllr Garry Johnson has ordered six trees from the SCDC initiative
 - The Transport Director at GCP, had advised Cllr LR that the 75 bus service would be improved under plans for the bus services in our area, although not shown on the interactive tool, the information for Haslingfield would apply to Harlton.
 - There is now a 6 month contract in place with SSE for the energy supply for PC owned street lights in Coach Drive. There are still outstanding billing issues on the account related to MPAN changes, following the new LED upgrade in 2021
 - Pension re-declaration, re-enrolment employer compliance notification received and PAYE tax code change letter received.
- 22-23/6 To receive District Councillor’s and County Councillor reports** - Cllr MK and LR had both sent written reports. LR, in attendance highlighted the Local Plan draft and answered questions from Cllrs. She suggested speaking to County Council Highways Officers about incomplete pathways repairs following recent contract work. Clerk will raise the matter with Cllr MK
- 22-23/7 Planning - Notifications of new Planning Applications from SCDC**
22/04984/FUL, 4 Haslingfield Rd, demolition bungalow, replacement detached house. The PC are aware of neighbouring concerns. It was agreed to make a recommendation to object. It is felt the height, density and proximity of the proposed dwelling to neighbouring properties will result in a loss of light and privacy.
22/05343/HFUL 15 Haslingfield Rd, Single Storey Side, Porch Extensions: no comment
22/05490/PRIOR 42 Eversden Road, Single Storey rear Extension: no comment

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- 22-23/8 Finance:**
To consider and approve Precept request 2023/24
An updated budget expenditure report and bank reconciliation was presented. The Precept requirement was discussed. All agreed to keep the Precept the same as 2022/23 at £8,500
To resolve to approve BAC's transfers payments and outstanding accounts – All supported.
£13.86, £ 49.73 SSE Southern Electric (DD), UMS Street Lighting
£1157.00 Haslingfield Parish Council, Connections bus grant 2022/23
£300 Harlton PCC, A donation in lieu of grass cutting costs for the Glebe was approved.
Salaries, K. Quince, £36 HMRC- PAYE deduction payments.
- 22-23/9 Connections Bus Funding Contribution 2023/24** – It was noted that numbers were down. Overall, the PC felt the Youth club bus service offered benefits and happy to continue funding while Haslingfield were supportive of the service. Clerk to confirm pro-rata contribution costs for approval at the next meeting, payable in October.
- 22-23/10 Reports on ongoing business items:**
- a) Possible purchase of Land off High Street (The Glebe) from the Ely Diocese** – The letter from Carter Jonas outlining the headline offer terms was discussed. Clerk and Chair had met with Carter Jonas on site to clarify conditions. The PC recognise that it would be in best interests of the community to purchase the land, but ultimately would need the support of Villagers to take forward as they do not hold large financial reserves. It was agreed to organise a Public meeting to consult with the village to seek views and reach out for funding contribution support.
 - b) EWR Updates** – The Chair BB had attended a Local Rep meeting, no progress was achieved. Bridget Smith had drafted a letter to the Rail Minister, the PC were not happy to co-sign unless the wording was changed. The PC were asked to consider representation on a splinter group, independent from Cambridge Approaches, to prepare for a case should the preferred route be confirmed. The PC were not happy to support at this time.
Action: Chair to feed back.
 - c) Management of the Clunch Pit** – No matters to report.
 - d) Children's playground** – Volunteers are sought to help power wash algae moss accumulating on the play surface. Clerk to put a request in C&V newsletter.
The playground ownership and registration enquiries were in hand.
 - e) Village Hall Trustee Liaison** – no matters to report.
- 22-23/11 To review correspondence received:** circulated
2022/11/07 CCC, Public Local Inquiry, 10 May 2023 (Public Footpath No. 8, Harlton, Definitive Map Modification Order 2021
2022/11/01 Carter Jonas, Ely Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF) Letter
2022/11/17 GCP, Making Connections Consultation 17 Oct – 23 Dec 2022
2022/11/16 SCDC Parish Precept Letter 2023/24 – Item 22-23/8 refers
2022/11/14 SCDC 6 Free Trees initiative
- 22-23/12 Incidents and observations relating to the village.** The bottom glass pane to the front of the telephone box has been pushed in. Cllr GJ has offered to repair.
- 22-23/13 Meeting dates 2023** – dates agreed. Clerk to circulate and post on the village website.
Meeting closed at 10pm

Signed Chairman.....