

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 February 2023, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton.

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

In attendance: District Cllr Lisa Redrup (LR), Village Hall Trustee, Fiona Davis (FD)

- 22-23/1 To receive apologies for absence** - Apologies received from Cllr Chris Coleridge, Cllr Garry Johnson.
- 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 for members of the public to raise questions of interest or discuss items on the agenda** – see Village Hall Trustee liaison. Item 22-23/10 (f)
- 22-23/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 10 January 2023** – The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair (BB). A copy of the October minutes approved at the 10 January meeting were signed by the Chair
- 22-23/5 To receive Clerk’s report and updates from actions from the previous meeting.**
The Chair (BB) reported 6 trees received from the SCDC initiative had been planted on the Glebe. A further 2 fruit trees had been purchased at the cost of £46.50 and planted on Parish owned land next to the phone box in the High Street (to replace the felled Cherry tree following tree safety remedial works). BB reported he had been asked by a resident to consider the grass cutting undertaken in the area, which is currently managed by the resident.
Action Clerk: It was agreed to put on the agenda for discussion at next month’s PC meeting.
- 22-23/6 To receive District Councillor’s and County Councillor reports** – reports circulated. (LR) was in attendance and addressed questions from Cllrs regarding voter ID requirements, and the Oxford to Cambridge Partnership. She also reported that a letter sent from the Leader of South Cams District Council, to the Rail Minister, in respect of EWR had inadvertently included Harlton Parish Council as a co-signatory. We were reassured that the mistake would be addressed.
- 22-23/7 Planning - Notifications of new Planning Applications and Decision notices from GCSP**
23/00393/FUL resubmission of 22/04984/FUL, 4 Haslingfield Rd, demolition bungalow, replacement detached house. The Parish Council object to the planning application as submitted. It is aware of neighbouring concerns. The council felt that the height, density and proximity of the proposed dwelling will overshadow neighbouring properties with an impact on light and loss of privacy. It is also noted that all the trees have been removed from the plot since the resubmission of the planning application.
22/05343/HFUL 15 Haslingfield Rd, Single Storey Side and Front Porch Extensions. SCDC planning consent granted
22/05490/PRIOR 42 Eversden Road Harlton Cambridgeshire Single Storey rear Extension. SCDC Prior Approval not required.
- 22-23/8 Finance:** Payments below approved – All supported.

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- a) **To approve and pay order of invoices, BAC's transfers and Accounts:**
 - £30 CAPALC, Training Bitesize Archiving and Retention
 - £17.37 SSE Southern Electric, DD February
 - £180.80 HMRC/PAYE
 - K. Quince Salaries DD January, February.
- b) **Review of current budget expenditure and spending plans/ future allocations.**

A bank reconciliation was circulated. Year end 2022/23 forecast noted. Budget expenditure allocation will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

22-23/9 To consider traffic calming measures for the village - To carry over pending input from Cllr (GJ) who is a member of the Speedwatch team.

22-23/10 Reports and discussion for ongoing items:

- a) **Purchase of Land off High Street (The Glebe) from the Ely Diocese. Report on the decision from Parish Consultation meeting of 23 February.**

There were approximately 25 residents in attendance at the meeting with unanimous support and offers to help fund the purchase of the Glebe land. The Parish Council (PC) agreed to accept the offer price of £10,000 plus £2,000 + vat legal costs on that basis. The PC will instruct Carter Jonas to proceed and appoint solicitors (estimated PC fees £2,000 plus vat). Pledging in support of fund raising will remain open until the end of March with grant funding investigated. Pledges will be reduced as a pro- rata percentage, if monies received exceed the amount required. It is anticipated the PC will ask for pledges to be honoured early April.
- b) **East West Rail, Cambridge Approaches and Harlton working group updates.**

The next EWR Local Reps group meeting is 3 March. It is felt these meetings do not achieve any notable outcomes and are mostly about EWR processes. Noted EWR are in the process of finalizing recommendations for consideration by Government. The Parish Council agreed to nominate David Lean as Harlton representative on the independently chaired residents committee (separate from Cambridge Approaches) which has been formed to prepare for a case should the railway receive the go ahead.
- c) **Clunch Pit Management** – No matters to report
- d) **Monthly Children's playground inspection.**

No concerns to report. The moss on the play surface has been addressed. Cllr IR volunteered to give the area a broom sweep. The annual ROSPA inspection is due in April.
- e) **HM Land Registry Playground Registration/Ownership application** – investigations ongoing.
- f) **Village Hall Trustee Liaison.** Fiona Davis (VHT) joined the meeting to discuss a survey report received from a heritage architect regarding the hall floor, together with 3 quotes from Contractors for a replacement floor. The Trustees would like to use funds available from grants to push on with addressing the issues identified in the report with the view of replacing the floor and installing under floor heating. It is proposed to form a sub - committee with a representative from the Parish Council (PC) invited to join the group.

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It was agreed that the Village Hall committee are best placed to proceed with their investigative work and to manage the project/ award contracts, however, will ask for full support from the rest of the PC before giving authority.

The Village Hall committee advised they are looking into doing something to celebrate the Coronation.

- g) Connections Bus Funding contribution 2023/24** – The PC has approved funding in principle towards the cost of the Youth Club bus. It was agreed to review and consider the amount of contribution pro-rata pro once more information is known on the number of youth club sessions provided for the year.

22-23/11 To consider correspondence received: circulated and noted.

21/02/2023	C&V Magazine invitation to AGM, 20 March – noted. Clerk agreed to attend.
14/02/2023	County Councillor report February 2023.
11/02/2023	Notification of ROSPA play area inspection in April
08/02/2023	CAPALC February Bulletin
26/01/2023	Email from a resident enquiring about Coronation plans for the village. Item 22-23/10 (f) refers.
18/01/2023	CAPLAC January Bulletin
12/01/2023	SCDC Expired- ACV, Hare and Hound – Clerk to review application requirements and report to PC for consideration.
10/01/2023	Email from a resident with reference to speeding vehicles in Harlton

22-23/12 Incidents and observations relating to the village – no matters to report.

22-23/13 Next Full Parish Council Meeting 28 March 2023

Signed Chairman.....