

Minutes from the Annual Parish (Village) Meeting Harlton Village Hall, Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 7.30 pm

Cllr Ben Banks - Chair

Kim Quince (Recorder – Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public were present (approx. 30 people). District Cllr Lisa Redrup was in attendance.

Refreshments were available from 7.15 pm.

- 1. Welcome from the Meeting Chair (Cllr Ben Banks).** The Chair welcomed and expressed thanks to all for coming along.
- 2. Apologies for absences**
Apologies received from Cllr Chris Coleridge and Cllr Garry Johnson
- 3. Signing of minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 18 April 2023**
The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Annual Report from Chair of Harlton Parish Council**
Cllr Ben Banks provided an update on Parish Council activities during the past year. This financial year the precept was raised to £9,500 after several years of being £8,500. This increase is important to rebuild our general reserve (currently £10k) having contributed to the village hall floor project, replacement defibrillator battery and legal fees for the adverse possession claim for the playground. Over the last year we have again given a grant to the Connections Bus, we feel this youth service offers benefits and will continue to support in conjunction with Haslingfield Parish Council; and a donation was given to Harlton PCC in lieu of grass cutting on the Glebe. Huge thanks went out for the generosity of the many villagers who funded the purchase of the village glebe; A massive thank you to Fiona Davies and the village hall committee for looking after the hall and organizing social events, and for managing and funding the fantastic new hall floor. Thanks were extended to fellow councillors and district councillors for their work and support throughout the year and all the Harlton wombles who litter pick, the volunteers for their time grass cutting, carrying out the monthly defibrillator checks, the Speedwatch team, and all those who contribute to making this village a great place to live. See Appendix 1
- 5. County & District Councillor Reports**
County Councillor, Michael Atkins was not in attendance. His annual report is available from the website, attached as Appendix 2
District Councillor Lisa Redrup addressed the meeting to introduce herself to residents. She was asked about the position of South Cambs District Council on the East West Rail proposals. In her response, she reported not receiving emails about EWR and would be happy to receive emails outlining any questions or concerns. The report provided prior to the meeting is published on the website. Attached as Appendix 3
- 6. Annual Report from Chair of Village Hall Trustees**
Fiona Davies presented the report she gave at the Trustees Annual Meeting in March. Attached as Appendix 4
- 7. Report from Chair of Hare & Hounds Community Interest Co (CIC)**
Patrick Phelan – CIC chair provided a report on the successes of the Hare & Hounds as a community owned pub and CIC's refurbishment projects to date. Full report attached as Appendix 5
- 8. Report from representative of Harlton's EWR Working Group**
David Lean addressed the meeting providing an update on the EWR project developments to date. The working group's focus going forward is to continue to cite the lack of a business case, prepare for

the release of the statutory consultation, highlight the extent, and impacts of the works construction sites and plan for mitigations should the project go ahead.

9. **Comberton Village College Governor Chair Report** – Jane Banks, Chair of Governors at CVC presented a report on Comberton Village College. Attached as Appendix 6.

10. Reports on work and activities from local groups and organisations

Reports received from:

Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Hub – Report summary presented by Chair Michelle Golder. Appendix 7

Harlton Gardening Club – Report presented by Chair Sarah Phelan. See Appendix 8

Harlton Organ Scholarship Trust (HOST) – Appendix 9

11. **Open Forum** – No matters raised. A portrait of HM The King made available free of charge from the cabinet office to local authorities for display in the hall or meeting room was presented.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.