

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 7.30 pm in Harlton Village Hall.

Cllr Ben Banks - Chair
Kim Quince (Recorder – Parish Clerk).

In attendance approximately 20 people. Refreshments were provided.

- 1. Welcome from the Meeting Chair Cllr Ben Banks**
- 2. Apologies for absences**
Apologies received from: Cllr Chris Coleridge, Janet and Alan Banks, and Sarah Phelan
- 3. Approval of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting 22 April 2025**
The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Chairman's Report Harlton Parish Council**
Report received from Cllr Ben Banks on the work of the Parish Council. Thanks were extended to the Parish Council team, the Village Hall Trustees and all the volunteers who contribute to village life. Full Report: Appendix 1.
- 5. Financial Report 2025-26**
Kim Quince, Clerk/ RFO reported on financial year end. The approved budget for 2026/27 and the Statutory Annual Return (AGAR) will be published on the village website by the 1 July 2026.
- 6. Report from Chair of Village Hall Trustees (VHT) – Fiona Davies, VHT Chair presented her report about the running of village hall and the various social events held during the year. Full Report Appendix 2. £1 cash, the annual rent payable by the Trustees for the hall, was presented to the Clerk.**
- 7. East West Rail Parish Working Groups – An update was given by Parish Councillor Isabel Robinson. Residents were encouraged to complete the EWR Consultation 2026 which runs from the 14 April until 9 June. A meeting for Harlton residents has been organised for the 6 May. This is to help understand what is proposed, share concerns and agree priorities. The recently formed South Cambridgeshire Parishes rail working group (SCPRG) will meet with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mayor Paul Bristow on the 30 April, and a meeting is scheduled with the rail minister on the 2 June.**
- 8. Report from District Councillor Lisa Redrup.**
Harston and Comberton Ward District Councillor's Annual Report April 2026 received. Cllr Lisa Redrup, in attendance highlighted the Government changes to local authorities over the next few years with the move to a unitary authority, and the Zero Carbon Communities Grant that helps communities to take action on climate change. Full report: Appendix 3
- 9. Reports on activities from local community groups and organisations**
Reports received from:
Hare & Hounds Community Interest Company (CIC) – Chair, Patrick Phelan, Chair
Full Report Appendix 4

Harlton Gardening Club – A report from Chair Sarah Phelan was presented by committee member John Helming.

Harlton Organ Scholarship Trust (HOST) – John Helmsing

Speedwatch – Mike Warburton who has taken over responsibility for liaising with the police gave an update. Additional volunteers are welcome to join the pool of volunteers. Training will be provided. This will allow for more regular weekly sessions.

Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group – A summary of the organisation's programme of work and events over the year was presented by the Chair, Michelle Golder. There will be a Repair Café in Harlton Village Hall on the 17 May. Full Report: Appendix 5.

- 10. Open Forum** – A question under item 4 for the Parish Council was noted. A resident asked the Chair, if the Parish Council had allocated funds in the budget for any future requests for further financial support from Cambridge Approaches towards East West Rail mitigation/ judicial review.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending: Meeting closed 9 pm.