

Chairs Report Harlton Parish Village Meeting 21st April 2026

Welcome everyone, thank you all for joining us.

This financial year we have raised the precept to £12,000. This increase was necessary as our expenses rose with inflation, and to build our general reserve.

Over the last year we have again given a grant to the Connections bus. We feel this youth bus offers benefits and we will continue to support in conjunction with Haslingfield PC.

We have awarded a grant to Harlton PCC to support the maintenance costs of the parish Graveyard and memorial wall.

The Land registry have completed our adverse possession application for the Playground, Identifying the Parish council as the legal owners.

The PC agreed the most cost effective and environmentally friendly solution was to carry out a light refurbishment of the playground on its current site. Replacing the decaying wood fence, painting the steel work and replacing any worn parts, this is due to start in April.

We have raised our concerns with the district council highways department about our deep potholes and collapsing roads. Please report issues with footpaths and roads through their online portal.

The (MVAS) Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign is in operation and we are getting to grips with setting the display and moving around the 3 location poles.

A large diseased ash tree and a storm downed tree in the Clunch pit both needed a professional tree surgeon to make them safe.

Many thanks to Maurice Scally for his time cutting and maintaining the glebe with Harlton Farms Mower.

Thanks to mail master John Hooper for keeping the village digitally informed,

Thanks to fellow councilors and our district councilors for their work and support throughout the year, particularly thanks to the hard work by Garry our tree warden and Isabel for spending a lot of time dealing with all things EWR.

Thank you to Fiona Davies and her village hall committee for looking after the hall and organizing social events.

Thanks to all the Harlton wombles who litter pick, Alison Benson for carrying out the monthly defibrillator checks and the speed watch team.

And great big thanks to Kim, our clerk, for keeping us in order.

And thank you to anyone I have missed that contributes to making this village a great place to live.

Ben Banks

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