

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 July 2026, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton.

Present: Chris Coleridge (CC) Vice-Chair, Richard Cottam (RC), Garry Johnson (GJ), Isabel Robinson (IR), Parish Clerk, Kim Quince (KQ). In attendance District Councillor Lisa Redrup (LR)

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

26-47 Apologies: Apologies were received from Ben Banks (BB). Vice-Chair Chris Coleridge chaired the meeting.

26-48 Declarations of Interest:

- a. To receive declaration of interest from Councillors for items on the agenda and the nature of the interests: **None received**
- b. To receive any requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests and/ or grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate: **None received.**

26-49 Minutes: It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the 12/05/2026 with a correction to item 26-43c: 'Urgent remedial tree works have been carried in the Clunch pit out following a professional assessment'. The minutes were signed by the Vice-chair (CC). All supported.

26-50 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 minutes) - No members of the public were present

26-51 To receive County and District Councillors' Reports: District Councillor's (LR) report was Received and circulated to members. The draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan version (revised) had been published ahead of submission of the plan to government for inspection late this year. LR was asked about the food waste collections. These had been delayed due to a driver shortage. Letters will be sent in advance of the service commencing. She was also asked to look into whether EWR had the powers to widen the roads (using grass verges) in the village to accommodate HGV traffic under the project construction proposals, as had been indicated to a resident at an EWR consultation event, and if so whether any action could be taken.

26-52 Notification of Planning Applications from GCSP:

26/02461/LBC 64 High Street, carry out timber frame repairs and apply timber lathe and lime. The PC agreed no comments.

26-53 To consider a replacement timber bench in Haslingfield Road – The bench which serves children waiting for the school bus had reached the end of its life. The Clerk will explore options and obtain prices for a new bench.

26-54 Finance:

- a. A bank reconciliation of the PC accounts was presented and approved by RC, CC.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following list of invoices and accounts.:
 - Clerk's salary (SO) June, July, August
 - CHT, Defibrillator pad replacements (paid) £80.10 inc vat
 - Playsafety Ltd, RoSPA inspection (paid) £99.60 inc vat
 - LGS Services - internal audit (paid) £144.00 inc vat

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26-55 Updates for ongoing Parish Council business:

- a. **East West Rail** –The PC consultation response submission to the EWR 2026 consultation will be posted on the website with a 'village group' summary circulation for Harlton residents on close of the consultation. There were no Working Group updates.
- b. **Village Hall Trustee Liaison** – no matters to report.
- c. Tree Management – no matters to report
- d. **Children's playground** – No concerns to report. The adjustments to the playground gate had been carried out. The contractor has advised that the playground equipment painting would be undertaken this month. It was agreed to place a call via John Hoopers mail circulation for volunteers to form a working party to give the new playground fence a coat of timber preservative.
- e. **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs:** The clerk will ask BB to recharge and rotate the units to Eversden Road location points over the coming months

26- 56 Clerk's report

- A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) Notice to close the High Street between 18th and 19th August to facilitate telegraph pole replacement works has been received.
- The internal audit had been completed satisfactorily. The Exemption Certificate of the AGAR return had been returned to the PKF Littlejohn (external auditors) and the documents published on the website, as required under audit regulations. The dates for the Electors Exercise of the Public Rights have been changed to 1 July to 11 August 2026.
- Parish Members' Register of Interest Forms have been completed and sent to SCDC Monitoring Officer.
- A mandatory annual Data Protection fee of £52 is payable to Information Commissions Office (ICO) - £47 if the application is made and paid online.

26-57 Consultations and Correspondence:

- a. The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough combined authority (CPCA) are consulting on proposed changes to the number 75 bus service. It is proposed for a new Service D to run hourly, most of the day on a circular route from Cambridge along A603, through Barton, Harlton to Haslingfield, onto Barrington and Orwell, and then back along A603 - **no comments were agreed.**
- b. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) Local Validation Checklist consultation - **no comments agreed.**
- c. Expansion of Tiger on Demand bus services from 13th July will include a virtual stop at Hare and Hounds, Harlton. This allows residents to book journeys between virtual stops across a wider travel zone. Journeys can be booked either via the App, or online or over the phone. Details will be posted on the village notice board and the website and are available from the CPCA website.
- d. South Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Policing community engagement event (online), 7-8pm on 6th August 2026 was noted.

26-58 Incidents and observations relating to the village: Concerns have been raised again about parking on footpaths. Residents and visitors to the village are reminded not to block the footways with parked vehicles.

26-59 Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 15 September, 7.30 pm

Meeting closed: 20:15 pm

Signed..... Chair Harlton Parish Council