HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 October, 7.30 pm, Harlton Village Hall. UNCONFIRMED FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Present: Cllrs Ben Banks (BB); Richard Cottam (RC): Garry Johnson (GJ); Isabel Robinson (IR), Parish Clerk - Kim Quince (KQ). In attendance District Councillor Lisa Redrup (LR)

26-75 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Chris Coleridge

26-76 Declarations of Interest:

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

26-77 Minutes: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting 15/09/26 as correct. All supported.

26-78 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 minutes)

No members of the public were present

26-79 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports:

Monthly reports for October were received and circulated. These will be available to read from the Parish Council website. Cllr Redrup in attendance highlighted a public meeting on Tuesday 10th November, in Haslingfield Village Hall, for residents of Harlton and Haslingfield to discuss ideas to put forward for a EWR Community Benefit Fund. Cllr Damary-Homan (Sawston & Shelfords Division) had advised that his county reports in general are generic so should be helpful to the Parish.

26-80 Notification of Planning Applications and Decisions from GCSP

26/0815/TTPO 9 Haslingfield Rd. Removal of dead Sycamore: **Permission granted**

26/02461/LBC 64 High Street, timber frame repairs and apply timber lath and lime render: **Permission granted.**

26-81 To review the Parish Council Insurance Policy and renewal quotations.

The policy was discussed. It was agreed to accept the active LTA renewal premium of £748.91 and obtain further quotations next year.

26-82 Finance:

a. A bank reconciliation for the Parish Accounts was reviewed by Cllr s RC and BB.
b. It was **resolved** to pay the outstanding accounts and invoices:
   - Zurich Municipal Insurance Premium £748.91
   - £1050 Haslingfield PC: Connections Bus Contribution 2026/27 (amount already agreed)
   - £207.20 HMRC PAYE Deductions
   - £35.00 CAPALC Budget & Precept Training

26-83 Updates for ongoing Parish Council business:

a. **East West Rail Working Group Updates:** The South Cambridgeshire Rail Group met with Bridget Smith (SCDC) and Stephen Kelly on 10 October (GCSP). The group is looking to set up a meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council.
b. **Consideration of a contribution towards Cambridge Approaches legal costs:** It was **resolved** to grant £500 towards costs regarding advice on SCDC's legal requirement regarding habitats regulations i.e. Wimpole SAC and protection of bats. Monies will be allocated from the Access Agreement Surveys fees received from EWR.
c. **Village Hall Trustee Liaison:** Trustees representatives will visit Shepreth community facility to look at the net-zero energy retrofit of the Village Hall.
d. **Tree Management:** A report of a small, mature tree vandalised in Clunch Pit was noted. It will be investigated to see if tree works need to be carried out.
e. **Children's playground:** A visual check had been carried out by the Clerk; no concerns to report. The PC thanked volunteers Chris Rands and Peter Gaul for giving the playground fence a coat of timber preservative.
f. **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs:** BB to charge the battery and move the speed indicator unit to Haslingfield Road facing towards the High Street.
g. **Replacement Bench in Haslingfield Road:** Various options and prices to replace the bench were discussed. The Clerk will list the options and circulate details/ links Further quotes are being sought.

26-84 Clerk's report –26-83 (e) and (g) refer

26-85 Consultation and Correspondence:

Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Cllr GJ reported he had reviewed the plan. He could not see where he could make input or sufficient comment to the survey questions.
Post Grad Researcher: Future of the e-MERLIN radio telescope at Lord's Bridge. Harlton has a longstanding connection with this nationally important scientific infrastructure. It was agreed to write to Ministers, Local MP's, SCDC in support of the continued operation and funding of the telescope.
National Scheme of Delegation: Changes to Planning Policy for Town & Parish Councils from 31 October. Noted end of Ward Call-in of applications to planning committee for determination. More applications will be decided by Officers,

26-86 Incidents and observations relating to the village: No matters to report.

26-87 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 24 November 2026

Matters for Consideration: Draft Budget and Connections Bus Contribution 2027-28

Meeting closed: 21.15 pm

Signed..... Chair Harlton Parish Council