

# HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the VIRTUAL (Zoom) meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 December 2020, starting at 7.30pm.**

**Attendees:** Parish Cllrs Ben Banks (BB) Chair, Chris Coleridge (CC) Vice Chair, Richard Cottam (RC), Isabel Robinson (IR), District Councillor Ian Sollom (IS), Parish Clerk - Kim Quince. Apologies Parish Cllr Garry Johnson

## **20-21/073 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

**20-21/074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Gary Johnson (GR)

**20-21/075 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None received.

**20-21/076 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 Minutes)** – No members of the public were present

## **20-21/077 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20 October 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.
- b) Parish Clerk's report: A resident had asked whether the Parish Council had been or would be consulted with reference to an application on the Greater Cambridge planning portal - for the proposed approval for Manor Barn a venue for the performance of civil marriages and civil partnerships. To date the parish council had not received any notification but will enquire with the case officer whether there will be Parish Consultation.

## **20-21/078 EAST WEST RAIL / CAMBRIDGE APPROACHES UPDATE**

Isabel Robinson and Ben Banks reported attendance at a Cambridge Approaches meeting on 24th November. It was noted that a huge number of surveys that East West Rail are conducting follow the Alternative Corridor 4 which comes very close to Harlton and Haslingfield. There was a presentation by Sebastian Kindersley (CamBedRailRoad) about an alternative solution for the railway to approach Cambridge via Northstowe. Cambridge Approaches action group endorsed CamBedRailRoad's petition for a call for a fair assessment of all EWR routes into Cambridge which the Parish Council fully support. It was noted action group signs were going up in the village. It was agreed to purchase and erect signs near the A603 and the Eversden Road approach to the village. The Parish Council has received a further request from EWR for agreement to carry out environmental and other non-intrusive Surveys 1 January 2021 – 31 January 2022. Councillors were not in favour to enter into the Access Agreement for surveys on Parish land 2021 (2 votes against, 2 abstentions)

## **20-21/079 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Written report for November received and is available from the Parish Council page of the village website.

## **20-21/080 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Ian Sollom reported on the latest news for a proposed sustainable new community (25,000 houses) by developers Thakeham, in South West Cambridgeshire (land around the villages of Barrington, Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth, Foxton, Meldreth, Orwell, Shepreth, Whaddon and Wimpole). The development appears to be government-led but is not currently shown in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

## **20-21/081 TO CONSIDER CTTV FOR THE VILLAGE**

There was a lengthy discussion around the potential merits and issues for having and monitoring CTTV. The consensus of councillors was that it would bring no positive effects and would not necessary act as a deterrent

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## 20-21/082 COUNCILLOR ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The clerk would prepare a framework to be agreed and ratified each year at the Annual Parish Council Meeting. This framework outlining areas of responsibilities will be placed on the Parish Council page of the village website.

## 20-21/083 FINANCE

- Councillors approved the budget 2021/2022. The precept requirement will be confirmed at the meeting in January 2021.
- Payments approved: K. Quince (salary) , CCC £29.94 Final energy invoice

**20-21/084 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND INSPECTION** – there were no concerns to report.

## 20-21/085 REPORTS ON ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Village Hall Trustee Liaison – Offord and Camp had inspected the village hall roof and advised there was a cracked slate in the area of the interior leak. Repairs should be done as soon as possible. The PC approved an estimated price from Offords to undertake the repair work (including interior hallway making good). The parish council will ask the VHT trustees to take this forward.
- b) Management of the Clunch pit - there were no matters to report.

## 20-21/086 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED- circulated and noted.

- 2020/11/06 Parish Precept 2021/22 Consultation Letter, SCDC
- 2020/11/13 SCDC Harlton Community Volunteer Effort. The clerk informed SCDC Sustainable Communities team the volunteer community network was still active.
- 2020/11/16 email from Community Heartbeat Trust: WebNos & Your Defibrillator Information. From 2021 it will become a legal requirement to record information and Governance on defibrillator site and equipment. The Parish Council already has its data registered via the Community Heartbeat's WebNos system: the equipment is monitored and checks are logged by a village resident.
- 20/11/26 SSE Business Energy Contract Renewal – a new energy tariff offer had been accepted (for the PC owned street lights in Coach Drive) over a 2 year period.
- 2020/11/27 SCDC Communities Duties COVID-19 Update
- 2020/11/27 East West Rail – Access Agreement for Surveys (see item above)
- 2020/12/03 CCC, TTRO 21/012 - High Street, Harlton, 7 January 2021

**20-21/087 INCIDENTS AND OBSERVATIONS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE** - none to report

## 20-21/088 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Precept requirements

Awarding grant payments

**Date of the next meeting Tuesday 12 January 2021**

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**Signed** .....

**Chairman**.....