

HARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 November 2021, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Harlton.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Ben Banks (BB) Chair, Chris Coleridge (CC) Vice Chair, Richard Cottam, Garry Johnson (GJ), Parish Clerk, Kim Quince; In attendance: District Cllr Ian Sollom
4 members of the public were present

21-22/ 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none received

21-22/ 2 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Councillors pertaining to items on the agenda
None declared.

21-22/ 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 Minutes)

Members of the public came along to discuss the idea of a possible tree planting scheme in Harlton as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative to commemorate her platinum jubilee. They would like to get families involved and leave something for future generations. The Woodland Trust were offering Pollinator packs and various options under consideration to plant the saplings were discussed – **see agenda item 21-22/9**

Another member of the public asked the PC to discuss the planting of a hedge along the open field on Haslingfield Road, roadside of the ditch or field side. The Chair advised he was the landowner of the field and while he would consider the proposal voiced his concerns with planting a hedge field side. The PC also advised that Highways, County Council should be contacted to seek approvals for hedge planting roadside of the ditch. The Clerk will see if she has contact details for an Officer who may be able to provide advice.

21-22/ 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 21 September 2021 – minutes approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

b) To receive Parish Clerk's report: -

Surface flooding and drainage in the village. The clerk had been advised that the current priority is to clear the gullies across the County on a two –year cycle. It is thought some of the drains are too narrow to cope with heavy and unusually intense rainfall which has caused county wide flooding. However, the PC will pursue enquiries, as it is believed there could be some damaged pipe system on the underside of the roads. There has been several large scale works, ie laying of new gas pipes and replacement street light lamp posts in recent times.

Defibrillator Training for the Village (includes Cardiac Arrest Response) – arranged for 19th January (see item 21-22/7).

Since the last meeting, information needed to commence works had been received and the contractor was able to offer a start date of 19th October to carry out maintenance work to the village Glebe brick wall and pillars. An invoice for approved works is anticipated and will be due for payment before the next meeting in January.

21-22/ 5 EAST WEST RAIL – CAMBRIDGE APPROACHES AND WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Carried over until next meeting in January.

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21-22/ 6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Michael Atkins report was received and circulated to members. This will be available from the website. District Councillor Ian Sollom was in attendance. He highlighted the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) – Making Connections Consultation which is seeking views on proposals to change travel and bus routes to help reduce congestion around the city, and the Consultation on the draft proposals for the local plan

21-22/ 7 FINANCE –

To resolve to pay invoice payments, BAC's transfers, DD and standing orders. Payments were supported and approved. A bank reconciliation and order of payments was presented to the Parish Council

- Salaries (Standing order Clerk)
- £ 58.80 Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT), spare electrode pads (retrospective)
- £120.00 CHT, Training Seminar, January 2022
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21-22/8 BUDGET REPORT/ PREPARE BUDGET 2022/23 – a budget for consideration was presented by the clerk. This was approved with earmarked funds of £2,000 agreed towards anticipated projects – playground refurbishment, replacement floor in the village hall, Platinum jubilee celebrations.

21-22/9 TREE PLANTING SCHEME IN HARLTON

The Parish Council had received a request to consider a tree planning scheme in Harlton as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative to commemorate her platinum jubilee. Harlton Gardening Club would also like to be involved in the initiative. They would like to get families involved and leave something for future generations. The Woodland Trust were offering Pollinator packs and there various options under consideration. The parish council were in principle in favour of a tree planting scheme and would encourage the village to support where possible, however it would only be able to consider any financial contribution for tree planting on Parish or possibly County Council Highways land – not Private land. The PC would be happy to replace the millennium oak that had died on the village Glebe.

21-22/10 REPORTS ON ONGOING BUSINESS:

- a) Village Hall Trustee Liaison – Cllr Robinson had forwarded minutes of the 22/9 meeting of the trustees to the clerk.
- b) Management of Clunch Pit – no matters to report.
- c) Monthly inspection of the Children's playground- no concerns to report.

21-22/ 11 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2021/09/30 Cambs County E-Bulletin – circulated.

2021/10/20 SCDC, Harlton Parish Precept 2022.23 - the Precept will confirmed at the next PC meeting in January.

2021/10/07 SCDC - 6 Free Trees Application - the deadline to make an application had been overlooked by the clerk.

9/11/2021 CAPLAC- November Bulletin – circulated.

8/11/2021 GCP Consultation Launch 08/11/2021 – Making Connections - circulated

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04/11/2021 County Councillor Report, October - circulated

2/11/2021 Greater Cambridge Local Plan: consultation now open

21-22/ 12 INCIDENTS AND OBSERVATIONS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE

There were reports of an attempted theft from building site works in the High Street. It was noted that repairs to damage caused last year by BT Open reach contractor are to be carried out in the High Street next month.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 4 January 2022

Meeting ended 9pm

Signed Chairman.....