

## **Minutes from the Annual Parish (Village) Meeting Harlton Village Hall, Tuesday 26 April, 2022 at 8pm**

Ben Banks Chairman of the Parish Council, was in the Chair

Kim Quince (Recorder – Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public were present. County Cllr Michael Atkins was in attendance

Refreshments were available from 7.30pm before the start of the meeting at 8pm.

### **1. Welcome – from the Chair of the meeting Ben Banks**

**2. Apologies:** John Helmsing, Harlton Gardening Club; Chris Coleridge, Parish Councillor

**3. Minutes from Annual Parish Meeting 2019** The minutes were read out and signed by the Chair

**4. Report from the Chairman, Harlton Parish Council, Ben Banks Ben Banks - Appendices A**

The Chairman expressed his thanks to his colleagues for the expertise they bring to meetings. The last 12 months have been dominated by the threat of East West Rail monstrous proposals for a diesel railway line on a 10 metre high embankment. Thanks were extended to Councillor Isabel Robinson, and all those residents involved in the Harlton Working Group, for the time and effort put in fighting the potential blight on our countryside. Thanks also to Cllr Garry Johnson for his efforts managing Harlton PC trees and the Clunch pit. He thanked the Village Hall Trustees for their work running the Village hall and organising village events and talks. Acknowledgement and thanks were given to the many, often silent volunteers, who litter pick, cut grass, clean gutters, paint fences, empty bins, and clean the children's playground area. Thanks were conveyed to Peter England who looks after the Defibrillator mounted on the wall of the Hare and Hounds pub and the Speedwatch team. He thanked the directors of the Hare Hounds Community Interest Company (CIC) for their time ensuring Harlton has a second successful pub in the village. The Parish Council continues to contribute to the Connections Youth bus, which visits Haslingfield on Wednesdays 1600 – 1800 during term time, this provides access to trained youth workers in a fun and safe social environment.

**The Chair invited County Councillor, Michael Atkins to give a report:** He commented on the focus of activities of Cambridgeshire County with Transport Network and Bio-diversity initiatives over the last year.

### **5. Report from the Village Hall Trustees - Roger Mortimer**

9 trustees were appointed at the recent AGM. The village hall charity is in a strong financial position. The trustees had organised a successful Burns Night event and a village photo, which is displayed in the hall. The licence agreement between the VHT and Parish Council had been renewed for a further 10 years.

**6. Reports from community groups and organisations:** Reports received from, Janet Banks, Chair of Governors, Comberton Village College - Appendices B. Patrick Phelan, CIG, Hare and Hounds and Michelle Golder, Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group.

### **7. Presentation of options for possible refurbishment of the Children's playground Coach Drive:**

Lon and Margaret Spencer presented a range of equipment options from 3 suppliers. There was capacity for 3 or 4 items and a decision would be needed on equipment to be able to seek comparable quotes. It was agreed to display the ideas at the Jubilee event on the Glebe with comment cards, to seek views of the village for taking the project forward. The Parish Council would also need to confirm land ownership and registration of the play area. Funding options would need to be explored.

**8. Open Forum** A question was asked about identifying a no mow area to create a wildflower verge in the village. Concerns were raised about the regular bonfires and burning of waste at Bartle Frere Farm, Washpit Lane and unsightly 'debris' accumulating on site. It was noted that large Lorries, confused by the Unsuitable vehicles signs at Washpit Lane entrance, were increasingly coming into the village.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm