



## HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
At the Parish Church

**Present:** Councillor Holdom; Councillor Luffman; Councillor Stierer; Councillor Carroll; Councillor Pearce Gould; Councillor Mir.

**Members 11: Vacancies 2: Quorum 4**

County Councillor King  
1 Member of the Public

### **21-22/69 Approval of Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

*(LGA 1972 s 85(1))*

Councillor Bellamy (Personal)  
Councillor Benning (Personal)  
Councillor Harris (Personal)  
District Councillor Sollom  
County Councillor Milne

**It was proposed by Councillor Arnold, seconded by Councillor Luffman, and resolved that the apologies are approved for Councillor Bellamy, Councillor Benning and Councillor Harris.**

### **21-22/70 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda**

*(Localism Act 2011 s 31 s 33)*

None.

### **21-22/71 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 Minutes)**

*At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman.*

Councillor Arnold asked if councillors could be referred to by their first names at the PC meetings. It was agreed that this could be the case, although the minutes would still formally record resolutions using the designation of 'Councillor'.

Mrs Hayde attended the meeting on behalf of the HRG and raised the following matters:

- Would the Parish Council consider a co-ordinated approach to addressing conservation matters in the village? Ideally, there would be a working group comprising members of the Greener Harston Group, the Parish Council, the Parish Church and the Orchard Working Party.
- The litter pick will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- Information about legislation surrounding Estate Agents and where they might place their 'For Sale/To Let' boards was passed to the Clerk.

### **21-22/72 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**It was proposed by Councillor Arnold, seconded by Councillor Pearce Gould, and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 are approved and signed by the Chairman with an amendment showing that Councillor Tim Arnold was in attendance.**

**21-22/73 Matters Arising/Clerks Report (for information only)**

- A Traffic Management for Community Events Course is being held at Needingworth Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 9am – 5pm. Unfortunately, Councillor Holdom is unavailable. If any other Councillor is free to attend, please let the Clerk know.

**21-22/74 Committee Meeting Minutes**

- a. It was proposed by Councillor Luffman, seconded by Councillor Stierer, and resolved that the Council receive the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.
- b. It was proposed by Councillor Pearce Gould, seconded by Councillor Carroll, and resolved that the Council receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**21-22/75 Matters Arising from Committee Meeting Minutes**

None.

**21-22/76 Harston Parish Council Working Group and Committee Members**

- a. As discussed earlier, a request had been received from the HRG/Greener Harston Group that the Parish Council work together on environmental projects in the village. A joint group could include representatives from the Orchard Working Group and the Church. Councillor Arnold agreed to be the parish council liaison person with the Greener Harston Group and will arrange a meeting and then feedback the outcomes to the Parish Council.
- b. A vote of thanks to Roger Summerfield for his work at the War Memorial was proposed by Councillor Arnold. The matter of who will take over this work will be discussed as part of the Greener Harston discussions.

*Action: Councillor Arnold to liaise with HRG to arrange a meeting.*

**21-22/77 County and District Councillors Report**

- a. The County Councillor apologised for not circulating a written report and gave a brief verbal report:
  - The Parish Council's LHI Bid had been signed off.
  - County Broadband works are causing some disruption in the village. Please send any complaints to councillor King.
  - As per the Government initiative re COVID, Harston and Newton Primary School should be getting a CO2 monitor this term.
  - Road surveillance is being carried out around the County.
  - A decision on the Hauxton Travel Hub had been expected at the committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July but has been deferred indefinitely.
  - The Foxton Travel Hub Consultation is now open.

- b. The District Councillor had sent his apologies and a written report just prior to the meeting. The report will be circulated after the meeting.

The Clerk had received an email from the District Council offering the Council six free trees.

*Action: Clerk to apply for the trees.*

*Councillor King left the meeting at 8.09pm*

**21-22/78 Recreation Ground/Pavilion Matters**

- a. Councillor Luffman confirmed that most of the orange netting had been removed from the hedge around the recreation ground.
- b. A date for the work due to be carried out in the play area had been requested but not yet received.

- c. A request to hold a boot camp on the recreation ground had been received. The Clerk and Councillor Arnold will arrange a site meeting in order to obtain further information to bring back to the next meeting.

*Action: Clerk to continue to chase repairs*

*Action: Clerk to respond to 'Mitt Fit'*

### **21-22/79 Highways Matters**

- a. The SID's cameras are in situ at London Road and Station Road. There was no further update as Councillor Harris was not in attendance.
- b. Councillor Holdom reported that a meeting had been held with the County Highways Officer to discuss matters pertaining to Harston, including Church Street, London Road (hedge), Royston Road (bollard), and Button End. Some of the work had been carried out, and orders for some of the other items had been placed. Both parties are keen to keep an open dialogue about the various matters discussed.

A report on traffic issues on Church Street had been received from the HRG Transport Group but not in time for this agenda. Some of the matters raised had already been discussed with the Highways Officer, and further discussions will take place over the coming weeks.

- c. A quotation of £3,705 for works to be carried out to the bus shelters had been received. This project had not been budgeted for in the current year, and because of the amount of money involved, three quotations would need to be sought and included in next year's budget proposals.
- d. It was agreed that a volunteer for the Community Gritting Scheme was not required in Harston as most of the main roads are on the gritting rota.
- e. Quotations had not been received for removing the detritus on the High Street and there was still divided opinion as to whether it should be left as a wildlife habitat. Councillor Arnold will investigate the issue further as part of the discussions around conservation and greener Harston matters.
- f. Councillor Arnold gave a brief overview of the '20's Plenty for Us' campaign which states that 20 mph limits are affordable and have significant, proven road safety, societal, environmental, economic and climate benefits.

**It was proposed by Councillor Arnold, seconded by Councillor Luffman, and resolved that the Council supports the 20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire's aim for the wide area, default signed 20mph limits with public engagement for this Parish and across Cambridgeshire's urban and village settlements.**

- g. **A discussion was held around options for a Local Highways Bid for 2022-23.**

**It was proposed by Councillor Arnold, seconded by Councillor Pearce Gould, and resolved that the council apply for a LHI grant for traffic calming measures on the A10, including flashing 'school' signs on the High Street and double yellow lines around the war memorial.**

*Action: Councillor Arnold to respond to campaign group/discuss tree with Greener Harston Group*

*Action: Clerk to respond to County Council re LHI*

### **21-22/80 Transport Matters**

- a. Councillor Holdom reported on the meeting held at the Station Road Crossing with Anthony Browne MP, a representative from the Department of Transport and a representative from East West Rail. The Councillors made a presentation outlining their concerns including the

need for a consultation on a Northern route, the closing of Station Road, blocking access to the school from Newton, pollution and freight.

An email had been received from EWR stating that they would be carrying out surveys over the bank holiday weekend. Concerns had been raised by Councillors that as this was a holiday weekend, it may not be a true reflection of footpath usage. It was agreed that a letter should be sent asking EWR to share the results of the surveys, and to undertake additional surveys later this year and next spring. The possibility of whether the Council should contact local landowners and carry out their own survey of footpath users was discussed, however, it was unclear how this information might be obtained and collated. Further consideration will be given to this idea at the next meeting.

**Action:** *The Clerk will write to EWR to request the data.*

**21-22/81 Harston Residents Group**

- a. Councillor Bellamy had attended the meeting and the minutes had been circulated to Councillors. No matters were raised by Councillors.
- b. The Clerk reported that the Buildings of Local Interest List had been adopted by the planning committee, and that this list would be referred to when the parish council consider planning applications. The Council will also be asking SCDC to take into account the list when making planning recommendations and decisions.

**Action:** *Councillor Bellamy will write to SCDC.*

**21-22/82 Request for Funding**

- a. The Parish Church had requested a donation of £250 for publicity for their open weekend to be held at the end of September.

**It was proposed by Councillor Arnold, seconded by Councillor Mir, and resolved that the Council pay £250 for publicity as requested by the church from LGA 1972 s137 funds.**

**Action:** *Clerk to respond to SCDC.*

**21-22/83 Parish Magazine Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

- a. Items for the parish magazine this month will include information on the meeting with Anthony Browne re the EWR proposals, the successful LHI Bid, an update on the SID's, the Greening Initiative, County Broadband update and a thank you to Roger Summerfield for looking after the War Memorial.

**Action:** *Councillor Arnold to complete report*

**21-22/84 Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

*Any business and payments, to be considered at Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.*

Dates for tree planting.

A list of committee/working group members will be drawn up and circulated by the Clerk.

**21-22/85 Date of Next Meeting**

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 (Parish Church)

November 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 (Parish Church)

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 (Parish Church)

**Meeting closed at 9.08pm**

**Chairman:**

**Date:**