



HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm, on Thursday, 2nd December 2021 At the Parish Church

Present: Councillor Bellamy; Councillor Holdom; Councillor Benning; Councillor Carroll; Councillor Luffman; Councillor Harris; Councillor Pearce Gould.

Members 11: Vacancies 2: Quorum 4

1 Member of the Public (Charlotte Clarke)

21-22/129 Approval of Apologies and Reasons for Absence

(LGA 1972 s 85(1))

Councillor Stierer (Personal)

Councillor Arnold (Personal)

Councillor Mir (Work)

District Councillor Sollom

It was proposed by Councillor Luffman, seconded by Councillor Holdom, and resolved that apologies are approved for, and Councillor Stierer and Councillor Mir.

21-22/130 Co-option of Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Councillor Benning, seconded by Councillor Holdom, and resolved that Mrs Charlotte Clarke is co-opted to the Council. Councillor Clarke signed the necessary paperwork and joined the meeting.

21-22/131 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda

(Localism Act 2011 s 31 s 33)

None.

21-22/132 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.

None.

21-22/133 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Holdom, seconded by Councillor Harris, and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021 are approved and signed by the Chairman.

- 21-22/123: Councillor Bellamy would like Councillor Arnold to clarify the information about the air quality survey at the next meeting.

21-22/134 Matters Arising/Clerks Report (for information only)

The letter in support of the application for the Pemberton Arms had been sent to SCDC.

Action: A further letter will be sent asking for an update on the likely timescale for a decision.

21-22/135

Committee Meeting Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Holdom, seconded by Councillor Pearce Gould, and resolved that the Council receive the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Holdom, and resolved that the Council receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting 14th October 2021.

21-22/136

County and District Councillors Report

- a. There was no report from the County Councillor.
- b. The District Councillor sent his apologies via email and raised two points for information:
 - Pemberton Arms; enforcement had stated that they need to await the outcome of the appeal before they can proceed with any enforcement action on maintaining the building.
 - There are strong rumours circulating that Michael Gove is considering cancelling the OxCam Arc project, which would most likely have a significant impact on the EWR project. The District Councillor stressed that there has been no official communication, so this seems to be speculation at the moment.
- c. No comments had been made by Parish Councillors on the draft Local Plan, therefore, as it does not specifically mention Harston, no response will be made at this stage. There may be more to say once a Neighbourhood Plan is in place.

21-22/137

Parish/Cabinet Liaison Meeting

Councillor Bellamy had attended the meeting on 29th November via zoom.

Presentations were made by the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Greater Cambridge Partnership City Access Project, and the SCDC Post-COVID Community Support & Community-Led Plans. The presentations were followed by Q & A.

Action: Clerk to circulate power point presentations from the meeting.

21-22/138

Precept Request for 2022-23

- a. The draft budget had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
It was proposed by Councillor Holdom and resolved (6 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) that the following changes are made to the budget proposal: Tree Planting £1,000; SID's increased from £500 to £3,000; s 137 put back to £3,000 from £2,000 (to take into account any possible expenditure for the Queen's Jubilee).
- b. **It was proposed by Councillor Holdom, seconded by Councillor Luffman, and resolved that the precept for 2022-23 should be set at £67,478 with the budget difference of £25,495 to be taken from general reserves.**

Action: Submit precept request to SCDC.

21-22/139

Harston Neighbourhood Plan

An initial meeting of the Neighbourhood Steering Group had been held on 9th November. Paru Naik had been appointed as the chairman of the group.

A further meeting with Cambridgeshire ACRE had been arranged for 14th December which would lay out the process that should be followed. There will need to be a lot of community consultation, and the Annual Parish Meeting will be the starting point for engaging the public. (Date to be agreed at the end of this meeting).

21-22/140 Food Hub

- a. Update from Councillor Carroll:
 - There had been a spike in usage at the Hub about 3 weeks ago, although it is back to normal levels now.
 - Duxford PC had contributed £500 to the Hub, as their residents are using the it because theirs had closed.
 - Preparations for Christmas are currently underway.
- b. It was confirmed that the volunteers are looking into applying for Charity Status, and it was agreed by the Council that this should be in place by April 2023.

21-22/141 Recreation Ground/Pavilion Matters

- a. There were no matters to report about the recreation ground. Councillor Harris reported that the pavilion alarm had been damaged on Sunday 21st November, and had been repaired by Briar Alarms.
- b. The play area repairs had been completed the week beginning 22nd November.

Action: Update on play area repairs in the next newsletter.

21-22/142 Tree Update

- a. Update from Councillor Harris:
 - 6 large trees had been ordered; 3 for the recreation ground, 2 for the green at Queen's Close, and one for the junction of Queens Close and New Road. Councillor's Harris and Carroll will be meeting with the supplier next week to discuss exact locations. The planting will take place in January.
 - 1 free tree from the District Council will be arriving next week.
 - A call had been held between Councillor Harris and the Greener Harston Group, to discuss future projects, and ways of working together.
 - An offer had been received from Meteor Inkjet Ltd, based at Harston Mill, who wish to get involved in providing and planting new trees in the village to help offset their carbon emissions. Councillor Harris will liaise with the company.

21-22/143 Highways Matters

- a. The SID's have been moved from Station Road to Haslingfield Road/Church Street. Additional volunteers are required, and training sessions will be put on for them. Councillor Harris would also welcome suggestions for where the SID's might be deployed next.
- b. Data had been sent to Cambs Constabulary Speed Watch who asked if the Council had considered setting up a speed-watch group in the village. It was agreed that a call for volunteers for a speed-watch team would be made at the APM.

Action: Call for volunteers for SID's to be included in the next parish magazine article.

Action: Include Speedwatch on the Agenda for APM

21-22/144 Transport Matters

- a. A very productive meeting had been with the Mayor and two of his officers on Friday 12th November. Parish Councillors, and members of HRG had been in attendance. A power point presentation had been made highlighting the areas of concern for Harston. One of the officers confirmed that some money had been made available for a Capacity Study to look at the issues facing Harston.

21-22/145 Harston Residents Group

- a. Councillor Pearce Gould had attended the HRG meeting, and the minutes had been circulated. The group had called for better liaison between the Parish Council and the Greener Harston Group. Councillor Harris referred to his earlier comments about communication with the group.

21-22/146 Website Update

The new website is under construction; Councillor Arnold is writing the copy for the site, and it is hoped it will go live before Christmas.

It was proposed by Councillor Pearce Gould, seconded by Councillor Bellamy and resolved that a separate email address is set up for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Clerk to arrange set up of email address.

21-22/147 To Agree Date for Annual Parish Meeting

- a. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Saturday 5th March.

21-22/148 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.

- Pavilion Redevelopment (new standing item)

21-22/149 Date of Next Meetings

January 6th 2022 (Village Hall)

The Chairman proposed that a note of thanks be sent to the church for use of the facilities over the past few months.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman:

Date: