

Harby Parish Council Minutes

Annual Parish Meeting 23rd March 2017 at Harby Village Hall

Start: 19:00	Finish: 19:30	Reference: 119/17
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Councillors Present: Cllr Howard, Cllr Medley, Cllr Nolan – Chairman, Cllr Parkin, Cllr Quibell and Cllr Rose. Cllr Dobson (District and County Cllr)

Apologies: Cllr Thursby (personal)

Members of the public present: 7

Clerk: Lydia Smithson

Item	Title and Decision
119/17/1	Minutes from last annual parish meeting. Noted.
119/17/2	Annual report from the Chairman “This year has seen Trevor medley being co-opted to the parish council. Maureen Dobson has continued to offer support and guidance to the Council, her words of wisdom are very much appreciated. Our PCSO Katie Hyde continues to keep the village safe and has forged links with Queen Eleanor primary school and has actively encouraged pupils to ensure their bikes and other valuable items are marked. The council has commenced a speed watch campaign with various members of the council and residents having been trained with regard to the operation of the speed gun. The last campaign saw over 50 motorists being reported to the police. All of which will receive letters advising them that excessive speeding through the village will not be tolerated. The Council’s finances are in good order and we continue to use the precept wisely. Sadly we will lose our current Clerk Lydia who has served the council for nearly seven years. However, due to family commitments she is no longer able to continue. There were three applicants interviewed for the Clerk’s position. A successful candidate has been identified and we hope to have them in place by the beginning of April. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lydia for all her support and guidance. You will be missed, but on behalf of the council thank you for all you have done and we wish you every happiness for the future.”
119/17/3	Annual report from County Councillor Maureen Dobson “Broadband has taken forever but by the end of June most of the division should be on broadband. Cllr Nolan has done extremely well in the Chairman’s role and the Council needs to continue to support her in the role. The Clerk has kept me well informed and I would like to thank her and will miss her. I love Harby dearly and the people who live here and want the parish to go from strength to strength. You have supported me in the two years since Vincent passed and I will be standing at the May elections.

Signed/Initials:

Chairman

Date:

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	The fire service at Collingham has been helping the East Midlands Ambulance Service, as first responders which been a huge success and is a way of keeping the fire station.”						
119/17/4	<p>Annual report from District Councillor Maureen Dobson</p> <p>“The three parishes have done a wonderful job on the Community Led Plan (CLP) and I am still here for 2 more years as a District Councillor. As the CLP showed, extra housing is needed to bring more young people into the village and keep the school going which is very important for Harby and surrounding villages. Thank you for friendship and help.”</p>						
119/17/5	<p>Collection of allotment and field rents</p> <p>Rents were collected prior to and at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment rent: £72. Outstanding rents to be chased. • Station Road field: £389. • Jowett’s Wood rent: £12. 						
119/17/6	<p>Parishioner time</p> <p>-</p>						
119/17/7	<p>Village hall report</p> <p>“It has been a disappointing year - income has remained stable but we could do with more regular and big bookings. Yoga and fitness have finished. There are still a number of regular bookings including art group, history group, craft circle, friends of Queen Eleanor, outside groups are valuable due to a higher rate – with Saxilby brownies hiring the hall/kitchen for baking, the surgery for vaccinations, and the hall is popular with cyclist groups.</p> <p><i>The will from Ms Withers left £20,000 which is ring-fenced for capital works and there is £12,000 in savings [updated from draft minutes to split out will and savings money] Signed: _____</i></p> <p>The running costs for the hall are quite high.</p> <p>We are also trying to secure new groups to support the communities wishes from CLP for new activities.</p> <p>Colin Wells has been an active Chairman since 1994 and has now retired he has been invaluable.”</p> <p>The income and expenditure for the village hall from 01.11.2015 to 31.10.2016 was as follows:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>£3,935.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£4,381.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss</td> <td>-£446.70</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Village Hall Secretary Janet Medley</i></p>	Income	£3,935.20	Expenditure	£4,381.90	Loss	-£446.70
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199/17/8	<p>Queen Eleanor school report</p> <p>“Last year was a hugely successful year for Queen Eleanor Primary – our SATS results at both KS1 and KS2 were excellent, and well above the national average. This is even more amazing when you consider that the new testing regime is</p>						

VERY challenging and more difficult than ever before. In November we went through an OFSTED Inspection and received GOOD in all categories. The Inspector was impressed with the caring ethos of our school; the children's behaviour around school; our exciting curriculum; our driving ambition and our dynamic staff.

Of course, academic results are not the be all and end all and Queen Eleanor is very proud of its broad, creative curriculum. To further engage and stimulate our pupils, we arrange special trips and activities whenever possible. Some of the highlights over the past year have been: visits to Gibraltar Point, the Buddhist Centre, Southwell Minster, Harby Church, Playzone, Daisymaid and Skellingthorpe Park; activity days for the Queen's 90th Birthday (culminating in 'High Tea' for invited elderly of the local village - all food made by the children), Diwali, Roald Dahl's Birthday and Anti-bullying Day; some children taking part in the Fashion Show, the Swimathon, the Year 6 Camp-Out and the Leavers' Disco and, not forgetting the school's commitment to charities, participating in the Shoebox Appeal, Christmas Jumper Day, Children in Need and Sport Relief. Also, our enterprising Year 6s planned and organised a Christmas Fayre which made over £400 for the School. Plans are now afoot for a Summer Fayre on July 7th.

School has strong partnerships with neighbouring schools who feed Tuxford Academy and we have attended a variety of sporting events, including the gymnastics festival, dance festival, tennis, tag rugby, orienteering, cricket, athletics, multi-skills and a music festival.

We also have film, gardening, art, netball, football, drama, chess and ICT clubs! Other clubs run by outside agencies have included guitar, kurling, golf and cricket.

Following two successful meetings between the Parish Council and Queen Eleanor Primary School to discuss how the two organisations could work closely together, for the benefit of

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On 25th November PCSO Hyde came into school to safety mark children's bikes and other property.

Hurricane Sports have delivered PE sessions to our KS1 and KS2 pupils – the children really enjoyed themselves and had great fun as well as increasing their

	<p>sporting skills.</p> <p>Hurricane Sports held a session for parents to discuss the Holiday Activity Clubs they will be running this Easter at Queen Eleanor School. Hopefully, lots of parents will sign their children up for these fun days.</p> <p>The School is looking forward to continuing its association with the Parish Council and several other projects are already in the pipeline!</p> <p>We have a thriving Breakfast and After School Club to provide the wrap-around care sometimes needed by parents in their busy schedules. Pupils enjoy a range of creative activities and games during these times.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Queen Eleanor for their fabulous support in continuing to raise money for the school and provide lots of 'extras' we would not be able to give to our pupils. Over the past year they have organised a Halloween experience, Chocolate Bingo, a sponsored Cycle Ride and paid for our annual Panto trip.</p> <p>And finally the school staff would like to thank the parents, friends and villagers who have contributed so much to the school.</p> <p><i>Jill Woolnough, Assistant Headteacher</i></p>
1199/17/9	<p>Playing field committee report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car boots start on Sunday April 9th and are held bi-weekly. • Caravan rallies continue to be popular with the Swift caravan rally annual meet and also a fire service rally being held. • There is a healthy bank balance with £15,000 but running costs are around £5,000 each year so car boots and bonfire night are needed to sustain the field. • Novembers bonfire night had a record attendance. • No immediate work is required. <p><i>Diane Hogg, Secretary.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Dobson left.</i></p>