

Harby Parish Council Minutes

Annual Parish Meeting 19 March 2015 at Harby Village Hall

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Councillors Present: Richard Croft (RC), Neville Holmes (NH), John Howard (JH), Caroline Nolan (CN), Stuart Parkin (SP), Diane Quibell (DQ) and Jayne Rose (JR).
Cllr Dobson (County Council), Cllr Shaw (District Council) and Cllr Shillito (District Council).
Clerk: Lydia Smithson.

Item	Title and Decision
079/15/1	Minutes from last annual parish meeting. Noted.
079/15/2	Annual report from the Chairman "On Monday 16 th May 1955, the first Harby Parish Council meeting was held in Harby Village Hall. 60 years later, there have been 3 clerks, 39 Parish Councillors and 9 Chairmen. In May 2014, after 15 years, Tom Chapman resigned due to relocation and John Howard was co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council and a return of Richard Shillito as our District Councillor. Once again I recognise the marvellous work of Harby Parish Clerk, Lydia Smithson, who has made further improvements to council governance with revised policies and procedures and significantly, moving from antiquated banking procedures to online banking. Notably, Harby parishioner's money is spent wisely and responsibly, with a working balance of just over £4,600 in the current account. My 2014 report to the Annual Parish Meeting recognised the retirement of County Councillor Vincent Dobson after 20 years representing us on Nottinghamshire County Council, and welcomed County Councillor Maureen Dobson. Sadly Vincent recently passed away but will be fondly remembered for his sense of humour, ability to get things done and his first loyalty to his constituents above party politics. There's an election on 7 th May when the good people of Harby will elect the Parish Council for the next four years. Two current Harby Parish councillors continue to set new records for long service 26 years Neville Holmes and 24 years Stuart Parkin. They are the longest serving Harby parish councillors ever. I hope they will continue to bring their experience and wisdom to council proceedings for many more years. Looking ahead, we look forward to the publication of the Community Led Plan to help provide a framework for proactive work by Harby Parish Council."
079/15/3	Annual report from County Councillor Dobson Cllr Dobson thanked the Council and Parish for their support over the last year. The County Council's investigation work in relation to flooding at Wigsley over the old aerodrome has identified a largely serviceable drainage system, which with an expected 2 days work can be made operational. This is expected to be in the 2016 budget. The library bus may still be at risk so Cllr Dobson invited the parish to still consider the library at the village hall.

079/15/4	<p>Annual report from District Councillors Cllr Evans and Cllr Shillito thanked the Parish Council for their support and noted they had provided assistance wherever possible, particularly in relation to planning consultations. The latest Bottle and Glass pub application is expected to be called in for a planning committee decision.</p>
079/15/5	<p>Collection of allotment and field rents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSDC allotments off Wigsley Road: £40 total - £10 outstanding. • Wigsley Road allotments: £30. • Station Road field: £389. • Jowett's Wood rent: £8.
079/15/6	<p>Parishioner time</p> <p>Jowett's Wood boundary (see meeting ref 080/15/6a).</p> <p>Faster broadband was called for. Cllr Dobson noted this will eventually occur through the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Scheme.</p>
079/15/7	<p>Village hall report</p> <p>The secretary thanked the Council for the grant towards the re-decoration. Other work completed included the wooden floor being stripped and re-polished.</p> <p>A regular source of income through the dog training sessions has now ended. Colin Wells was given thanks for all his work over many years in the role of Chairman, and he is now stepping down from this role but remaining on the committee. Residents were invited to become involved on the committee. The committee has also been notified that the hall is a beneficiary from C.Withers will.</p> <p>Village Hall finances 01.11.13 - 31.10.14: Opening balance £13,451, income £7,728, expenditure £5,326, closing balance £15,853. <i>Janet Medley.</i></p>
079/15/8	<p>Queen Eleanor school report</p> <p>"Queen Eleanor Primary continues to go from strength to strength; after a short period of falling roll we have seen a steady influx of children over the year which of course we are delighted about. We now have 47 pupils which is fantastic!</p> <p>During the year we have tidied up the outside area and done some essential maintenance work-new windows to the rear of the old building were expertly installed by East Yorkshire Windows at a very reasonable price.</p> <p>The Biomass boiler, which was timetabled for an October 2013 install, was completed over February half term and is now up and running; the boiler and its hopper are located in a huge compartmentalised building that arrived ready to install. So far we are very pleased with how it seems to work, although it is very early days! This heats the hall and main school building, so we can now remove the propane boiler that was using a canister of gas a week! Very expensive!</p> <p>The children of course are our real strength and they are working really hard. Last years SATS results (Statutory Attainment Tests) at Ks1 and 2 were excellent and our pupils are making good progress this year. Staff have worked really hard to introduce the new curriculum which has more of a bias towards grammar, food technology and sports! They are also having to invent their own assessment systems since the government have removed levels but not replaced them with</p>

	<p>anything!!!! However as well as academic success we still manage to keep those other subjects that seem to be less important to some of the powers at be at the forefront of our education. We pride ourselves in our curriculum which we hope is broad and balanced, and the children certainly seem to enjoy it. We continue to produce summer plays, compete in a variety of sporting events and now provide a breakfast and after school club for child care purposes, support a mother and toddler group and we also provide a variety of after school clubs including cricket, multi-skills and football.</p> <p>This couldn't be done without the hard work and dedication of the staff but also a fantastic group of volunteers who give their time tirelessly for the good of the children. We would like to thank you all for your support.” <i>Mr Bingham Head Teacher.</i></p>
079/15/9	<p>Playing field committee report. “Despite high expenditure including new play equipment, grass cutting and general maintenance the accounts are healthy. Car boots continue to bring in good revenue and the bonfire night was a huge success, estimated attendance over 2000 people. The car boots ran by other groups helped them raise many hundreds of pounds and the holding of the village show on the field show how important the area is to the village. We have a healthy number of people on the committee so we are in a strong position.” <i>Steve Hogg Chairman.</i></p>