

Harby Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 19th March 2020 at Harby Village Hall



Start: 19:00	Finish: 19:38	Reference:154/20
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Councillors Present: C Dallamore, A Durber, C Nolan (Chair), T Medley, J Rose

District Councillor Dales

Clerk: Caron Ballantyne

Members of the public present: 1 member of the public present

Item	Title and Decision
154/20/1	Apologies for absence Apologies received from Councillor Waby, resolved to accept the reasons for absence. Apologies received from County & District Councillor Dobson noted
154/20/2	To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 4 April 2019 Minutes agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair
154/20/3	Chairs Report on Parish Events Firstly I would like to thank all Councillors for their contribution over the past year, and also take this opportunity of formally welcoming the three new councillors who joined the Council in May 2019. We still have a vacancy on the Council and would like all parishioners to consider if they could fill this position. Special thanks must go to our superb Clerk Caron who without fail manages to keep us all well informed, financially compliant and in good order! Maureen Dobson and Linda Dales our District/County Councillors have been a tremendous support with various issues and this has been greatly appreciated. During the past year Harby Parish has seen the repairs to the bridge being carried out and the majority of our Pavement's re-laid. The annual walk about by the Council highlighted several issues and we are pleased to report that most have been rectified or are in the process of being so. This includes the cutting back of hedges on the Millfield allotments. We continued this year in displaying poppies on the village lamp posts. Additional supplies have been purchased with an aim of loaning them to the school to enhance their VE day celebrations, however this now may not happen. The whole world is now in turmoil with the current pandemic, it is good to note that already parishioners are offering help and support to elderly residents and those less able to get out. Long may this continue!
154/20/4	Provisional Draft Governance Statement and financial report for the year 2019/20: The provisional draft end of year financial documents were presented for information.
154/20/5	Open Forum for Parishioner's comments and questions There has been a break in and a bike was stolen from a garage. There have been another couple of bikes stolen in the village this week. Residents need to be vigilant and ensure that all doors, including sheds and garages are kept locked. This is a concern and the PC for this area will be contacted and the Community Protection Team at NSDC. Church Road lamp column which is now missing following an incident with a vehicle. NCC have made this safe and the clerk has requested a timescale for its replacement, as yet there has been no response

Representatives of groups within the Parish to report on progress in the last year and plans for the future

Written Report for Queen Eleanor Primary School from the Acting Headteacher

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. 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 Brackenhurst (Exploring rockets), Woolsthorpe Manor, a Viking Day, Alton Towers, Mosque visit, Zoolab, Forensic Science day, Wake Up Shake Up, Jingle Jog, NSPCC workshops, DARE, Anti-bullying Day, PGL, Hathersage, with some children taking part in a Fashion Show, the Year 6 Camp-Out, Year 5 and 6 Playleader training and the Leavers' Disco and, not forgetting the school's commitment to charities, participating in the Shoebox Appeal, Christmas Jumper Day, Children in Need, Red Nose Day and Sport Relief.

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, orienteering, cricket, athletics, multi-skills and a music festival.

We also have film, gardening, sewing, crochet, drama, chess and cooking clubs! Other clubs run by outside agencies have included golf and multi-skills.

The School is looking forward to continuing its association with the Parish Council and we are hoping to fund some special VE Day celebrations together.

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.

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 Summer Fayre (with a hilarious 'messy run'), Chocolate Bingo, a sponsored Cycle Ride and paid for our annual Panto trip and a brilliant Clay experience.

And finally the school staff would like to thank the parents, friends and villagers who have contributed so much to the school. We really do appreciate everything you do- we really are a 'Community School!'

Written Report for Harby Village Hall from Janet Medley

It seems to have been a busy year, with number of bookings gradually creeping up. It is growing increasingly popular for Children's parties, in 2017 we had 8, in 2019 we had 14. The other regular Clubs keep going, but they are all in need of additional members to make them more viable. We currently have the History Group, the Craft Circle, Yoga, 50+ Active group, Toddlers and the Art Group. The Art Group have just increased their usage from once every two weeks to a weekly group.

Other usage tends to be for meetings, elections and private parties and of course the dancing dogs! The Post Office continues to open twice a week and brings in an annual rent of £1,000.

We have the same core of members on the Management Committee, but have recently welcomed two new members in Tom Whittaker and Chris Medley. Sue Paine is proving to be an excellent caretaker and keeps the hall clean and ready for each new booking. Foxtrot and Oscar Ltd have booked a series of dates for their new venture which is hiring the hall for Licenced Functions.

Upkeep of the hall is a continuous programme which either the Committee do as volunteers or we have to get the professionals in. We have really struggled and are still struggling to get an electrician to install new heaters and lights. We agreed an increase in lettings charges at our AGM in November; but to help our local bookings flourish we only increased the 'out of village rate.' We are currently looking at introducing a Commercial Rate, when companies hire the hall to make a financial profit.

We have written an Emergency Evacuation, Fire Procedures and Lock-down plan which goes to all regular bookings once each year and individual bookings as they occur. Part one is to get you out of the building as quickly and safely as possible; the part two is how to respond to an incident outside the hall and to stay safely locked inside and contact emergency services from within the hall. Copies are available on the Village Hall notice board.

Finally, we have still retained our healthy bank account; thanks in the main to Catherine Wither's Legacy of £30k. We have decided to purchase 2 new notice boards, in memory of her. They have finally arrived and when Committee members get the opportunity will be erected.

PS. In the last three days all Clubs have cancelled their bookings for the foreseeable future due to the Coronavirus outbreak in the UK.

Report for Community Led Plan (CLP) from Jayne Rose

The Monitoring Group continues to meet approximately every 3 months. Each village also has a Working Party, which meets when necessary.

Joint Issues

- Mobile phone signal – each village completed a petition about resident's feelings. Harby had over 100 signatures, with everyone commenting on the poor quality of the signal. Maureen Dobson has taken this to Notts County Council and the providers without much success and is still pursuing it. It has been noticed that there has been some improvement in the signal recently.
- Improve information on website – Harby has the website with Facebook used to send out notifications. Whilst Wigsley and Thorney use Facebook. This was particularly useful when the Fireworks and Bonfire were cancelled in November.
- Anti-social behaviour – representatives from all three villages continue to attend the local Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings.
- Gritting – thanks to support from Maureen Dobson the gritter will now take a route through our area if the weather is severe.
- Access to Cycle Track at Thorney Bridge – Clive Thompson is been working with Notts CC and Railway Paths to obtain an agreement for an informal path. He has secured some LIS Funding to purchase materials. Further local fundraising will be needed.

Harby Issues

- Additional groups and activities – a variety of groups regularly meet in the Village Hall – Toddlers, Over 50s activity sessions, Yoga, Craft Circle and Harby Art Group.

5 Year Celebration

It is 5 years since we published and distributed the Harby Thorney Wigsley Community Led Plan. We have discussed holding a community event, possibly in Sept., to celebrate what has been achieved and to raise awareness of it for new residents that have moved into the area more recently.

Report for Harby Playing Fields from Diane Quibell

All car boots have been cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the Corona Virus

	<p>The bonfire was cancelled in November due to the weather and therefore there have been losses incurred as all food etc had been purchased The bonfire planned for the VE celebrations will continue to be reviewed in light of the current situation and restrictions in place on social activities</p> <p>Reports from District Councillor Dales:</p> <p>NSDC “Time to talk” Mental Health Campaign On 26th Feb NSDC signed the Time To Change Employer Pledge, which is a commitment to drive change on how we think and act about mental health at every level of the organisation. This will be rolled out to councillors, and then out into our communities Training is scheduled for staff and member champions, and we are planning some ‘in the community’ events such as “Health Roadshows” and pop-up stalls at local venues.</p> <p>Collingham Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG) This is a group of volunteers who work together on behalf of the patients at Collingham Medical Centre. Our purpose is to make stronger the relationship between patients and CMC, which is critical to the provision of modern, high quality general practice. Primary aim is to collect information and feedback, from patients into the CMC and also back out from the CMC to the patients (and wider community). (CMC has 7150 patients in 34 villages across 132 square miles and two counties) Feedback is then worked on jointly PPG/CMC and the PPG support the CMC in delivering improvement initiatives and helping to communicate out the answers to FAQs (eg “why does it take so long to see a GP”) We talk to Community Groups – please let us know if we can come and talk to any here in Harby. Or if you have a village fair then please can we have a stall? Check the CMC website, fill in an FFT form when you go in (or online) <i>(PPG Meetings are currently suspended due to COVID-19 but we have a drop-box in the surgery or the surgery will pass a message to us to contact you)</i></p> <p>Collingham Rural Advice and Resources Centres This service is up-and-running again, and is now being delivered by Citizens Advice Service, at Collingham Memorial Hall, every Tuesday. Drop-in sessions in the morning or appointments or home visits can be booked for the afternoon. Collingham phone number is 01636 893241 or Citizens Advice number is 01623 861769 The service offers free, confidential and impartial advice and information to anyone, across all of our villages (i.e. not just Collingham), and includes debt, benefits, employment, housing and immigration. Please help spread the word. <i>COVID-19 update: the office is closed for face-to-face sessions for the time being, but we are still operational. Please phone 01623 869086 for assistance</i></p>
154/20/7	<p>Collection of allotment rents Rents were collected prior to, at the meeting and the following day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment rent: £150.00 • Station Road field: £389 • Jowett’s Wood rent: £15