

Harby Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 17th March 2022 at Harby Village Hall



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| Start: 19:00 | Finish: 19:24 | Reference:172/22 |
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Councillors Present: C Dallamore, A Durber, C Nolan (Chair), T Medley, J Rose and A Waby
Clerk: Caron Ballantyne
Members of the public present: 2 members of the public present

| Item | Title and Decision |
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| 172/22/1 | Apologies for absence Apologies received from Councillor Howitt noted Apologies received from County Councillor Darby, District Councillor Dales and Davis, noted |
| 172/22/2 | To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 19 March 2020 Minutes agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair |
| 172/22/3 | Chairs Report on Parish Events It is two years since we had our last Annual Parish meeting and how the world has changed! Firstly, I would like to give my thanks to Caron our Parish Clerk. Caron continues to provide support and guidance to the Council and I cannot express how much she is appreciated. "Thank you Caron" this comes from both myself personally and the Council as a whole. Also welcome to Hayley Howitt who joined the Council last year, filling the advertised vacancy. District Councillor Linda Dales has given tremendous support to the Parish and this is very much appreciated, again thank you! Sadly, our County Councillor Maureen Dobson passed away and the Parish Council are grateful for the work she did on our behalf. We would like to welcome Debbie Darby as our new County Councillor and look forward to her attending our meetings. 2020 saw the renovation of the Bottle and Glass public house and the Parish Council has ensured it remains a public house by applying to Newark and Sherwood District council to make it an Asset of Community Value. It is good to see how well utilised the Pub is. Whilst speeding traffic through the Village continues to be an issue, the Parish now has a group of volunteers who are able to assist with speed watch sessions. This has resulted in an extremely large number of letters being sent out by the Police. Please, if you are concerned about traffic passing through the Village consider joining this group of volunteers. The Darbyshire Close area of the village has received a lot of attention over the past year with the installation of a new picnic bench, courtesy of Newark and Sherwood District Council and also following the felling of a diseased tree, the District Council were able to transform it into a bench for the residents at no cost to the Parish. The Council has continued to display Poppies in memory of the fallen. Going forward the Council are looking to improve the parking near to the cycle track entrance to prevent cars parking on the pavement, which causes problems for mobility scooters, pushchairs and pedestrians in general. The Police have been very supportive and have been extremely successful in contacting motorists who park inconsiderately. You will soon see warning signs when approaching the Village from North Harby, advising that motorists are approaching a residential area and that a 30mph limit is in force. The Council continue to walk around the Parish identifying issues. However, if you see anything that we should know about, please do not hesitate to let us know. |

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| 172/22/4 | <p>Draft Governance Statement and financial report for the year 2021/22: The provisional draft end of year financial documents were presented for information.</p> |
| 172/22/5 | <p>Open Forum for Parishioner's comments and questions No comments or questions</p> |
| 172/22/6 | <p>Representatives of groups within the Parish to report on progress in the last year and plans for the future</p> <p><i>Written Report from Harby History Society</i> Like most other organisations we were inactive for a long time. We held a meeting in February 2020 but only managed to resume in May 2021. Since then, we have had 3 successful outdoor trips & 5 indoor meetings at the Village Hall. Since January we have greeted some new members & also seen the return of a few members who haven't been for several years. Ideas for future meetings are always welcomed but meanwhile we have a full calendar to the end of 2022 & some bookings of speakers has already taken place for 2023.</p> <p><i>Written Report for Harby Playing Fields from John Howard, Chairman</i> Spring has arrived on the playing field and activity has continued to grow with a number of new initiatives bursting into life. The Pavilion Community Bar has been open for its first two weekends and has proved very popular. The community bar area has been furnished with 'new' tables and chairs to compliment the very professional bar. Also, we send a big thank-you to Milly and Bill Turner for donating a display fridge to the playing field. Phil Haywood and his team from Foxtrot & Oscar have provided a fantastic friendly service to all visitors. Their offer includes beers, lagers, wines, cocktails and snacks (including doggy treats). Phil has also provided darts, music and the screening of the rugby internationals. We have also added hot pie, sausage rolls and mushy peas to the menu. Don't forget the Happy Hour specials on a Sunday! Attendance has been excellent from villagers and those from further afield and helped everyone to get to know each other a little better. If you have any feedback, good or bad, please tell us your thoughts. We intend to continue with these events throughout the year, opening dates and times will be advertised on flyers, websites and other media so please watch out for the dates and come down and enjoy time with new and old friends. A new football team has been selected to become Harby FC and will play in the Lincolnshire Sunday League from September 2022. This is the first time that Harby has entered a team for many years and revives one of the fundamental uses of the field. Friendly games will commence in August, with training nights throughout the pre-season period. We hope that some villagers will turn out for training and even play for the team, if you can't quite manage that these days, then do come and offer your support on Sunday mornings. The play equipment area has been well used throughout the past months, particularly in the after-school hours. Thanks to the parents who have braved the weather and who have also kept the area clean and tidy. We are exploring a grant to plant more trees in the play area and around the perimeter of the main field along with hedges infill. This will enhance the environment and give a pleasing autumn display. If we are successful there will be a community planting day to involve the whole village. We seem to have the moles a little more under control with the help of our new contractor, this will allow safer use of the football pitch and the play area.</p> |

The Multi Use Games Area is a target for improvement this year, quotations have been obtained for various levels of maintenance and resurfacing. We are investigating grant opportunities before we take action.

The Bowls Club is low on members and has withdrawn from the leagues this year. The playing field is working with the members to review the situation. The club has been in existence for over 70 years so let's work hard to help it evolve and flourish. Car Boots will start from 10th April, please support these as all proceeds are reinvested in the village through the many groups who help to run the events. This year we hope to provide the food and drinks ourselves so if you can help, let us know.

We are working with the village groups to provide a special day to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee with music and food on the playing field on 4th June.

A new Harby Food and Craft show is planned for 30th July which we hope will develop into a regular event to showcase local produce and skills.

Bonfire night planning has already started for the 5th of November and we will once again need your help and support.

Other plans include

- More car shows after the success last year
- Caravan clubs
- Music events
- Children's games

A spring clear up event is planned for the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of April, there's lots to do to prepare your village playing fields for the summer, please volunteer or just turn up on the day.

Don't forget that the Pavilion is available for hire through Pat Mackenzie on 01522 702906

Thanks to all those who help us and those who use these village facilities.

Report for Harby Village Hall from Jayne Rose

When the first Lockdown was introduced in March 2020 everything stopped in the Hall apart from the Post Office. The village was lucky to be able to have continued access to their services.

The lack of bookings obviously affected the income and in 2020 we were able to access a £10,000 grant. This was very useful because, for the rest of the year, there were some periods when small groups were able to meet e.g., the Art Group with just 6 members. But then the second Lockdown stopped all groups completely. In the middle of 2021, the restrictions started to ease and with caution and mitigating features such as ventilation and social distancing, most of the regular groups returned. In 2021 we secured a grant of £2,096 which made our end of financial year deficit £634.

In 2020 we became a member of RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire) who along with ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) provide support for rural communities. They were able make sense of all the Government restrictions and explain what community buildings should and could do, as well as providing documentation such as Risk Assessment formats, posters etc.

Virtually all of the regular groups have now returned, as well as the children's party bookings. Unfortunately the Toddler Group is not currently meeting, as the most recent organiser stepped down at Christmas. We are very keen for the group to continue and hope to find one or two people to take it on.

A few months ago we looked at some quotes for putting solar panels on the hall roof. We decided not to go forward with the idea; but it may be something to revisit in the future. Some maintenance is needed on the brickwork by both entrance ramps and some new heaters have been ordered for the lounge.

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| | <p>We have had a couple of new members join us in the last 2 years, giving us a spread of ages within the committee. Our most immediate challenge is how to keep the car parking spaces available for our hirers.</p> <p>Report for Community Led Plan (CLP) from Jayne Rose 2 years ago we were preparing to celebrate 5 years since the launch of the Community Led Plan. Unfortunately, that didn't happen and very little has happened since. Mobile phone signal, Broadband and Fibre to Property can still be problematic to some properties in the area. Access to the Cycle Path at the Wigsley bridge is still ongoing with funding hopefully in place to put down a hard surface to the main path. £36 was given to the new WH&T Going Green group to be able to set up a website. The CLP Monitoring Group met last week, mainly to discuss closing the bank account, because HSBC is now charging us £5 a month. There is approximately £583 in the account and we will be asking Harby Parish Council if they would hold the money for us. There are 3 years left and it took us nearly 2 years to complete the consultations etc. for the current CLP document. In the next year there will need to be discussions between the 3 villages regarding how to proceed.</p> |
| 172/22/7 | <p>Collection of allotment rents Rents were collected prior to and at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment rent: £129.00. Outstanding rents to be chased. • Station Road field: £389 • Jowett's Wood rent: £15 |