

Harby Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 21st March 2024 at Harby Village Hall



Start: 19:00

Finish: 19:25

Reference:192/24

Councillors Present: C Dallamore, H Howitt, T Medley, J Patounas, J Rose (Chair) and J Statham

Clerk: C Ballantyne

Members of the public present: 2 members of the public present

Item	Title and Decision
192/24/1	Apologies for absence Apologies received from Councillor Nolan noted Apologies received from District Councillors Dales and Farmer, noted
192/24/2	To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16 March 2023 Minutes agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair
192/24/3	<p>I start my report by saying a massive thank you to Caron our Clerk, her hard work, knowledge and professionalism ensures the council operates responsibly and within our legal framework.</p> <p>2023 has welcomed two new councillors Jonny Statham and Joanne Patounas, the council now has a full complement of councillors and we look forward to working together for the benefit of the Parish. Please speak to us if you have any concerns or issues you wish to raise.</p> <p>Thank you to our District councillors Linda Dales and Phil Farmer who have continued to support Harby over the past year.</p> <p>The new Notice board which we purchased last year has now been installed. The council would like to thank all the Parishioners who arrived promptly one Sunday morning to help to ensure it was erected safely. Thank you.</p> <p>A bench has been bought by the council which has now been positioned adjacent to the notice board. This follows a conversation with a resident who mentioned that it would be nice for residents to have somewhere to rest and chat with others. We hope it will bring pleasure to many residents.</p> <p>The community continues to help with ongoing issues including Speeding traffic and Litter, it is always good to see people pull together to combat these issues.</p> <p>2023 was the year of the King's coronation and the Village celebrated in its usual way with a street party. The working party did an excellent job, Well done everyone involved.</p> <p>The councillors continue to hold an annual walk around the village to highlight any issues that need addressing like broken drain covers and potholes.</p> <p>There are now several vacant allotments on Wigsley Road. The annual rent is very reasonable, please contact Caron for further information if you would like to rent a plot. (Various sizes are available)</p>
192/24/4	Draft Governance Statement and financial report for the year 2023/24: The provisional draft end of year financial documents were presented for information.
192/24/5	Open Forum for Parishioner's comments and questions Newark & Sherwood District Council housing liaison resident continues to report issues as part of the tenancy walkabouts

Signed/Initials:

Chairman

Date:

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192/24/6	<p>Representatives of groups within the Parish to report on progress in the last year and plans for the future</p> <p><i>Report from Harby Playing Fields from Trevor Medley</i> Several events were held last year, but unfortunately the bonfire had to be cancelled in 2023 due to the weather, this has resulted in a lack of funding as this is the largest fundraiser of the year. Improvements were made to the building last year New members of the committee are being sought to continue to undertake the improvements to the site and manage the events for fundraising purposes</p> <p><i>Report for Harby Village Hall from Jayne Rose</i> I feel that the last year has been steady in the Hall. The Toddler Group is still meeting with a small number of regular young attendees; as the older 3 & 4 year olds now go to the Nursery Class at School. Craft Circle re-started in October and has a small number of attendees. As we are lucky to have a reasonable financial situation, we have been able to support both groups with some free sessions. Our other regular groups are Art Group and History Group. A new Bat & Chat table tennis group started in January, which has a mixed age group of participants. The Outreach Post Office still attends every Monday and Thursday afternoons. Unfortunately, their hours have been reduced by an hour to 1.00pm – 3.00pm. We supported the village Coronation Celebrations last year with free fundraising sessions and provided the tables for the Street Party. At our AGM in November, Janet Medley stepped down from the Committee after over 40 years, a lot of it as Clerk and Booking Clerk. We thanked Janet for all her hard work and support during that time. The Committee meets every 2-3months and are actively looking to recruit some new members. At a recent Committee Meeting the Hiring Charges were reviewed and it was decided to put in place one rate for all bookings. Hopefully to encourage people from out of Harby. Hiring Charges are now: Hall only £11 per hour Lounge only £5.50 per hour The paintwork has been refreshed in the Main Hall. After a Fire Safety Assessment in January, we were given a number of action points which we are currently working on. As part of Village Halls week, on Saturday morning, we will be holding a free Community Cuppa event.</p> <p><i>Report from Queen Eleanor School from Jonny Statham</i> Since last year we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reestablished the school garden - planting beds and replanted vegetables • established Eco Warriors within school to make school more energy efficient. • We tried to do a crop drop for the village but did not receive any donations other than pears and rhubarb from the garden. • We have entered the Lincolnshire Show's School Challenge where we will show this year's produce. • We are also developing a forest area within school.
192/24/7	<p>Collection of allotment rents Rents were collected prior to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment rent: £100.00. Outstanding rents to be chased • Station Road field: £389 • Jowett's Wood rent: £15