

# HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Clerk: Ms. Caroline Boyden. Chairman: Mr. Brian Chandler.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

**No questions or comments from members of the public**

**001/23 Present:** Cllrs B. Chandler (Chairman), N. Steed, S. Rose, A. Case, J. Pocklington, P. Peak, C. Alexandra-Kaye. County Councillor M. Chenery and Clerk (C Boyden)  
No members of the public.

**002/23 Apologies:** Cllr Moriarty

**003/23 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Case- item 7d

**004/23 To approve the draft minutes** from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. Proposed by Cllr Steed and all in favour who were present at that meeting.

**005/23** To receive report from County Councillor Chenery:  
The NCC general report had been sent out to all councillors and Cllr Chenery advised that his role as champion for the mental health trust now included older people. This role was extremely busy along with his role with the County Council records department.

**006/23** To receive report from the Borough Councillor Moriarty:

Small grants of up to £200 are available for those who are hoping to organise Coronation related activities or events in their parish, for example:

- Street parties or community picnics;
- Commemorative benches or trees;
- Community orchards or wildflower gardens.

This fund is open to local constituted sports clubs, community groups, clubs, parish and town councils, schools and charity organisations.

A fund of £13,500 in total has been earmarked for this scheme. To bid for funding, groups should visit [Norfolk Community Foundation](#) and complete the short application form. Applications must be received by noon on 21 February 2023 in order to be considered.

Applications will be considered by the funding panel in March and the funds released to successful applicants later in April.

[More details and apply for the grant here.](#)

Deadline for applications to the West Norfolk Coronation Fund: 21 February 2023.

#### Member Fund

As last year, there is a Community Fund (total £1000) and last year I was able to give some funds to Hillington Ladies, West Acre theatre and Harpley Village Hall - a reminder to the last two to apply wouldn't go amiss.

[https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community\\_grants/913/councillor\\_community\\_grant\\_scheme](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants/913/councillor_community_grant_scheme)

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk has been notified of the results of Levelling Up bids in the borough – and it's good news for the Southgates Masterplan.

The plan will see investment in regeneration of the Southgates area, and redevelopment of the area around the South Gate itself, to create a new park and enhance one of the most important heritage assets in King's Lynn.

The Southgates area has functioned as the southern entrance into King's Lynn since the 15<sup>th</sup> century and is full of heritage assets that illustrate the town's historical significance, most notably the iconic South Gate itself.

It is now identified as a strategic area for regeneration in the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council's Heritage Action Zone Programme, the King's Lynn Transport Strategy and the Town Investment Plan, all of which recognise its potential to create an improved entrance and major economic asset.

The Oasis bid was not successful on its first attempt. The Oasis plan proposed a state-of-the-art new leisure centre for Hunstanton, which would support both the tourism industry and provide new facilities that residents could enjoy all year round. The council will shortly receive detailed feedback on its bid, which will allow it to consider next steps.

Jim Moriarty  
Massingham with Castle Acre Ward

#### **007/23 Matters outstanding:**

- a. Playground – gates: Cllr Chandler had another quotation and it was decided to remove the old, rusty gate as it serves no purpose.

#### **008/23 Correspondence and communications received**

- a. Ranger's request – Large Pothole on Back Street just before the Church Lane turn and bushes require cutting back on the right hand side of Cross Street.
- b. Payback Team – still no information as to when they will return.

- c. Grit Bins – These have been checked and Cllr Chenery will arrange for the Highways team to see during their site visit.
- d. Permissive path between Harpley and Great Massingham – again Cllr Chenery to discuss with Highways and update at the next meeting.
- e. Proposed use of the old railway line from King’s Lynn to Fakenham as a leisure facility discussed and Cllr Chenery to find more information. ACTIONS Cllr Chenery
- f. Coronation funding – small funds of £200 are available from Borough and Clerk will apply once advised on the events it would go towards.
- g. Clerk to chase order for SAM brackets from Westcotec and ask Mr. Campbell to concrete into the ground, all legs of the new bench. ACTION Clerk

**009/23 Planning** – no new applications or decisions.

**010/23 Finance:**

- a. To approve the bank statements, reconciliation, and payments/receipts from November to December 22, proposed Cllr Peak and all in favour.
- b. To approve the payments for January 23 Proposed Cllr Steed and all in favour.
- c. Qtr. 3 financial review discussed and accepted by all present.

**011/23 Highways Matters:**

Ownership of the Back Street Pond – no further update from Highways.

**012/23 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:**

- a. Highways site visits with Cllr Chenery
- b. Borough & Parish Elections

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **30<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**, in the Village Hall from 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 20.10 hrs.