

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors B Chandler, A Case, P Peak, C Alexandra-Kaye & N Steed.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr J Pocklington.
3. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2022.
4. Chairman's Report: The Chairman gave the following report to the meeting.
"The Council has met on six occasions in the past year. The minutes of these meetings can be seen on our parish website harpleypc.info and on the village noticeboard.

The playground is back to normal, having had over £12,000 spent on repairs to the equipment. This money was raised from CIL funding and a generous donation from the Houghton Estate. A commemorative bench celebrating the late Queen's Jubilee was purchased and installed in the playground.

The village continues to benefit from the efforts of the Council Rangers, who come in periodically to sweep pavements, clean signs, clear drains and generally keep the area tidy. If villagers see any issues, they feel need dealing with, please contact a member of the Council and we will pass it on. After a break over Winter the community payback team have returned carrying out tasks around the village hall and Brickyard Lane area. We thank them for their efforts.

This year with the help from Michael Chenery's fund we have purchased a new Speed Monitoring Device, which will be appearing at various sites in an effort to reduce speeding through the village.

In line with our new King's wishes and to help celebrate his coronation, a pack of wildflower seeds has been given to all the children at the school to scatter, in an effort to promote wild areas which are good for bees and other wildlife. Following the recent sad demise of Simon Barton, a popular member of the village, shortcomings over the operation of the defibrillator at the village hall were highlighted. This has resulted in a makeover for the equipment with a new cabinet and overhead lamp. An educational session on the use of the defibrillator was organised by Ann Garner. The event was well attended, and valuable knowledge gained.

The Parish Council welcomed a new Councillor in December, Catherine Alexandra-Kaye who is taking a keen interest in the school and playground. Sadly, we are losing Councillor Rose and our parish clerk Caroline Boyden. I would like to thank them for their valuable contributions to the needs of the village.

Reports from village organised are tabled separately and attached to these minutes.

Councillors will continue to work in your best interests dealing with matters mundane and those more serious.

On a personal note, as I no longer live in the village, I am not able to sit on the Parish Council and so reluctantly have to stand down. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their kind wishes and gifts. Wishing you all the best for the future. Brian Chandler.

5. Borough Councillors Annual Report – will be attached to the minutes.
6. County Councillors Annual Report – will be attached to the minutes.
7. Village Hall, School & Community Car Reports – will be attached to the minutes.
8. Open Form – No questions.