

Harby Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 4th April 2019 at Harby Village Hall



Start: 19:00	Finish: 19:46	Reference:144/19
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Councillors Present: C Nolan (Chair), T Medley, S Parkin, D Quibell, J Rose

Clerk: Caron Ballantyne

Members of the public present: 4 members of the public present

Item	Title and Decision
144/19/1	Apologies for absence Apologies received from County & District Councillor Dobson noted
144/19/2	To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 5 April 2018 Minutes agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair
144/19/3	Chairs Report on Parish Events Firstly, I would like to thank all Councillors for their contribution over the last 12 months. A special thank you must go to Caron our clerk who has again kept the council on the straight and narrow. Her knowledge and expertise is very much appreciated. Maureen Dobson has again been a tremendous support and has been instrumental in ensuring necessary project and issues have been brought to the attention of both the District and County councils. Thank you also for funding the recently purchased laptop. Harby Parish council would like to wish you every success in the forthcoming elections. Over the past 12 months the council has worked hard to make improvements within the village. This has included repainting the Village Sign, moving grit bins to move appropriate places and a very successful speedwatch campaign Fencing off the Millfield allotments, improving the informal bus stop, and clearing the dyke. The Remembrance poppies we appreciated by residents and more have now been purchased to ensure that all roads are decorated this year, including High street. May will see a new Council being formed and at the time of writing this report am unsure if we will have an election or not. However, some Councillors have decided not to stand for re-election. I would like to wish them well and thank them for their contribution over the past few years. Special thanks must go to Stuart Parkin who have been on Harby Parish Council for over 25 years. Your knowledge and wisdom and common-sense approach will be missed.
144/19/4	Draft Governance Statement and financial report for the year 2018/19: The draft end of year financial documents were presented for information.
144/19/5	Open Forum for Parishioner's comments and questions A car accident occurred this morning on Station Road with speeding being cited as the cause, the parents had just dropped off children at school. Speeding in this location is a constant issue with parents being the biggest issue. The PC has undertaken speedwatch in this area. NCC road safety have visited the location. The Police have visited the location. The school is aware of the issue. There may be an opportunity in the school year to mention this.

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 Headmaster

This has been a super year for Queen Eleanor Primary School. In spite of the much-publicised budget restrictions we have managed to maintain our very high staffing levels. We have worked hard on our curriculum to make the breadth and depth of subjects as strong as possible.

For such a small school we have had considerable sporting success. All of the children have completed a full 6-month swimming programme and we have had external multisport and gymnastic sessions. We continue to field a football team thanks to the hard work of some of our parents and we always do really well in competitions at Tuxford. These have included multisport, yoga and bouncercise!

Our Friends of the School have also made tremendous gains in terms of fundraising and hold a variety of exciting events throughout the year. Proceeds of these events go toward providing those little extras. We took all of the children to the Panto at Newark and we have recently bought some tremendous laptops for the children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and we look forward to working with you over the forthcoming months.

Report for Harby Transport Scheme from Clare Welfare

We have just held our second Annual Meeting in Harby on April 1st, 2019. 24 people attended and enjoyed the chance to socialise together afterwards and the free buffet we provided.

Here is a summary of some of our activities from last year.

* 221 trips completed almost doubling last years (2018) total of 120 trips!

78 registered users (45 last year) – H28 –Th23 –W6- SC16 –NC4- Sp1

13 drivers (16 last year) – H3 – Th8 –W0 – SC1 –NC0 – Sp1

We lost 2 drivers from Harby recently who are or will be moving out of the area shortly and sadly one of our drivers from Thorney passed away in Nov 2018 after a short illness. Pleased we have just managed to recruit two new drivers from Harby this week and after a short article in the current TRIO I am hoping more people may be willing to join the ranks of our volunteer drivers. The popularity and usage of the scheme has proved how much needed and valued it is by locals, so more drivers will soon be needed to support the demand.

Our website: thwvcs.co.uk has proved crucial in registering people onto our scheme and this remains free of charge. In addition our business cards have also proved very popular in getting the word out there to members of the local community who are not so familiar with the internet. We have also just printed some new A5 size flyers which tell people about what the car scheme can offer. If you know any venues within our 6 villages who would be willing to display our small poster please contact me or copies are available here tonight for you to take.

It has been so pleasing to see the Car Scheme grow and develop over the last two years and there is no reason why this should not continue. This is entirely down to the willingness of volunteers who have been willing to give some of their time generously to help others out and long may this continue.

Report for Harby Village Hall from Janet Medley

- Have provided a breakdown of bookings for 2018 and brought 2017 as a comparison. A slight rise in numbers but reasonably stable. Started to log the 'no show' bookings.
- Linda resigned as caretaker at our AGM in November. Sue Paine has taken over until we can manage to fill the permanent position. We have two applicants and interviews are being held within the next few days.
- John Mawer has resigned as a committee member, but delighted to welcome Chris Medley.
- Several clubs currently running, but all could do with a few new members.
- Hire costs; these were last increased in April of last year; but we only just manage to cover our costs each year. Income for last year was £4890 with expenses of £4708, making a small profit on the year of £182.
- Major work has been carried out by a small band of helpers when they dug out all the overgrown shrubs outside the west side of the hall. This was for two reasons, one being because they had got very untidy and the other for Health and Safety reasons. We had heard people had been reluctant to walk past them in the dark. The area has now been turfed by County Turf at Scunthorpe, who completed the work as a Community Project free of charge. The whole area now looks tidier as well as being more open.
- We have been supporting the CLP Committee who are challenging the lack of mobile phone signal in the hall. If an emergency should happen it could have even more dangerous consequences if help was slow in arriving.
- Projects currently happening.
 - 2 new notice boards.
 - New wire rope for stage curtains
 - Lock for double doors from entrance to main hall.
 - Possible new entrance carpet following the leaking of fluid from door hinge.
 - New locking system for the hall that may eliminate the need for keys.

Report for Community Led Plan (CLP) from Jayne Rose

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

Joint Issues

- Mobile phone signal – an item was put in the Trio asking residents to let us know their feeling about the mobile phone signal in the area. The response was disappointing with only five responses. After discussion with Maureen Dobson, we have been asked to put together a petition about residents' feelings about the signal, which she will take to Notts County Council to seek their support.
- Improve information on website – each village is using a different way of communicating with residents. Harby has the website with a Facebook used to send out notifications. Wigsley and Thorney just use Facebook.
- Anti-social behaviour – representatives from all three villages continue to attend the local Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings.
- Transport to Doctors etc. – Voluntary Car Scheme running successfully.
- Additional Groups or activities – Hurricane Sports run Holiday Clubs at Harby School. St Helen's Church in Thorney run activity sessions in the church for families from all three villages, at various times of the year.

	<p>Harby Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional groups and activities – the Over 50s activity sessions, supported by Hurricane Sports have been very successful with a group of eight meeting almost every week. Yoga still continues with a small group. Keep Fit only lasted three sessions then closed due to lack of numbers. • Promotion of groups & services – events and activities have been advertised on the Harby website. A What's On list for the Village Hall is displayed on the hall door each month. Unfortunately, the village has lost the Woodside Butchers mobile shop and the Fish and Chip van, both have ceased trading. Newspapers, milk and the Oil Syndicate are all well established.
144/19/7	<p>Collection of allotment rents</p> <p>Rents were collected prior to and at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment rent: £114. Outstanding rent to be chased. • Station Road field: £389 • Jowett's Wood rent: £12