

WISTOW CUM NEWTON HARCOURT PARISH MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 17th April 2023.

Present: Raymond Bray, Richard Brooks, Brian Eales, Margaret and Roger Jones, Jag Gill, Chris Firth, Peter & Mary Thornton, Anthony Goddard, Martin Guiver, Jo Goddard, Graham Spendlove–Mason, David Baker, Cllr James Hallam, Cllr Rani Mahal, Julie Guiver (Chair) and Celia Bates (Clerk) Julie Firth (Treasurer)

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Gina and Graham Handsley, Pam and Mike Smith, Jo Mansfield, Catriona Scott.

2. To receive and approve for signature the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting. (signed)

3. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only.

- The Jubilee bench and time capsule have been sited in a lovely spot in St Luke's Graveyard. Time capsule coordinates Easting 6402 Northing 9674
- The state of the pavements on Glen Rd between the Post Box and the Reading Room and the lack of footpath, with its hazards from The Square to the new builds at the western end of Glen Road have been reported to Highways. Highways do not see either problem as a priority particularly with budget restrictions. We are assured that both problems highlighted will be monitored.
- BE from The Canal and River Trust reported that CRT are awaiting a response from Network Rail from a request for help to deal with the mud issue on the canal towpath between bridge 78 and 79. This is a difficult problem and the logistics of getting 50 tons of stone to the site are very difficult. CRT are also looking into grant funding to help with the cost of this.
- There are no updates on the proposed building on the land owned by Jag Gill on Wistow Rd, near to the canal.
- The Planning Permission for the conversion of a Barn into a Wedding Venue on Glen Road is not progressing at the moment.

4. To receive and note the Chair's report – main points listed here.

- Condolences recorded from the Parish Meeting to Hazel and Max Baker.
- Access only signs are in situ, on Wistow Rd
- Road closures relating to Network Rail works are listed in the report.
- Village concerns over future development.
- Bees' Needs Week 10 to 16 July 2023.
- Tree Preservation Orders

RESOLVED: That the Chair's report be noted. (Please see full report attached.)

5. To receive and note the Treasurer's report

Documents needing approval:

- Annual Internal Audit (thanks to Raymond Bray), approved, received and noted.
- Annual Governance Statement, approved, received and noted.
- Accounting Statements, approved, received and noted.
- Certificate of Exemption, approved, received and noted.

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's report be noted. (See Treasurers report attached.)

6. To receive and note reports from village groups.

Parochial Church Council (PCC): Report noted.

Women's Institute (WI): Report noted.

Green Team: Report noted.

Friends of Newton Harcourt (FNH): Report noted.

Poor's Land Charity: Report noted.

(All reports were emailed prior to the meeting. Thank you to all village groups for their reports.)

7. To note any planning applications and decisions since the last parish meeting.

All planning applications and decisions can be viewed at: [Harborough District Council Planning](https://www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications).

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- Foot path at Lock Keeper's Cottage Order. No works are required as the alternative route is already available and fit for purpose.
- Pre planning application proposal by Cornerstone, for a proposed upgrade of existing telecommunications mast at the spinney near the barn on Glen Rd 111450 71833 & 10002 GLEN ROAD, NEWTON HARCROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE8 9FH (E464570 N297135). Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company

Report noted.

(The report was emailed prior to the meeting.)

8. To elect officers: Chairperson, Clerk and Treasurer.

Julie Guiver is willing to stand for chair. Proposed and unanimously agreed.

Celia Bates willing to stand for clerk. Proposed and unanimously agreed.

Julie Firth willing to stand for Treasurer. Proposed and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: Officers elected for 2023/24.

9. To consider any other business.

- BE reported that CRT would be cleaning the graffiti off Bridge 80.
- The Blessing of the Jubilee Bench is most likely to be at the time of the Harvest Supper. New date will be notified to all.
- There was a discussion about local road closures and works to the bridges. There are some concerns that the Wistow Bridge works haven't been correctly notified to the residents at the Manor and Four Seasons. There will be an impact on their services and access. We will follow this up with letters to all organisations involved, including our MP Neil O'Brien.
- There was a discussion about the proposal for housing development in Newton Harcourt. Councillor James Hallam presented the SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) document which shows that for NH there is no planned development in the next 10 years due to lack of infrastructure. See Call for Sites at HDC www.harborough.gov.uk/CallForSites
- Historically it was felt that there was no requirement for a Parish such as ours to have a Neighbourhood Plan. We are going to contact Burton Overy Parish Meeting who have recently made their Neighbourhood Plan and find out more about this. We will also contact Matt Bills (Neighbourhood and Green Spaces Officer) at Harborough District Council.
- Contact details for Councillor James Hallam and Councillor Rani Mahal :

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10. Date of next meeting.

Monday 27th November 2023, 7.30pm.