

Harlington's Annual Parish Meeting

held in the West room of the Parish Hall, Church Road
on Tuesday 25th April 2023 beginning at 7.30pm

Minutes (draft)

1. The Chairman of Harlington Parish Council welcomed the residents and mentioned the exhibitors that could be visited after the meeting. Along with the house keeping.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Jack Goodenough

Number of residents attending 25

3. Parish Council Chairman's Report – was read outlining the achievements of the council in the past 12 months. Chairman invites questions.
Qi) A question was raised re HPC's progress in obtaining a blanket 20 mph across the village.
Ai) A 20mph blanket speed limit is the goal, however, at present with the new developments planned a certain amount of traffic calming will be installed by the developers as agreed with Central Bedfordshire Council. Until those details have been defined HPC cannot spend funds that may clash with agreed plans.
Qii) A resident asked about future work on the pond restoration.
Aii) Funds have been set aside for The Conservation Volunteers who will be returning in this financial year. Funds are also earmarked to manage and remove some of the larger water draining trees and their loss will be offset by an HPC tree planting programme. Work should resume after the danger to bird nests is over and also pending a visit from the county Wildlife Officer who will assess the work already done.
Qiii) The question of increased wilding was raised.
Aiii) The general consensus of the meeting seemed to fall inline with the ever growing awareness and appreciation of the need to carry out a rewilding programme. This will be put to council to consider.
QiV) The account debtors were questioned and answered.
AiV) The trade debtors have decreased from £1,052 in 2022 to £38 in 2023. This is purely a result of the services being used by your customers and the timing of the invoice dates and receipt dates.
4. The Chairman to thank the attending groups who put on an informative display in the Middle room
5. Cllr Silvia Collins (Central Bedfordshire Councillor) gave a brief farewell as she is not standing for re-election.
6. Booked Questions from residents. There were no booked questions, to request e-mails were received expressing a keen interest in increasing the village wilding.
7. Non booked Questions from residents. No new questions were raised although there was further discussion on matters already discussed above.

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Room where you will find displays of various village organisations – please take a look

Cllr Matt Harris
Chairman of Harlington Parish Council