

WISTOW CUM NEWTON HARCOURT PARISH MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 25th April 2022.

Present: Raymond Bray, Graham Handsley, Gina Handsley, Margaret Jones, Jag Gill, Judit Szabo, Pam Herbert and Mike, Julie and Chris Firth, Jennie Andrews and Jon Chell, Keith Cooper, Peter & Mary Thornton, Martin Guiver, Graham Spendlove-Mason, Cllr James Hallam, Julie Guiver (chair) and Celia Bates (clerk)

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Rani Mahal, Richard Brooks, Jo Mansfield, Catriona Scott, Maggie Spendlove-Mason, Roger Cooper

2. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the chairman 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.

Celia has contacted The Canal and River Trust re the condition of the towpath between Bridge 80 and 79 near the 'rookery' spinney. (see attached reply received the day after AGM-26.5.22- *not discussed at this meeting*)

4. To receive and note the chairperson's report

- Condolences from the Parish Meeting to the families of Mick Davis and Gina Bale.
- Confer of Powers, HDC- We're still awaiting HDC's review and governance arrangements for Parish Meeting to spend precept money, with agreement on specific projects.
- Julie Guiver attended an online LRALC meeting in January 2022-Duties and Restrictions of a Parish Meeting.
- Julie Guiver attended an online Parish Nature Network in March 2022.
- The Coffee and Cake Morning for Macmillan Cancer Care, in November 2021, raised £700.00.
- The Reading Room made a successful bid to HDC for Jubilee funding and received £750 in two grants which has been ringfenced and used for Jubilee purchases.
- £450 which was gained as compensation from Lloyds bank has now been ringfenced for Jubilee celebrations.
- We're looking for someone to step into the role of Treasurer for the Parish Meeting. Full support will be given and there are very few transactions each year.
- Thank you to all volunteers in the village.

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 Peter Thornton), 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.

(The report was emailed prior to the meeting.)

6. To receive and note a report about Ultrafast Broadband.

Open Reach announced that they were pausing the Fibre Community Partnership registration scheme after a frustrating couple of years trying to get UFBB for the village.

Report noted.

(The report was emailed prior to the meeting.)

7. 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.)

8. 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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Report noted.

(The report was emailed prior to the meeting.)

9. To receive and note a report from the Village Jubilee Committee.

The following programme of events have been organised for the extended bank holiday.

Thursday 2nd June 10.00pm – Light up the Night.

Friday 3rd June 10.00am – Midday – Remembering the Coronation.

Friday 3rd June 7.15pm – Blessing of the Jubilee Rose and Tree by Father Philip at St. Luke's.

Saturday 4th June – Family Fun Afternoon and activities 2pm – 5pm at the Manor.

Saturday 4th June – Evening Finale 6pm – 10pm at the Manor.

Report noted.

(The report was emailed prior to the meeting.)

10. 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.

The Parish Meeting is seeking a Treasurer.

RESOLVED: Officers elected for 2022/23.

11. To consider any other business.

CLL James Hallam reported that HDC have substantial grants for worthwhile Jubilee projects within Harborough District. The Reading Room roof was discussed as being such a worthwhile project.

There was a discussion about the use of the Kissing Gate footpath and how to keep it safe and serviceable for all users.

12. Date of next meeting.

Monday 28th November, 7.30pm.