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HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Harston Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd July 2026

Location: 7.30pm Harston Village Hall, Large Committee Room, 20 High Street, Harston, Cambridge, CB22 7PX

Present: Cllr Pearce Gould (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Wedgbury, Cllr Carroll, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Steirer

Members: 7 Quorum: 4

Public: 2

In attendance; 1 District and 1 County councillors

Meeting started at 7:30pm; Cllr Steirer (Left at 9pm); Meeting closed 9.32pm

26-27/48 Apologies and Reasons for Absence (LGA 1972 s 85(1))

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds and seconded by Councillor Clarke and resolved that the apologies for absence with acceptable reasons from Councillor Ormerod are approved.

26-27/49 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda

(Localism Act 2011 s 31 s 33) **None**

26-27/50 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 Minutes)

Residents addressed the Council with comments about the traffic calming in Church Street, the Village Green, Button End and the minutes of the prior meeting.

26-27/51 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds and seconded by Councillor Clarke and resolved that Harston Parish Council herewith agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 June 2026

26-27/52 To Receive Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Previous Finance Committee Meeting It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds and seconded by Councillor Clarke and resolved that Harston Parish Council herewith receive the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2026.

26-27/53 County and District Councillors Report

1. County Councillors Report received
2. District Councillors Report received

26-27/54 Ordinary Meetings and Committee Meetings

It was noted that the ordinary meetings of the Council and Committees would take place in August 2026.

26-27/55 Grant Requests

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Reynolds and resolved that Harston Parish Council herewith agree in principle to support the PTFA fireworks grant application but that the applicant be asked to provide some further information regarding costs for the prior year's fireworks.

The Chair Suspended the Meeting at 8.04pm

The Chair Resumed the Meeting at 9.08pm

David Steirer did not attend the 2nd Part

26-27/56 Net Zero Grant (Deadline 24th July)

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Reynolds and resolved that Harston Parish Council herewith agree to defer this item to the next meeting.

26-27/57 East West Rail

Councillors have seen the submission by the working Group

26-27/58 Harston Parish Council Property Matters

1. Recreation Ground/Play area

No material update

2. Orchard and Meadow

It was noted that the Chair had received correspondence from the Insurer on this matter. Action - Councillors Clarke and Carroll to speak to the lead of the community group about risk assessment for Apple pruning etc , picking and bottling

3. Pavilion

Proposals to consider the rate to apply for Pavilion Hire and related services and to purchase and install a key lock safe for the pavilion.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Reynolds and resolved that Harston Parish Council herewith agree to defer this item to the next meeting.

26-27/59 Facebook Page

To consider and agree actions to take back control of the existing Parish Council Facebook Page and authorise Chair or Vice Chair to agree process with existing administrator. Councillor Wilson will continue to try to contact the previous administrator.

26-27/60 Working Parties

No updates

26-27/61 Clerks Report

Update on security measures for Recreation Car Park deferred to next meeting as no access to enquiries.

26-27/62 Reports and items for future agenda

None not covered in meeting.

26-27/63 Date of Next Meetings

Date/Time – 6th of Aug 2026 - Finance Committee (7.00pm) Parish Council Meeting (7.30pm)

Location - Large Committee Room , Harston Village Hall, 20 High Str., Harston, Cambridge, CB22 7PX

Meeting ended 9-32pm