

HARVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on 27th April 2018 at 7.45 pm, Harvington Village Hall.

<u>Present:</u>	Chair of the Parish Council, Mr. Colebrook, Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk to the Parish Council, Tree Warden, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group member and 17 parishioners. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<u>Apologies:</u>	County Cllr. Mr. Hopkins, Dist. Cllr. Mr. Homer and Mrs. Allison.
<u>Minutes:</u>	The minutes from the previous minutes held on May 24th 2017 were proposed, seconded and approved as an accurate record, duly signed. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
<u>Chairman's Report 2018</u>	<p>It has been a great honour for me to have chaired the Parish Council and represented the local community of Harvington who make this village a great place to live.</p> <p>Your Parish Councillors meet each month and also attend a variety of other village group meetings and meet with outside agencies.</p> <p>I would like to put on record my thanks to councillors for their attendance at these meetings and for their time, contribution, and support on both council and their specific role.</p> <p>As in previous years the Parish Council gets on with its day to day job of overseeing the weekly inspections, repairs and the general grounds maintenance, tree work and paths and upkeep of its assets. I'm sure that everyone would share with me the thanks to all our contractors , wardens and volunteers for protecting the village assets and keeping them safe and secure.</p> <p>A big special thank you to our Parish Clerk, Nicky Holland, who manages all these tasks in addition to dealing with all the administrative financial and legal requirements to a high standard and in a professional manner.</p> <p>Last year I set out a number of Parish Council plans and with the exception on one (the Orchard and Bromley Close) I am pleased to report these have either been completed or are well in hand.</p> <p><u>Traffic.</u></p> <p>The Parish Council has been aware about the speeding traffic through the village.</p> <p>In addition to our Vehicle Activation Signs, the Parish Council has been successful in commissioning a traffic survey that has resulted in the Police confirming that speeding is a problem.</p> <p>I can now announce that the Police will be undertaking regular speed enforcement checks along (on B4088) Evesham to Alcester Road within the 30mph zone.</p> <p>I think we all welcome that this is a good start but the campaign to reduce the parking issues and speeding elsewhere remains a priority.</p> <p><u>Playing field.</u></p> <p>A new fence and maintenance access gate has been installed to provide a safe buffer between the homes on Station Road and the users of the playing field.</p> <p><u>Budget.</u></p> <p>We have again produce a balanced budget with no increase in the precept.</p> <p>Despite the freeze in precept we are still able to make contributions to the balances so we are able to meet the required levels to ensure we have sufficient funds to cover emergencies and cater for future cost such as the upgrading of the street lighting and replacement of play equipment.</p> <p>We have distributed over £3000 in donations and grants to local groups and will continue</p>

	<p>with this policy in the future.</p> <p><u>New Homes Bonus.</u> The Parish Council have considered a number of ideas but we are now working on a proposal to install adult fitness equipment on the playing field. This proposal is subject to satisfactory consultation with the village. Ask to support or otherwise by ticking the consultation form this evening.</p> <p><u>Litter and dog Mess.</u> This has been an ongoing issue and the Parish Council is keen to do everything possible in its powers to stop this problem. In addition to articles in the village news to report offenders and extra dog and litter signs fitted around the village, your Parish Council have also taken the following action :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A larger bin has been fitted at the village shop, a new bin has been placed at the Orchard and a stronger bin has been installed on the playing field. • Furthermore the Parish Council have approved the installation of a 4th bin at the bottom of Crest Hill. • Sponsored extra litter picks by voluntary groups. • The Parish Council also approved at its last meeting to review and to hopefully improve our litter inspection and green space warden duties. <p><u>Bus Stops.</u> Following request from residents, the Parish Council have agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new bench will be installed next to the brick bus shelter in Village Street opposite the Golden Cross Pub. • We have 4 pairs of bus stops in the Parish only 3 have shelters so I am pleased to announce that the 4th shelter is planned be fitted at Brickyard Cottages later this year. <p><u>Planters.</u> 2 extra planters, one on village green (opposite Village hall) and a further one at the cross roads have been approved for this year.</p> <p><u>Christmas Tree.</u> We sponsored the first Christmas tree and special thanks to Chris Rushworth and Steve at the Coach and Horses for providing us with a bit of festive cheer.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Development Plan.</u> In 2015 a number of volunteers joined the NPSG to prepare a NP. This was a massive job. I am pleased that we now have the draft plan for consideration. This is the most important community led project the Parish Council has carried out in recent years. If this plan is adopted it gives us, the people of Harvington, the statutory power to state where, when and how new development will take place in our village and protect the character and green spaces. Cllr Ms Smith, who has been working on this plan will be launching this evening the 6 week consultation and will be informing everyone where to view the documents and how to send in your comments.</p>
<u>Tree Warden report.</u>	<p>Continues to gather information and maintain the trees which are the main roles of the Tree Warden. During the year the following work has been carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees cleared after storm i.e. Ash Tree, Alcester Road and Cherry Tree in Orchard Place. • Pruning carried out on many trees. • Attended a conference at the Cotswold Group which dealt with tree risk management. • Hoping this summer to carry out maintenance to trees in Ragley Road and Orchard Place. Also plant Dogwood in between the trees to provide cover.
<u>Neighbour-</u>	Presentation on the start of the Draft Plan consultation.

<p>hood Plan.</p>	<p>Three years ago the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was set up by the Parish Council to set out a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Harvington. Sub groups were set up to carry out surveys, provide data and hold events. The Plan has developed by the residents of Harvington. The Group have recently attended a training session by the English Heritage Team giving an insight on how to record views and historical aspects as well as to learn planning language.</p> <p>At the end of the process a Planning Consultant was contracted to assist through the Consultation regulation 14 process. The six week consultation period will commence at 5pm on the 9th June 2018. Residents are encouraged to look at the Plan online, hard copies of the documents will be available around the Village.</p> <p>The document contains 4 main elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horticultural and Agricultural sustainability. 2. Housing Growth - proposed plan should continue at the rate of over the last 10 years. 3. Preserve valued landscapes. 4. Conservation area. <p>Many policies have been written, the 6 main ones are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development Boundary review. 2. Environment and Heritage. 3. Protected Views. 4. Local facilities and Leisure - possible allocation of land for the extension of the School. 5. Business & Tourism - travel, cycleway. 6. Infrastructure and Housing. <p>The Group are in communication with the Planning Department at Wychavon District Council. The Development Plan is confined to Planning Regulations. Allocation of a site has to be identified for development, if not a site will be allocated.</p> <p>An aspiration section has been included - avenue of trees Evesham/Alcester Road; extension of Conservation Area; Cycleway.</p> <p>Village Character Appraisal - development would sit within the character of the Village.</p> <p>List of trees compiled.</p> <p>It was asked if Affordable Housing would be provided to encourage younger adults to stay in the Village and whether the village can be protected from major development.</p>
	<p>There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.</p>