

HARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2016
7.30pm hall open - 8pm meeting start
Hargrave Village Hall
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

PRESENT

Colin Painter –Chairman (CP),
 James Perry (JP)
 Paul Rogers (PR)
 Peter Reddick (PRed)
 David Taylor (DT)
 Cat Williams (CW)
 Laura Norton – Clerk (LN)

Mary Evans - ME

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

•	CP gave a warm welcome to all present – circa 40 villagers plus the Parish Council!	
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

•	Sally Cansdale (SC) Clive Pollington (CPo)	
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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – APM 21.05.2015

1.	Last meetings minutes for the APM on 21.05.2015 were discussed and approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman.	
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PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

2.	A copy of the Statement of Account for year ended 31 st March 2016 was provided to each person present, (attached to the agenda and last years' minutes). No queries were raised.	
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REPORTS ON DISPLAY AND ANY QUESTIONS

3.	Please see copies of reports attached. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trustees of the Parochial Charities • Village Hall Chairman's and Treasurer's Report • Neighbourhood Watch • Village Newsletter • Hargrave Web Site • Borough Council • County Council • Police 	
4.	Chris Hartnell, Editor of the village newsletter, requested ideas re updating content of the newsletter and format.	
5.	CP also confirmed that Chris Hartnell is now the new Village Recorder. Mrs	

	Slade (although unable to attend) was thanked for all of her efforts to date and for the huge amount of information she had collected over the years.	
6.	<p>ME gave an update to the meeting as well as providing a report in advance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding Speeding still an issue – we now have VAS in the village thanks to CPs efforts – there are 4 machines to be shared within 12 villages. Police will come and enforce following on from the data off the VAS. • Speed Cam Van This facility has been paid for largely by attendances on the speed awareness courses! CP pushing for the van to come to Hargrave. • Ditches at Birds End Ditches to be repaired this summer. • Birds End generally Andrew Dahl raised Birds End as an accident hot spot. ME advised that CP had already been raising this as an issue. Confirmed that an advisory 20mph sign would go in at the Wash. ME confirmed needed data and that the police and Highways would be looking at “reported” accidents – not just local incidents – therefore accident log would be crucial. CP had requested meeting with Highways on site and ME agreed to push for a date. CP reiterated that speed was not the only factor at Birds End – poor road conditions and bad driving were an important factor to consider. <p>Andrew McGovern requested update for clearing of ditches and drains along Birds End as the mud had blocked the drain again – ME advised she would check the schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westley Bridge ME confirmed that there was no work planned re the Westley Bridge – Pred asked if the Bury development would change that as a priority and ME unsure at the moment. <p>CP thanked ME for her support generally and also her financial support.</p> <p>ME thanked the Parish Council for being so proactive.</p>	

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT AND PRESENTATION

7.	<p>Please see copy attached of the Power Point presentation given to those in attendance. A very brief overview is below – please see main slides for more information.</p>	
8.	<p>Speeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP advised slight improvement since the introduction of the VAS system and also on black bin days (when the 30mph stickers are out in force). • Both directions through the village average 40mph. Data is sent to the police and tickets are issued when police in attendance. 	
9.	<p>Footpath notice board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP thanked Lorna and Dick Willcox for creating the footpath board – and thanks to Brenda Corbett for producing the map used on the leaflets. • General discussion re footpaths – ME noted that in a resident survey in Suffolk, spending on cutting footpaths was considered a low priority and consequently budget cut for the maintenance of footpaths. 	
10.	<p>Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT provided an overview of the project so far. • Pavement extension finished along Bury Road (courtesy of ME funding) • Bike track installed earlier this year. • Fundraising to date = £20,000 including grants and donations from Havebury, Parochial Society, Youth Club, village car wash – huge thanks to all that have helped. • Silent Auction on going – finishes on Sunday - £400 raised so far. Get your bids in tonight! • Grant from Borough Council looking positive. • Grant from Lottery – rejected first application, put in a second application which is looking much more favourable – fingers crossed! 	
11.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP advised good progress over the last 2 years. • There are only 2 progressing with a plan in our area – us and Newmarket! • A reminder that it's not a parish council activity- it's a village activity. Requires consultation and agreement. <p>Information provided on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways • Footpaths • Public transport • Non-Agri HGVs • Verges • Green environment • Knowles Green • Character of village • Planning • Local design 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation area • Employment and technology • Sport and leisure • Holiday accommodation • Housing 	
12.	<p>CP then confirmed that we need agreement to carry on with the Neighbourhood Plan – a vote was put to those present based on the presentation given as to whether we progress to the next stage.</p> <p>Those in attendance unanimously agreed to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>CP confirmed we need more volunteers – there are lots of professionals in the village who could provide the skills needed.</p>	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.	Kath Beryl requested donations of cakes for the Street Party on the 11 th June 2016.	
14.	LN thanked for her efforts as Clerk, PR thanked for his efforts with the slides and the technology for the meeting and CP thanked for being Chairman.	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next APM will be in 2017 – date to be confirmed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 7th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date