

Hargrave Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 14th May 2018, 7pm

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor How welcomed everyone present

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting held 8th May 2017

The Minutes for the meeting held 8th May 2017 were signed as a correct record.

3. Apologies from those unable to attend

Apologies were received from Councillor Gunthorpe and Councillor Clarke

4. Report from the Village Hall Committee

The meeting received details of the committee and heard that it had been a good year for lettings. The bank balance remains healthy and a grant had been received from the Windfarm Trust for a replacement window. The Committee would welcome suggestions for improvements to the hall.

5. Report from the Parochial Church Council

Mrs Hall explained who the members of the Parochial Church Council were and explained how they had had a very busy year due to the interregnum. She outlined the numerous and various activities that had been undertaken and thanked everybody involved for their support.

The new rector, Rev Aldwinkle, together with his wife are keen to become involved with village activities.

A comment was made from those present that whilst the Church had received legacy money, funding raising would be required as the maintenance costs for the church were very high and it would be financially prudent to supplement the legacy funds.

6. Report on the activities of the Hargrave WI

Mrs Shepard was very pleased to report that membership of the Hargrave WI had increased and she outlined the varied and numerous activities of the group. This included knitting and crocheting over 1000 poppies as a tribute to one of their former members, who had been a keen supporter of the Royal British Legion.

As part of their centenary celebrations all residents will be invited to a party on 13th July.

7. Report from the Wind Farm Trust

Cllr D Farrington as one of the two Hargrave representatives on the Trust outlined the types of grants the Trust had awarded in the past 12 months. He explained that as Hargrave does not have any public open space, the Trust had agreed to set aside any unused 'Hargrave' allowance to be put towards a future land acquisition should land become available.

8. Report from the Hargrave Musical Festival

A written report was submitted by the Trustees of the Hargrave Music Festival:

The Hargrave Music Festival goes from strength to strength. A huge thank you to all who support us by attending the concerts, spreading the word and helping behind the scenes. This year's dates are Thursday the 13th to Sunday the 16th of September. Recitalists will include a fantastic guitar & cello duo, a saxophonist and a harpist. The Saturday concert will be a tribute to film and Broadway legend Richard Rodgers, a programme and line up previously enjoyed by audiences at the Cheltenham and Lichfield Festivals. Haydn's Nelson Mass will be the work performed in our ever popular "Come and Sing". In addition to the September Festival, we are planning a Christmas concert for December 22nd. More details to follow.

9. Report from the Hargrave Herald

Mr Hopper advised the meeting that it had been a difficult year for a variety of reasons and he had relaunched the Hargrave Herald with reduced circulation and copy size. To continue production in the long term, revenue streams would need to be identified.

He reported that he is keen to receive articles on subject of interest to Hargrave and short stories. He thanked those who delivered the Herald and said that more volunteers were required.

It was suggested to Mr Hopper that he may be able to approach the Windfarm Trust for some funding.

10. Report from the Parish Council

Councillor Gunthorpe, who was absent due to work commitments, had provided a written report that can be read as part of the Council Minutes for 14th May 2018.

11. Report from East Northants Councillor Howell

Cllr Howell described the activities of District Council for the previous 12 months and provided a written report for anyone requiring more detailed information. She particularly drew attention to discussions about the future of the District and County Council and the Planning Appeal regarding the future of the Nags Head.

12. Report from Northants County Councillor Hughes

Cllr Hughes gave an overview of his role as chairman of Northamptonshire County Council for the previous 12 months.

13. Any other comments from those assembled

The topic of the condition of Hargrave roads and Northamptonshire roads generally gave rise to a heated debate. Particular concern was expressed as to the poor quality of repairs undertaken. Cllr Hughes responded that the county council did not have money left after fulfilling its statutory functions and as a result, road maintenance was compromised.

Meeting closed at 7.40p.m.