

Hargrave Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May 2022 at 6.30 pm

At Hargrave Village Hall

Minutes

There were 13 people present

1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor Farrington welcomed everyone present.

2. Apologies from those unable to attend

Apologies were received from North Northamptonshire Council Councillors Howell and Wilkes.

3. Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held 17th May 2021

The Minutes for the meeting held 17th May 2021 were signed as a correct record.

4. Report from the Village Hall Committee

Cllr Jones reported that the village hall had reopened after the closures due to covid 19 and regular activities were taking place. The Committee had purchased 40 extra chairs. He outlined upcoming events.

5. Report from the Parochial Church Council

Ms Parry spoke about recent thefts from the Church. Recent and forthcoming activities were discussed.

6. Report from the Wind Farm Trust

Cllr Farrington gave the background to the Community Benefit Fund (aka Wind Farm Trust) and reported that £212,000 had been distributed since inception. Hargrave has received £23,000. Hargrave has a reserve fund held by the Trust for £16,000 for the future acquisition of public open space and it was noted that the parish council was setting aside money to augment the land fund.

7. Report from the Hargrave Musical Festival

Mr Thantrey outlined the September Festival and scheduled events. Cllr Levell suggested that an application is made to the 'empowerment fund' for a contribution to costs.

8. Report from North Northants

Councillor Levell reported on the first year of North Northants Council, consultations issues, the precept levy for this financial year, planned Jubilee celebrations and how NNC are involved in offering homes to Ukraine refugees.

Cllr Levell was asked questions about the length of times some planning applications were taking to determine, the poor condition of local roads, especially Church Street and Raunds Road, the right of way at the white bridge that is impassable and the volume of DPD vans that use Hargrave as a cut through. Cllr Levell agreed to make enquiries with NNC colleague on all matters raised.

9. Other comments from those assembled

A resident made reference to criminal damage to fencing. This was already a police matter.

Meeting closed 7.23 pm