

# Harbury & Deppers Bridge

## Annual Parish Meeting 2019



**Harbury & Deppers Bridge Annual Parish Meeting  
30 May 2019 at 7.30pm  
Harbury Village Hall**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome by Cllr Tim Lockley
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 May 2018
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Report from the chairman of Harbury Parish Council
6. Reports from Harbury Parish Council working parties:
  - Planning
  - Environment
  - Properties
  - Finance & General Purposes
  - Deppers Bridge
  - Neighbourhood Development Plan
7. Reports from village organisations (if your organisation has not already provided a written report or you would like to add something further).
8. County & District Councillors' Reports & Questions
9. Any Other Business
10. Close of Meeting

# Minutes of Harbury Annual Parish Meeting

10 May 2018 at 7.30pm

Harbury Village Hall

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Tim Lockley, chairman of Harbury Parish Council.

## **Present**

14 Electors of the parish (including 10 parish councillors)

## **In Attendance**

Alison Biddle, Parish Clerk

County Cllr Stevens

District Cllr Harris

## **1. Welcome**

Cllr Lockley welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

## **2. Presentation on “Women’s Suffrage”**

Sarah Richardson, lecturer in 19<sup>th</sup> century history at Warwick University, gave an interesting presentation on Warwickshire women and their fight for votes at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## **3. Apologies**

Mary Thompson

## **4. Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the annual parish meeting held on Thursday, 11 May 2017 were agreed as a true and complete record of that meeting and were duly signed by the chairman.

## **5. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **6. Report from the chairman of Harbury Parish Council**

Cllr Lockley referred to the need to deal with ongoing austerity. Where possible, services were being provided by the parish council. Proposals for amendments to national planning and housing policies will be contentious for Harbury and we can expect the current targets to change which is against democracy. However, the chairman was very positive about local projects within the village and referred people to his written report contained in the printed booklet.

It was suggested that the parish council should be more pro-active in its objections to planning applications and organising the local community to send their objections too. Cllr Lockley has explained to residents how to do this on many occasions. Furthermore, the parish council cannot pre-judge an application and must consider each one on its merits. There were also concerns about the lack of enforcement by SDC when developers deviate from planning permissions. There were calls for the PC to involve the local MP and it was suggested that residents could also lobby their MP.

## **7. Reports from Harbury Parish Council working parties**

Written reports had been provided by the chairs of the working parties and were included in the booklet for people to read. In addition, the following comments were made:

### **Planning**

Planning applications are now received electronically only, and all councillors must look at them. Tree works are sometimes necessary. Harbury has not been inundated with new housing like some other nearby villages. DWH and Henry's should restore the verges on completion of the building works. Photos had been taken by DWH before the works started. The NDP is now at the examination stage which will be followed by a referendum in due course.

### **Environment**

The past year has seen the remaining Windsor mercury lanterns replaced with LEDs. This programme to replace all the mercury lanterns with LEDs continues into the current year. The Windsor columns will soon be painted. The campaign for traffic lights at the Fosse Way/Harbury Lane junction continues. This is needed before work begins on the GLH development although there is no progress with this at the moment. Cllr Gibb tried to encourage greater use of the local bus service, but this has not been a great success. The WW1 project is now completed. Last year's church service had been an outstanding event. Cllr Gibb is now working with Chesterton Parish Meeting to organise a beacon on Windmill Hill to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 on Sunday, 11 November 2018. He has also photographed potholes in the village and reported them to WCC Highways via "fixmystreet".

The WW1 Project team, led by Cllr Gibb, was congratulated on the blue plaque trail. Is this a good time to start thinking about doing something special for the church service on 11 November 2018? Cllr Gibb explained that he would be fully occupied organising the beacon but he would be pleased if other people wanted to organise other things as well.

### **Properties**

Cllr Ekins referred people to the written report. Residents asked whether the new perimeter path on the playing field would have smooth surface. Yes, it will be tarmac. It was pointed out that the new notice board at Oakfield appears to be facing the wrong way. It was installed facing the footpath but it seems that most people prefer to walk along the road rather than using the path. Perhaps the board needs to be turned round. One resident said they thought the hedge along the side of the allotments track required attention. There was also a complaint about recent damage to the copper beech at Cemetery Corner and a request for the parish council to consider this further.

### **Finance & General Purposes**

A written report had been provided and was included in the booklet. There was nothing to add.

### **Deppers Bridge**

A written report had been provided and was included in the booklet. There was nothing to add.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

This had already been discussed.

## **8. Reports from village organisations**

Written reports were included in the booklet. No one had anything further to add.

## **9. County & District Councillors' Reports & questions**

County Cllr Stevens referred to his written report. In summary, WCC's finances are sound. Warwickshire is a very popular place to live and there is a thriving economy. Cllr Gibb asked what WCC is doing to secure the maximum economic benefit from the HS2 workforce? Cllr Stevens will follow this up.

Cllr Harris also referred to her written report. She explained that there is to be a change in leadership at SDC and it is hoped that there will be an improvement in planning issues. The traffic congestion issue is also important and this has been raised with WCC. The problems caused by JLR traffic will only get worse with the advent of GLH. There is also a possibility that Aston Martin might extend too. The WCC planners need to listen to these arguments. Cllr Harris added that she fully supported the parish council and residents in their concerns about planning matters.

## **10. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

## Parish Council Chairman's Report

In an age of political turmoil (and often paralysis) I am pleased to state that Harbury continues to set an example of how an effective council can help improve people's lives in small ways. We have continued to update and improve village facilities during the year. The path around the playing fields was upgraded and completed last summer and has been well used by joggers, dog walkers, and residents of Bush Heath Lane wanting a nice walk to the middle of the village. The streetlight modernisation programme (involving upgrading to energy-efficient LEDs) was completed, and we will be using the money from developers to purchase new play equipment for the park. In response to public requests we installed a bin outside the Thwaites estate, and a recycling bin outside the Co-op. During the year the parish council has financially supported the 'pop-up market' for local producers, the village show, the club, the PTA, e-Wheels, as well as several other village organisations.

Planning matters continue to dominate council business. Harbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan was approved in a referendum in November with 94% of people supporting it. Thanks to Cllr Summers and Cllr Allen who took the leading roles in getting this through. It is now part of the planning guidance that SDC must follow and it has already been very useful in preventing unwanted development. Harbury has more than met its housing target set by SDC up to 2031 but we still face an uncertain environment, as evidenced by the latest application for more houses on Bush Heath Lane.

Public transport provision has declined in recent years and the parish council (particularly Cllr Gibb) is monitoring the situation closely. Parking in the middle of the village remains an issue and we will be working with WCC to see if any measures can be taken to alleviate the problem. I remain very grateful for the hard work of all councillors, especially those chairing the working parties, and of course the parish clerk without whom all our jobs would be much harder

**Tim Lockley**  
**Chairman, Harbury Parish Council**

## Councillors' Corner

Councillors' Corner was reinstated on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with sessions at the library on the last Saturday of the calendar month from 10.00am to 11.00am. This forum enables residents to engage with parish councillors together with district and county councillors to discuss community problems and issues. To date, there have been ten sessions and residents have attended all but one of them (January 2019).

The issues raised include the following:

Traffic – mainly congestion in the centre of the village, parking on pavements, the cemetery layby and on village greens; heavy vehicles travelling through the village centre, particularly along Church Street. Also, a number of people have suggested better signage especially in respect of the one-way system along Church Terrace and Hall Lane. There was also a complaint of speeding cars on leaving the village.

The street scene is at times untidy and a request was made for a further bin in the centre of the village. The poor condition of the pavements which need repairing. Street-lighting too bright, particularly the LED lamps.

There was one complaint about a neighbour's trees. One strong objection to housing development off Church Street.

Residents expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet with councillors once a month to raise issues.

All above issues were reported to the council and many of them were resolved.

**Cllr Janet Thornley**

## **Planning Working Party Report**

The planning page on the parish council's website – [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) – is linked to Stratford-on-Avon District Council's website and may be viewed via <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning>. Planning applications are now sent to the parish council in electronic format only.

The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 means that more extensions are being undertaken by residents without parish council consultation. It is advised that the proposal is discussed with the local planning authority (Stratford DC) before any building work commences. Retrospective planning applications are not always supported and the job of the enforcement officers is to ensure plans have been followed.

Thanks must go to Samantha Allen, Keith Thompson, Chris Gibb and Andy Rutherford for their support during the year and the various meetings that they have attended.

**Cllr Pat Summers**

**Chair of Harbury Parish Council Planning Working Party**

Members: Cllrs Gibb, Thompson, Rutherford and Allen

## **Environment Working Party Report**

Unusually for a parish council, we own the village streetlights. 2018 has seen more LED or "white lights" installed, in order to comply with new legislation requiring the phase out of mercury based lights and replacement with LED or white light. Work started with the pole mounted lanterns, before focussing on those lights on steel columns and the replacement of the Windsor lanterns. During 2018 the final 16 lamps were replaced, and we commissioned repainting of all the steel columns.

We have continued to press for improvements to the Harbury Lane / Fosse Way junction. A £600,000 scheme with traffic lights and junction widening has been included in the Gaydon

Lighthorne Heath ("GLH") development, which now has planning consent, and we will continue to press for the scheme to be completed before the development starts, later in 2019.

We worked with WCC and Stagecoach to encourage greater usage of the 665 / 67C bus, our two-hourly village service to Leamington. In late 2018 Stagecoach surrendered the contract due to low patronage, and the county council retendered it, using subsidy from section 106 grants associated with developments in Napton and Kineton. Stagecoach won it on new terms, and a slightly amended timetable from the start of 2019. There were reliability issues associated with roadworks in early 2019, and we met with WCC and Stagecoach officials to press for improvement, which has occurred. We remain concerned that the main commuter bus to Leamington is too early at 0730 to be well used but note that a later departure would get caught up in congestion on the Fosse Way and Harbury Lane, so be less reliable.

In 2018 we supplemented the village litter bins, most of which are provided by and emptied by the district council, with a recycling bin outside the Co-op and a dual purpose litter bin at the entrance to the Thwaites estate; a popular dog walking route. Villagers are kindly asked to use both for their intended purpose; not to litter our streets or leave dog litter bags on Thwaites' estate.

We continue to monitor the state of roads and road signs in the parish and have prompted many repairs. The parish roads are the responsibility of the county council, who provide a useful road fault reporting facility at [www.warwickshire.fixmystreet.com](http://www.warwickshire.fixmystreet.com) which is available to everyone to use. In particular, we are pressing the county council to force developers on Bush Heath Lane to restore the road, verges and signing to the condition it was before the developments took place.

In 2019 we have commissioned WCC's traffic engineers to look at congestion and parking issues in High Street / Mill Street, and to come up with proposals for changes. Once we have received these we will consult residents before seeking funding for implementation.

We have engaged with Deppers Bridge residents who are concerned about increased traffic volume, speeding and lorries, in particular during forthcoming diversions connected with roadworks from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. We are pressing the county council to implement vehicle activated signs (VAS) that tell drivers of their speed, at least as a temporary measure during this period.

#### **Cllr Chris Gibb**

#### **Chair, Harbury Parish Council Environment Working Party**

Members: Cllrs Lockley, Thornley, Allen, Rutherford and Christou

## **Properties Working Party Report**

### **Cemetery**

Repairs continued with the chapel this year, with redirection of rainwater to a new soakaway installed at the rear of the chapel. This will allow further drying of the ground to stabilise the building structure. Future works will include repairs to roof tiles and repointing of the stonework joints.



We commissioned a survey, which will enable us to identify how much burial capacity is left in the cemetery. It has been estimated that the cemetery will be full in five to six years.

Thanks to the Friends of the Cemetery, who under the guidance of Cllr Summers, continue to work wonders in maintaining the cemetery grounds.

## **Playgrounds**

Harbury

Mini Goals ordered last year have now been installed. The perimeter path around the field has now been completed and is proving to be a popular asset to the village. Inspections and general maintenance are ongoing.

Deppers Bridge

Weekly inspections of equipment continue with nothing of note for this year. The phone box is waiting for repairs to broken window and a new coat of paint inside and out.

## **Allotments**

Inspection completed in early May, there was a notable improvement in the maintenance of the plots. Notices of improvement have been issued only to three of tenants this time. Currently there are two full plots and one half plot vacant.

## **Green Spaces**

An inspection of our benches has been completed and notes made of any repairs that are required.

## **Cllr Steve Ekins**

### **Chair of Harbury Parish Council Properties Working Party**

Working Party Members: Councillors Thompson, Mancell, Summers and Christou

## **Finance & General Purposes Working Party Report**

First, I would like to thank our clerk, Alison Biddle, for the help and support that she given to me and all the council in the past year.

Extracts from the accounts for 2018 – 2019 are included at the end of this booklet. These are well in line with our planned budgetary controls.

The parish precept for the coming year, 2019/20, has increased from £107,027.00 to £110,610.00 (plus £3,591); this gives an increase of £2.47 per year for a Band D property within Harbury Parish, this is an increase of 20.5p per month. Note that the council tax support grant paid to the parish council has been reduced to £370 while the council tax base rate has increased to 1178.18. This is due to the growth in property numbers within the parish.

The F&GP working party recommended the budget and precept to the full parish council. This budget will, in addition to our normal responsibilities fund our plans for the parish in 2019/20 in the following areas:

- £20,000 for the cemetery chapel - restoration work, soak away and water connection and accompanying tree work.
- £10,000 towards resurfacing the cemetery footpaths.
- £2,400 for carrying out the 2nd year's recommendations from the latest tree survey.
- £10,000 towards the new cemetery fund.
- £5,000 for new playground equipment
- £1,310 for maintenance, water and refuse collection at the allotments.
- £11,380 to be transferred back into our reserves to cover the amount spent on playground re-surfacing, three years previously.
- The pitch hire fees for Harbury Football Club will be reduced to £20.00 per year, from £200.00
- The annual allotment rent increases to £30.00 in October 2019.

The parish office is open four mornings a week; this gives access to the parish council, the clerk and to minutes, reports and planning application etc.

Our website provides another way to keep in touch with the parish council, giving online access to the minutes, meeting schedules, and the contact details for the council. Our Facebook page is another useful source of information.

Recent planning applications for the parish of Harbury can be viewed via our website, along with information from many Harbury village groups and societies. Please visit <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/>

My thanks go to my colleagues on the F&GP Working Party, councillors Tim Lockley, Pat Summers, Chris Gibb and Steve Ekins for all their contributions and commitment throughout the year.

**Cllr Tony Mancell**

**Chair, Harbury Parish Council Finance & General Purposes Working Party**

Members: Cllrs Ekins, Lockley, Summers and Gibb

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

We had to wait a long time for SDC's comments on our NDP but were not displeased when we received them. Our neighbourhood plan had to sit side-by-side with Stratford's Core Strategy and the minor amendments to the wording in our plan enabled that to happen. Our planning consultants, Kirkwells, made the necessary amendments to the draft plan so that it was in a position to go forward. The amendments were agreed by the steering group and approved by the parish council.

Harbury has fulfilled its quota of houses as a Category 1 Local Service Village and we needed to protect Harbury parish from unwanted developments in the future.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who voted in the referendum on 29<sup>th</sup> November. There were 874 votes and 822 recorded a "YES" vote in favour of the plan. The turnout was 41.65% and because a majority of those voting were in favour of the plan, it meant that it was subsequently adopted by SDC as planning policy and will have to be taken into account when considering

any new planning applications along with SDC's Core Strategy. The adoption of the Harbury NDP provides a greater level of protection against over development than we had previously.

Harbury and Bishops Itchington Parish Councils jointly requested a parish boundary change from April 2019 to allow all the new housing at the former cement works site to sit within Bishop's Itchington parish. This makes sense because this development is physically much closer to Bishop's Itchington village and will be linked by way of a new cycle way and footpath. However, it does mean that the designated areas for our respective NDPs also need to be amended. On advice from SDC's legal team, we have agreed with Bishop's Itchington PC that they will request a change to their designated area in due course and that this will be implemented by SDC with the effect of automatically changing the designated area for the Harbury NDP. This change is academic and will not affect any of the policies in the Harbury NDP.

**Councillor Pat Summers**  
**Harbury NDP Group**

## County Councillor's Report

Coventry and Warwickshire are rated as one of the best economic performers in the country. Our economic output has increased from £17.2bn in 2009 to £26bn in 2017. The productivity has also increased by 25% in the same period and employment by 16.5%. No wonder then that people want to live in the county and that developers are having a field day.

Unfortunately, as well as having a beneficial effect on our standard of living there is also the spin -off of more housing, insufficient number of health facilities and utility provision as well as transport . It is these problems that WCC has been wrestling with over the past year at the same time as having to find savings as a result of government austerity policies.

The whole of last year has also been overshadowed by Brexit and HS2, and financial restraints. People ask me "What effect does Brexit have on Local government?" Firstly, many major projects are funded by European money which will have to be found from other sources this is particularly true of major highway and transport related projects. There is likely to be a shortage of workers to fill jobs in the construction industry, seasonal agricultural employment, staffing in care homes and hospitals. Many Bills reforming the way councils operate are being held up in Parliament in particular the adult care provision; the Bill for local government funding and devolving of powers to local authorities including parishes. All this interferes with decision making and long term planning. If relevant, I will comment on the euro elections and their implications at the meeting

You may have noticed that there have been a large number of new houses built in and around Harbury and possibly more to come. These have had a major disruptive effect on our roads and infrastructure and I hope that all presently approved building will be nearing completion by the end of the summer but I cannot foretell any future housing that may be approved by SDC in their move to meet their housing target and available land supply.

However, I cannot allow a resume of the year to pass without a mention of HS2. The early works contractors are reaching the end of their initial surveys although work is still on going in and around Wormleighton where trial pits are being dug. They are preparing to carry out further works along the route from Bishop's Bowls Lakes and Ufton in anticipation of the main contract being confirmed. These works will continue into the autumn and, locally, closures are to be expected. WCC Highways are trying to link in closures with water, electricity and other requirements of the housing developers. Final approval and costing of the contract is not expected until the end of this year at the earliest. Their official start date for trains is now early 2027 –a year later than originally planned.

As schools vote to become academies so the county council's responsibility for education diminishes. Indeed, the council is now only responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient "Good" school places within the county for all children and that there is adequate provision of education for those with special educational needs. Southam College has also become an academy (there are only 2 secondary schools in Warwickshire that aren't) and is part of Stowe Valley MAT. They are hoping to have completed a new sports hall by this time next year. Southam College is again oversubscribed and except for siblings of existing students they are not taking any pupils from outside the county.

WCC is also the local fire authority and a recent fire service inspection at a revised set of standards found that the fire cover and prevention services were good but that the back office provision should improve. Recently there have been discussions with the West Midlands fire service to combine these services. This includes training and the recent proposals to build a training ground in Southam have been shelved. The police station in Southam has now been sold to a sheltered housing provider and the police are located next to the library in Tithe Lodge. There is now a new, but permanent, police officer for the area.

Unfortunately, the council tax was increased again this year by 4.9% of which 2% was specifically ring-fenced to looking after the elderly. We are living longer and the cost of care continues to increase. The cost of children in care continues to rise as safeguarding standards are tightened. I am reliably informed that the council finances are in good health and we have sufficient unallocated reserves able to meet any envisaged contingencies. Capital spending is mainly on schools expansion to meet the growing number of children and transport related projects, mainly road and more parkway type railway stations.

So, what of the year ahead in the village? I will continue to support measures that improve traffic flow around the village and ensure that the village receives its entitlement to developer money to compensate for the extra houses. The s106 system and its successor CIL are not conducive to fulfilling all the needs. I am also exploring feasible traffic flow improvements for Deppers Bridge.

This is a great village to live in and I congratulate your parish council on the way they have supported the village over the past 4 years and I wish the new council every success over the next 4 years.

**County Cllr Bob Stevens**  
**Warwickshire County Council**

## Reports from Village Groups & Organisations

### Harbury Village Hall

I am pleased to say that the village hall has enjoyed another year of healthy booking levels and is in a sound financial position.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and especially the officers Celia Neill, booking, Sue Littlewood, treasurer, Andy Rutherford, vice chairman, and Keith Thompson, health and safety. In addition, Philip Mayer for his investigation of funding sources and planning for further modernisation and improvement. Michelle Lawley for keeping the hall so clean and tidy.

In general, the hire charges are set to cover the routine running costs of the hall and it is pleasing that the charges have remained unchanged for three years as a result of increased booking levels. Major expenditure for improvements and modernisation relies upon fundraising and I am pleased to say that for the first time for many years an adequate reserve fund has been built up to cater for emergencies. Sadly, this may well be spent on major repairs to the rear roof of the original part of the hall in the near future.

The committee are currently pursuing funding to enable work to improve the Farley Room. decoration, new flooring and replacement of the internal and external doors and windows and in addition to providing a modern foyer, new storage, widening the drive and improving the lighting at the front of the hall. The committee are confident of obtaining funding for these projects.

It is my intention to resign as chairman of the hall committee after twelve years although I will be happy to remain on the committee in the short term. I feel that the hall has been much improved during my tenure and I have no doubt that this will continue in the future. I have been very grateful for the support of an excellent committee and of course Harbury village and I have every confidence that the hall will continue to thrive in the hands of the incoming chairman.

**Geoff Thorpe**  
**Chairman, Harbury Village Hall**

### The Friends of Harbury Cemetery

This voluntary group was set up three years ago because Harbury Cemetery was becoming neglected as families moved away or died themselves.

The group meet on the first Thursday of each month (weather permitting) between 10 and 12noon to tidy and weed at the cemetery. There is always work to be done and more volunteers are needed as the 'core' is down to between 4 – 6 people.

The new fence looks good and flowers can be seen through it – making a lovely show throughout the spring and summer. Thanks to the parish council for installing this. Also, a

soakaway has been installed at the back of the chapel to protect the foundations and a new tap will be installed by the gate where the watering cans will be situated. This will mean that the water butts by the side of the chapel can be removed; once again protecting the foundations.

Thank you to everyone who contributes in any way – by helping on the first Thursday of the month or by donating seeds, bulbs and plants.

**Cllr Pat Summers, Group Co-ordinator**

## Harbury Energy Initiative

I begin most years now wondering how we can keep adding to our HEI story; somehow, we do. Late in 2018 we enabled the installation of a 19kW battery in the village hall and early in 2019 we supported the school in arranging the installation of 25kWp of solar panels that are now operational. The battery came via a grant from Postcode Local Trust and the PV installation through a SALIX loan and two small grants, one from Heart of England Community Foundation and the other from the Carbon Trust. We also worked with the church in achieving bronze level in the Eco Church scheme.



Our E-Car Club hub remains a successful venture with a very recent upgrade that replaces one car with a 40kW Zoe. We were also selected by E-Car out of all their many fleets to host a trial of a new charge point and app. The main use for the cars is still Harbury e-Wheels service, which in 2018 completed around 1300 hours and 12,000 miles of free transport. We received financial support from Harbury, Bishop's Itchington Parish and Southam Town Councils giving us financial security into 2020, when combined with other fundraising bids, events and donations. Harbury e-Wheels recently became a registered charity.

Hardly a waste of time, was our decision to devote time to waste. A suggestion by Linda Ridgley led to her and Alison Hodge organising a trip to Veolia's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). Six HEI members and a group from Harbury Society travelled up to Staffordshire for a guided tour of the facilities. This facility is hugely impressive, ensuring that all waste delivered to site is either recycled or turned into energy via high temperature incineration. Chemicals are recaptured from the flue gases and only water vapour is released into the environment.

HEI continues to work on switching community building lighting over to LEDs. We are currently supporting GASS, the pre-school and the church in this programme.

We have started 2019 with probably our most important project to date. On April 29th we held an event in the village hall called 'How low carbon is your community? Sharing solutions'. This was hosted by us with the support of the RSA (the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Commerce and Manufactures). About 45 delegates attended including a few from Harbury. The aim is to stimulate action on carbon and environmental issues and generate a hub of active linked, mainly rural, communities. It has already stimulated a second event to be held in Napton on June 29th during Community Energy Fortnight.

**Bob Sherman**  
**Chairman of Harbury Energy Initiative**

## Parish Council Attendance Record May 2018 to April 2019

There were 12 meetings in total during the year which included 1 extraordinary meeting and the annual meeting of the parish council.

Name of Councillor	Number Attended	Percentage Attended
Cllr Tim Lockley, Chairman	11	92%
Cllr Keith Thompson, Vice-chairman	12	100%
Cllr Sam Allen	12	100%
Cllr Chris Christou	9	75%
Cllr Chris Gibb	12	100%
Cllr Pat Summers	11	92%
Cllr Andrew Rutherford	12	100%
Cllr Tony Mancell	9	75%
Cllr Steve Ekins	10	83%
Cllr Janet Thornley	9	75%

### Contact Your Parish Council

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**Harbury Parish Council**  
**Extracts from Financial Reports Year Ended 31 March 2019 (subject to audit)**

Year Ended 31/03/18	Income & Expenditure	Year Ended 31/03/19
	<b>GENERAL PARISH FUND</b>	
<b>£</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
104,952.00	Precept	107,027.00
1,560.00	Council Tax Reduction Grant	960.00
24.75	Interest received - deposit account	70.40
119.45	Interest received - Tennis & Netball Courts Fund	222.35
1,006.15	Allotment rents	1,006.15
625.00	Cemetery fees	3,670.00
-	Playing field hire	204.00
35.22	Wayleave	35.22
1,015.86	Grass verge contribution - SDC	1,040.65
13,377.28	Grant funding (includes Sec 106 funds)	1,686.02
3,740.00	Sports clubs conts to Tennis & Netball Courts Fund	3,740.00
1,645.03	Other contributions/misc	806.21
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<b>128,100.74</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>120,468.00</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
23,955.61	General administration	29,223.06
399.50	Training	348.50
897.56	Purchase of office equipment	301.99
3,706.37	Parish office	3,724.45
16,475.00	Grants	7,606.20
-	Village Hall (grant)	1,500.00
-	Neighbourhood Plan	600.00
5,914.00	WW1 Project	-
	<b>Running costs:</b>	
3,010.00	Allotments	940.00
10,159.69	Cemetery	8,199.27
5,389.96	Open spaces	6,446.49
26,708.33	Playing fields & car park	8,577.70
1,078.00	Tennis & netball court works	3,979.34
1,624.08	Non-estate roads	1,636.08
16,195.31	Street lighting	14,192.75
4,952.00	Purchase of village assets / village improvements	1,358.64
2,800.00	Councillors allowances	2,800.00
<b>123,265.41</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>91,434.47</b>
4,835.33	<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	29,033.53
-5569.45	Transfer to Tennis & Netball Courts Fund	- 935.01
-	Transfer to Library Maintenance Fund	- 8,303.00
-	Transfer to New Cemetery Fund	- 17,256.00
<b>- 734.12</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>2,539.52</b>



Year Ended 31/03/2018	SPECIFIC FUNDS (Earmarked Reserves)	Year Ended 31/03/2019
£	<b>Tennis &amp; Netball Courts Fund</b>	£
	<b><u>Income</u></b>	
119.45	Interest received	222.35
1,870.00	Contributions from parish council	1,870.00
3,740.00	Contributions from sports clubs	3,740.00
- 160.00	<b><u>Less expenditure</u></b>	- 4,897.34
<b>5,569.45</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>935.01</b>

Funds Statement			
Year Ended 31.03.2018			Year Ended 31.03.2019
£	<b>General Fund</b>		£
114,069.59	Balance at 1 April		113,335.47
- 734.12	Add surplus/less deficit for year		2,539.52
<b>113,335.47</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>		<b>115,874.99</b>
	<b>Tennis &amp; Netball Courts Fund</b>		
26,251.19	Balance at 1 April		31,820.64
5,610.00	Add payment into account		5,610.00
119.45	Add interest for year		222.35
- 160.00	Less payment out of account		- 4,897.34
<b>31,820.64</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>		<b>32,755.65</b>
	<b>Library Fund</b>		
	Balance at 1 April		-
	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>		<b>8,303.00</b>
	<b>New Cemetery Fund</b>		
	Balance at 1 April		-
	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>		<b>17,256.00</b>
	<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>174,189.64</b>

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2019			
Year ended 31.03.2018		Year ended 31.03.2019	
Re-stated *			
£		Current Assets	£
285.79		Payments in advance	290.60
3,818.02		VAT Debtor	1,124.49
-		Other debtors	22.42
100.00		Cash with clerk to the council	100.00
143,183.15		Cash at bank	173,959.05
<b>147,386.96</b>			<b>175,496.56</b>
		<b>Less current liabilities</b>	
- 2,230.85		Creditors & receipts in advance	- 1,306.92
<b>145,156.11</b>		<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>174,189.64</b>
		Represented by:	
114,069.59		General fund balance b/f	113,335.47
- 734.12		Less deficit/plus surplus	2,539.52
113,335.47		Balance 31 March	115,874.99
		Specific funds:	
31,820.64		Tennis & Netball Courts Fund	32,755.65
-		Library Maintenance Fund	8,303.00
-		New Cemetery Fund	17,256.00
<b>145,156.11</b>			<b>174,189.64</b>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31 March 2019 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

**\*N.B.**

Re-stated to take account of unpaid standing order incorrectly reported as reconciling item.

4. Grants Paid			
Payee	Nature of Payment		£
Harbury Village Hall	Architect's fees		1,500.00
Harbury Village Show	Hall hire		186.00
Harbury Village Club	LED lights for pool table area		371.20
Harbury RFC	Stairlift replacement		2,000.00
Harbury e-Wheels	Community transport		1,500.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath		75.00
Harbury Albion FC	Changing room hire fees		200.00
Harbury Carnival	Entertainment		1,000.00
Harbury PTA	Outdoor play equipment		1,000.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7,832.20</b>