

HARESCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes

7.00PM ON MONDAY 13th May 2024

7.00pm Refreshments and general discussion

7.45 pm Formal meeting commenced.

WELCOME

The outgoing Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr. Ractliffe started by welcoming the new Parish Clerk, Mr. S. Hale and also expressed her thanks to Kath Pritchard who recently stood down from her position as a parish councillor.

Cllr. Ractliffe said that she was staying on as a councillor in the absence of any other willing volunteers but she would like to encourage other members of the community to consider filling the current councillor vacancy.

APOLOGIES - No apologies

Minutes of the annual parish meeting on 16th May 2023 were approved.

Report by the outgoing Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr. Ractliffe

Various highways deficiencies have been reported to GCC highways for their attention including,

- Gruntas Lane drainage improvements
- Gruntas Lane bank-slippage near Spring-Acre Farm
- Pound of candles passing layby and potholes.
- Church Lane is to be resurfaced but currently no timescales.

Parishioners are encouraged to use the FixMyStreet app to also report any local highways problems. This includes any fly-tipping incidents.

Council has made the following charitable donations,

- Donations to Sunflower Suicide awareness, £200
- Great Western Ambulance and £250
- Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. £250

The Parochial Church Council is planning a garden of remembrance and the parish council have an earmarked reserve to add an armillary in memory of Queen Elizabeth II as a centrepiece when the garden has been constructed.

PLANNING

Hayes Farm has gone quite but an outline planning permission application for 2550 houses at Whaddon is in its early stages – Junction 12 M5 and St Barnabas roundabout will not be able to accommodate the potential increased volume of traffic.

The absence of a SDC local plan was discussed, as was the fact that it was believed to have been rejected due to concentrating on the south of the district where new M5 junction 14 is not suitable for increased traffic volume.

A small tree plantation has tentatively been considered by the council but location and ongoing maintenance are relevant considerations.

Public participation

The possibility of something like a seat outside the village hall was raised but it was thought there was not really enough room for it.

Could solar panels on the village hall roof be worth considering? Or perhaps a wind turbine somewhere in the parish?

Meeting was closed at 8pm