



Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. C. Crane

Chairman: Mr P. MBA

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of Redenhall with Harleston Town Council held in the Social Room at the Leisure Centre at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

Present: Councillors – Paul MBA, Matt Scade, Lucy Chenery, Clive Digby, Clive Attwood, Michael Hardy, Adrian Brownsea, Eloise Wilkinson, Shelagh West.

Also, present: Clare Crane (Town Clerk) & Emma Chandler (Deputy Clerk)

Members of the Public – County Councillor Martin Wilby, District Councillor Trevor Graham, Lynda Ling, Richard Spurgin, Lucy Marjoram, Kevin Garnham, Carolyn Malinowski, Rob Connelly, Jackie Glennie, Lesley Lamoureux, Sandra Knowles, Dawn Nobbs, Jon Duckworth, Margaret Griffiths, Sheena Duncan, Linda Curson, John Marjoram, Jenny Marjoram, Rosie Riches, Laura Schultheiss, Chris Lown, Julia Lindon, Ken Woolley, Laurence Vickery, Ian Carstairs, Mary Quarmby, Lewis Peppereli, Joel Keeble, Rev Nigel Tuffnell, Norman Hart, Gordon Lacelles, Robin Twigge and eight other members of the public

1. Chairman to welcome all those present.

Cllr Mba welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To consider accepting apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr John Graham and Cllr Keith Harrison.

3. To approve and sign the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 23rd May 2023

Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by Councillor Mba

4. Matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters arising.

5. Annual Report from the Town Council provided by the presiding Chairman.

Cllr Mba's report can be found at Appendix A

6. To record the Town's thanks to those councillors that have stood down.

Thanks were extended to Mr Wilkins, Ms Pegg and Ms Tyler for their time spent with the council

Cllr Mba then welcomed new councillors Wilkinson, Hardy and Graham who have joined the council over the last six months.

7. To receive reports on matters of interest to the town from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor Martin Wilby – Appendix B

District Councillor Trevor Grahm – Appendix C

8. To receive written reports from organisations that have received a grant from the Town Council 2023/2024 in line with the Grant Awarding Policy

a. Harleston Information Plus (HIP)

Mrs Carolyn Malinowski the Vice Chair of HIP provided a report which can be found at Appendix D

b. Historical Society

Two representatives from the Historical Society provided at report which can be found at Appendix E

9. To receive written reports from the various council committees on their activities during the preceding year

a. Amenities Committee

Matt Scade, Chair of the Amenities committee provided a brief verbal report on the activities of the committee in the past year.

b. Leisure Centre Management Committee

Due to Cllr Chenery recently becoming the Chair of this committee there was no report available at this time though thanks and praise were given to the Leisure Centre Team for increasing the membership and usage of the facilities over the last year.

c. Finance Committee

Cllr Harrison had provided a written report before the meeting which can be found at Appendix F

d. Planning and Development Committee

Cllr Digby provide a report for the committee which can be found at Appendix G

10. To receive reports from organisations and groups active in Harleston

Nature Recovery

Ian Carstairs provided a concise overview of the Nature Recovery initiative, highlighting its significant impact both at the local and national levels. The Harleston model, which serves as a blueprint for Nature Recovery efforts, has been successfully adopted in South Yorkshire. Additionally, District Councillor Graham's efforts have paved the way for the expansion of this model across the South Norfolk District. This expansion promises to further enhance conservation efforts and promote biodiversity in the region.

Sancroft Academy

Head Teacher Rob Connelly provided an update on the education provision within Harleston. The written report can be found at Appendix H

St John's Church

Rev Nigel Tuffnell provided a full update including the multitude of activities that take place at the church on a regular basis. The written report can be found at Appendix I

Harleston Branch of the Royal British Legion

Jon Duckworth provided an insightful summary of the Royal British Legion's (RBL) achievements and activities over the past year. He expressed gratitude to Terry Pegg, whose dedication to research and history has yielded significant results. Notably, Terry's efforts bore fruit earlier in the month when visitors, hailing from Lancashire, visited the Leisure Centre to view the WW1 tablecloth. Through Terry's diligent research, these visitors were able to uncover information about late relatives who had signed the cloth, providing them with a deeply meaningful connection to their family history and the historical events surrounding World War I. The RBL written report can be found at Appendix J.

Harleston's Future

Robin Twigge delivered an informative update from Harleston's Future, highlighting key events and initiatives from the past year. This included the ongoing efforts of the Flag Force Team in organizing impressive flag displays, the installation of swift boxes, the successful operation of the Cinema Club, the Antiques Fair, Open Gardens, Waveney Festival, and the Christmas Market and Light Switch on.

He expressed gratitude towards Eileen Ryan for spearheading the Anonymouse Initiative, which adds charm and character to the town through the placement of display mouse houses.

Additionally, Robin commended the Town Council for their outstanding collaboration throughout the year. Their joint efforts have contributed to making Harleston an attractive and vibrant town, fostering a positive environment for local businesses and residents alike.

Squash and Tennis

Members of the Squash and Tennis Club gave an update on activities over the year. The written report can be found at Appendix K.

Exchange 2

Lucy Marjoram gave thanks to all of the local groups that have contributed to enabling the full refurbishment of the Cabin over the last year. The Exchange 2 written report can be found at Appendix L.

Harleston Bridge Club

Mary Quarmby highlighted that the club now operates from Needham Village Hall on Mondays at 12.30 and would like to welcome new members.

Harleston Hockey Club

Norman Hart spoke briefly about the Hockey Club and how they have many players that are now playing for our national teams in both the female and male sides. He felt that they needed more recognition from the town moving forward.

11. Electors have the opportunity to raise questions (Q&A)

No questions had been submitted before the meeting, but the following requests were made by residents:

- For the council to explore all possible mechanisms to provide a community centre for the town.
- Disappointment that there was not a public swimming pool in the Town.
- For a skate park to be sited on community land.

Meeting closed at 21.15

Signed: *Cllr P Mba*

Date: 20th May 2025