

# **Minutes of the Harringworth & Shotley Annual Parish Open Meeting held at Harringworth Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Present:

Cllr A White (Chair); J Patterson-Gordon (Clerk)  
40 Members of the public (Villagers)

## **1. Introduction by the Chair of the Parish Meeting Mr A White**

Cllr White explained that the Annual Parish Meeting is required by law and is not a meeting of the Parish Council.

It represents an opportunity for parishioners to put forward their ideas and proposals regarding the village. Other members of the public and the media were allowed to attend but none were present on this occasion.

## **2. Minutes of the 2022 Harringworth & Shotley Annual Parish Open Meeting & Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising and no further comments on the minutes of the 2022 Parish Open Meeting.

Cllr White signed them off as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

## **3. The Annual Report of the Chair of Harringworth Parish Council**

This report had previously been circulated to all households in the village.

## **4. Questions for the Chair of the Parish Council from the public**

Mr Harry Morgan raised the issue of the poor state of the roads. The Chair agreed and responded by saying that he had invited Jason Smithers, the leader of North Northants Council, to answer such a question but unfortunately, he did not attend.

The Chair suggested to all villagers that they should report issues with potholes etc to Fix My Street.

Mr Alan Wordie thanked the Parish Council for cutting the hedges in the area around the viaduct which gave much improved visibility of oncoming traffic.

Mrs Joanne Wade asked for the names of Parish Councillors and was directed to the Village Directory where they are listed.

Mr Tom Wade asked if there was a development plan for the village and the Chair responded by saying that this had been considered in the past and it was decided not to go ahead. In retrospect this was seen as a good decision as many Parish Councils had incurred high costs as a result of such plans. Mr Wade also raised the issue of the change of use planning application for the White Swan pub. The Chair reiterated that this would be discussed fully at the Extraordinary

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A D White

Chairman

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Meeting of Harringworth Parish Council on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Village Hall when villagers could attend and make their opinions known. The planning notice which has been affixed to a downpipe next to the pub gives the deadline for comments as May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, not April 21<sup>st</sup> as was originally indicated on the planning website.

The issue of parking on Jubilee Green was raised and the Chair indicated that permission was being sought to plant shrubs along the verge in front of Jubilee Green to prevent cars parking there.

**5. Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northants Council and Ward Councillor for Harringworth**

Mr Smithers did not attend and did not offer his apologies.

**6. The Chair handed over the meeting to the Chair of the Village Hall Trustees and Chair of the Appeals committee for their respective AGMs.**

They will each produce their own minutes of their AGMs

**The Chair closed the meeting after thanking all those who attended.**