

Harringworth Appeals Fund

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Thursday 20 April 2023

Present:

Philippa Gasson (Chairman), Joanne Wade (Treasurer), David Reading, Andrew White (Chair of the Harringworth Parish Council), Harry Morgan (Chair of Harringworth Village Hall) and around 40 residents of Harringworth and Shotley.

Apologies for Absence: Debbie Waterworth, Victoria Lloyd, Davina Conant, Angie Boakes

Minutes of the 2022 AGM:

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. They were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Nil

Chairman's Report

I am pleased to report this evening on activities since our last AGM; for those new to Harringworth, the Appeals Fund was established 40 years ago to co-ordinate the raising of money each year for the benefit of the village. Over many years the hardworking committee, supported by volunteers have raised Funds by organising a variety of events from Artisan Markets, Talks, Bridge Lunches, Pop up Pub Evenings, 100 Club and much more. Funds are also raised by donations and contributions from other activities. We were blessed this year with a very small but hardworking team on the Committee and numerous helpers playing key roles.

Richard Nixon started the year creating the Village Directory which is available for free to all residents. It includes a listing of everyone in the Parish plus a useful section with general information and services. In addition, we invite local businesses to advertise for a modest price in the Directory to cover the cost of printing and last year the Directory made a profit of £164.00 with all proceeds going to the Appeals Fund. I would like to thank Richard on behalf of the Village for all his hard work preparing the Directory and the many other creative challenges he does behind the scenes, including running the village website and designing fliers.

After the successful 100 CLUB campaign in 2021 David Reading took up the challenge this year and sold over 100 Numbers at £25 each. Each month we draw a number and give away £100 to a lucky winner, with a bonus £50 for the December draw bringing £1,525.00 of income to the Appeals Fund. We also repeated the Donations Appeal which boosted our funds by £3,525.52 through some very generous donations. Thank you.

In recent years we have held a traditional and very popular Christmas Bazaar in the lovely setting of the Church. Last autumn our creative duo Debbie Waterworth and Victoria Lloyd organised the first Harringworth Artisan Market. It was a great success with a selection of Artisans from the local area, along with our well established Made (and now Grown) in Harringworth Products and a Cake Stall organised by Sue Reading. With your generous contributions of crafts, jams, chutney, plants, cakes and hamper gifts all was set for a great afternoon. With the help of the Committee and a host of volunteers we raised a record £2465.00.

Now a Christmas event in the Church would not be the same without the famous Harringworth Hamper Raffle. Liz Mitchell kindly masterminded the creation of a wonderful Hamper to Raffle at the Artisan Market and we also managed to share the generous donations to make two further hampers.

Just as important are the tea and cakes we serve to visitors and the Church PCC team definitely played their part in the success of the day. Thank you.

Through popular request and realising this is a winning formula we plan to hold a second Christmas Artisan Market this coming November and would welcome suggestions from you all of any local Artisans who would like to join us.

The Appeals Fund is not all about fundraising; we also plan social evenings that bring the village together; between them this year we raised £700. At the first of our Pop Up Pubs we served delicious homemade Tagine and the popular Burns Night Supper lead by Joanne Wade included The Other Band playing live with the majority of us on our feet dancing after a delicious menu of Haggis, Neaps and Tatties. We are very lucky to have such a well equipped kitchen and this spacious Village Hall for such evening and would welcome the opportunity to plan more social events; to do this we need to grow the committee to enable us to plan further Pop Up Pub evening, or a Quiz & Pizza Night! More of this later.

The Appeals Fund was further boosted by a generous donation of £305 from the organisers of the Safari Dinner Maggie Hill and Barbara Kedge. They have now handed over the baton to team Sandie Gordon and Jackie Sandie who are busy planning this years' Dinner on June 10th. Good luck ladies and huge thank you to Maggie and Barbara for all the years they ran the Safari Dinner.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to my team. Joanne Wade is a very professional Treasurer and great organiser who with me is generally behind planning social evenings. Debbie Waterworth and Victoria Lloyd are our creative duo and as you heard are already planning the Artisan Market and we very much hope a Summer Fete in 2024. Victoria is also happy joining in food preparation for the Pop Up Evenings and the recent Bridge Lunch. David Reading who not only organises the 100 Club plays a key logistics role and is a great addition behind the Bar! We started the year with Davina Conant as Secretary, however due to a change of her circumstances she has temporary stood down but hopes to re-join us later in the year.

I would also like to thank everyone in the village who helped the committee in so many ways – without their support we could not be as successful. We are never short of helpers in Harringworth but we now APPEAL for more of you to come forward to plan exciting events by joining the Committee.

That concludes my Chairman's Report. Thank you.

Treasurers Report

The 2022/2023 accounts were presented showing £8,566 was raised in the last year with £7.500 available for distribution. The Chairman's report identified the funds that had been raised over the year and there were no further questions.

HARRINGWORTH APPEALS FUND **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR END 28 FEBRUARY** **2023**

Opening balance:	6838.37		
<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
*1 Directory	164.00	Distribution:	
100 Club	1525.00	Jubilee Planter	225.00
*2 Donations	3525.52	Harringworth PCC	4000.00
Safari Supper	305.00	Web Hosting	180.00
Pop up Pub x2	471.67	Jubilee Mug Award	250.00
		Harringworth PCC Lightening	
Burns Night	236.05	Conductor	550.00
Artisan Christmas Market incl Made in Harringworth	2465.79		
*3 Sale of Assets	100.00	Distribution for previous year	429.15
Directory Income from previous year	63.00		
		Outstanding distribution:	
		Defib/CPR Training	115.00
		Other:	
		Insurance	231.00
		Raffle License	20.00
		Bank Charges	71.75
Totals	8856.03		6071.90
closing Balance:	9622.50		
<u>Funds Available for Distribution:</u>	9,622.50		

Election of Officers and Committee Members:

Ahead of the meeting the committee made up of Philippa Gasson, Joanne Wade, Debbie Waterworth, David Reading, Victoria Lloyd and Davina Conant had agreed to remain in place.

The Chairman reported it is in our mutual interest to work closely with the Village Hall to provide community events and activities. As a result, Julian O'Neill is joining the committee in his capacity as a Trustee of the Village Hall. In addition, having a close understanding of why we raise the Funds and being able to use the wonderful facilities of the Church for our larger events means that we also work very closely with the PCC and we are very pleased to be joined by Bernadette Oakey, the Treasurer of the Churches PCC. We are also delighted that Jan Jones has also agreed to join the committee.

The Committee of Philippa Gasson, Joanne Wade, Debbie Waterworth, David Reading, Victoria Lloyd, Davina Conant, Julian O'Neill, Bernadette Oakey and Jan Jones was proposed by Ian Saunders and Seconded by Chris Hendy.

Chairperson: Philippa Gasson proposed Liz Mitchell and seconded by Chris Hendy

Secretary: vacant but will be covered by the Chairman in the interim

Treasurer: Joanne Wade proposed by Chris Merriman and Chris Hendy

Allocation of Funds

The Chairperson oversaw the process of fund allocation. All funds were approved and voted by the meeting.

Applicant	Proposal	Request
St John the Baptist Church Parochial Church Council	Contribution towards urgent repair work including timber treatment, lead gutter and timber supports to the chancel roof.	£6,500
Harringworth Gardening Group	To commission and install a plaque to acknowledge the installation of the stone trough to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.	£130
Harringworth Parish Council	Shrubs to plant on the edge of the Jubilee Green to prevent parking on the verge.	£200
Richard Nixon	To fund the annual cost of the website – harringworth.org	£120
Verity Thompson	A commemorative plaque and wrought iron tree guard for the Coronation Oak Tree gifted by the Parish Council.	£200
Harringworth Ladies Group	To support the program of events this year including contributing towards speaker fees, with the aim of reaching a wider audience from the village.	£350
Total		£7,500

AOB – none

Meeting close