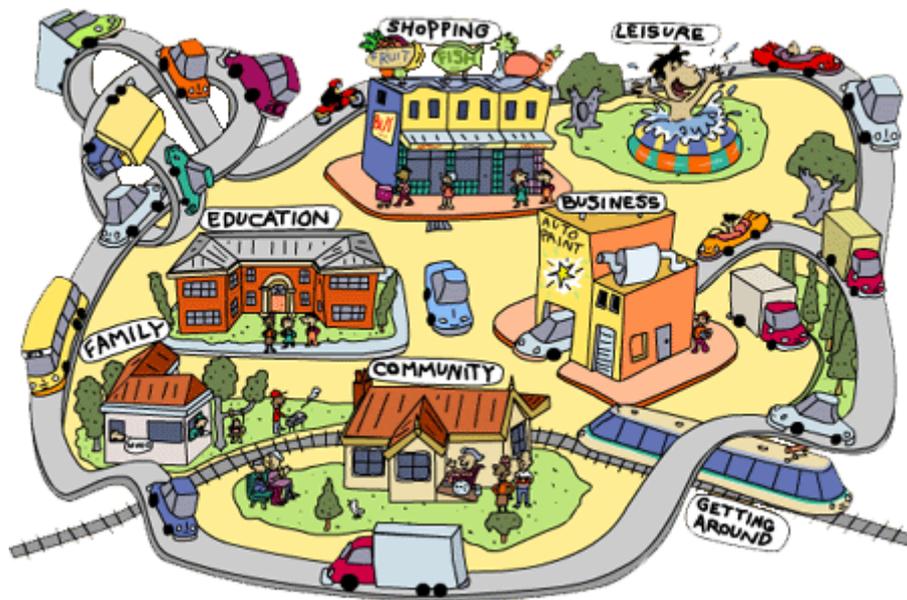


# Harbury Parish Council

## Annual Report 2015



## **Parish Council Chairman's Report**

It has been another busy year for Harbury Parish Council. On top of all the routine business of the council, the village made national news in January with the landslip at the cutting. This resulted in a lot of media interviews and enquiries for myself and the clerk, as well as regular contact with Network Rail. Those living near the cutting put up with weeks of noise and light pollution, but as a thank-you from Network Rail's contractors, the Wight School car park was re-surfaced, something that desperately needed doing. I hope the rest of the work will go smoothly.

Often when I meet councillors from other parishes they tell me that Harbury is known as a 'pro-active' council. I take this as a compliment. It tells me that when we see problems that can be resolved or alleviated through council action, we try to do it. Sometimes this takes planning, for example to put the budgets in place, but when we commit to doing something we do see it through. We know sometimes this will mean asking the parish to pay more via the precept to get a project completed. We never do this lightly, as we are very aware that it is public money that we are spending. Where there are grants available we will apply for them, and we get multiple quotes for the work we do to ensure we are getting value for money. But, ultimately, we think it is better to invest in something rather than let it decay. A good example is the upcoming repairs to the children's play area at the park. The bark-chip surfaces are in a poor condition, and we have repaired them to the point that they can no longer be repaired. It's time to get those surfaces sorted so the children can play safely. It will not be cheap, but we have to do it otherwise we will lose the facility that so many children enjoy.

I know that sometimes the council makes decisions, for a variety of reasons, that individuals dislike. Sometimes we are limited as to what we actually can do, since there are lots of things over which we have no control – we can't change the law for instance! Other times a small number of people might want action over something that particularly affects them, and we have to consider whether it is right that the entire village pays for something that most will not benefit from. Occasionally we might simply disagree with people that something is a problem that needs to be resolved. While we listen to lots of parishioners in our role as councillors, we also have to make our own minds up about issues.

I think Harbury is fortunate to have a pro-active council. Individual councillors work very hard in their own time on particular issues, again something that marks Harbury out since other villages sometimes do not get so much from their own councillors. It has been a pleasure to work with them, and of course our Parish Clerk, who is tirelessly efficient and endlessly patient. I definitely think sainthood should be part of the clerk's job description!

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

## Planning Working Party Report

The Harbury Parish Council website - [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) - has information about planning applications with a link to Stratford District Council's website which enables anyone to look at those from the previous six months. Hard copies of all planning applications are sent to the parish council office where they may be viewed by residents.

The planning working party usually meets on the Monday prior to the parish council meeting to preview that month's planning applications and make recommendations. Often councillors go out and look at a site to see what is being planned. Any contentious applications are considered by the full council following which a response is sent to SDC. The parish council is only able to 'advise and comment' with no authority to approve or refuse developments.

The parish council does have influence though and during the year has objected to the proposed gypsy & traveller sites and the solar farm at Deppers Bridge. To everyone's relief the solar farm application was dismissed on appeal.

Sometimes SDC sees things differently from Harbury residents and their planning committee granted planning permission for seven houses at Hillside – contrary to local residents' wishes (as established during community consultations) to protect the eastern and western boundaries of the village. This is one of the reasons that a neighbourhood development plan needs to be produced; this would become a supplementary planning policy which would ensure that parishioners' views are taken into consideration. The Gladman development of 75 houses on Bush Heath Lane was also approved by SDC's planning committee.

'Tree works' within the conservation area are referred to planning because trees and hedgerows need to be protected to sustain the population of birds and wildlife - part of our rural heritage. Unfortunately some trees have to be removed, and this year a replacement tree has been planted at the village hall.

The plans for development of the former Harbury Cement Works are moving forward and the Village with a Vision plans for extra care accommodation will be available for public view very soon. There will also be five 'retirement' houses built at Bush Heath Lane and known as Henrys of Harbury.

My thanks go to the other members of the working party, Keith Thompson, Alan Knowles, Steve Ekins and Samantha Allen, for their commitment and support during the year.

**Cllr Pat Summers**  
**Chair of Harbury Parish Council Planning Working Party**

## **Environment Working Party Report**

As 2015 has arrived Harbury will see more LED or “white lights”, in order to comply with new legislation requiring the phase out of mercury based lights and replacement with LED or white light. Quotes have already been obtained for the replacement of the mercury lights and we have ordered replacement LED’s to be fitted onto our wooden poles. We are waiting for work to start with the pole mounted lanterns, before focussing on those lights on steel columns and the replacement of the Windsor lanterns. Money has been allocated for the start of this replacement programme in the 2014/15 budget and will go for the next few years to come.

Our village improvements have included rubbing down and painting of the village hall railings by the Community Payback Team. Our overgrown field paths have been made passable by a group of volunteers. The bollard in Mill Street that was knocked down has also been replaced by WCC.

It was formally agreed to take joint action with Bishop’s Itchington Parish Council to organise a meeting with WCC to discuss improvements to the Harbury Lane / Fosse Way junction and invite neighbouring parishes to sign the online petition to WCC. Cllr Thompson volunteered to accompany Cllr Kettle, chairman of BIPC, when he presented the petition to WCC on 9 December 2014. The junction is currently number 13 on the list for improvements by WCC. However, this list is currently being reviewed and there is evidence that the accident rate at this junction has increased significantly over the last 3 years so it is possible that it will be given higher priority.

**Cllr Amanda Lewis**  
**Chair, Harbury Parish Council Environment Working Party**

## **Properties Working Party Report**

The working party is responsible for the cemetery, village greens and the playing fields as well as other village amenities such as benches. General maintenance is carried out by a contractor

We have received some criticism of the level of maintenance of the cemetery but we do not aspire to give it an overly manicured appearance which in any case would be very expensive. It provides not only a tranquil place for people to remember their loved ones but is also a haven for wildlife. There are concerns that burial space is now limited and ultimately a new area of land will be needed. However it should be possible to enlarge the space available by removing the spoil around the perimeter and this work should be carried out in the next year.

At the playing fields the zip wire has been replaced with the help of a grant. We have also replaced the senior football goals and new backboards for the basketball nets will be in place shortly. The bark pits under the playground equipment have deteriorated and we have accepted a quote to replace them with a wet pour safety surface. We are seeking a grant to help with the considerable cost. We will also replace the cradle swing seats.

Marking of spaces in the car park has led to a great improvement in the standard of parking but the lines fade quickly. We are delighted that Murphy's who are working on the landslip have renewed the lines to highway standard which should prove much more resilient.

At the Deppers Bridge playing field we have replaced all four swing seats and arranged for the bin which had been overlooked to be emptied regularly.

As we mark the centenary of the First World War it seemed important to restore our war memorial and this work to both clean the stone and restore the lettering should be carried out in the next few months.

I would like to thank Councillors Thompson, Knowles and Ekins who share with me the weekly task of inspecting the playground equipment. This is in addition to quarterly professional inspections. I would also like to thank all the working party members for their commitment and support. Most importantly, I would like to thank the parish clerk Alison Biddle for her hard work, efficiency and good humour.

**Cllr Sharon Hancock**

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

Working Party Members: Councillors Thompson, Knowles, Mancell and Thornley

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

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

The parish precept for this year, 2015/16 has increased from £78,996 to £95,250 (plus £16,284); this gives an increase of £13.58 per year for a Band D property in the parish of Harbury, a £1.13 per month increase. The F&GP working party recommended to the full parish council that this precept would allow us to fully fund our plans for the year 2015/16. This budget will, in addition to our normal responsibilities allow us to carry out our plans in the following areas;

- **Playing Fields** – Safety surfacing replacement and swing seats replacements, in excess of £25K.
- **Cemetery** – Earth works around the cemetery borders, to extend the life of the cemetery.
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Funds for consultancy, meetings and printing.
- **WW1** – Commemoration project.
- **Election Expenses** - £1500
- **Community Buildings** - Support for the library building, this is a planned reduction of £3K this year.
- **Open Spaces** – A reduction due to the year 3 tree survey works being less expensive than year 2.

The full financial statements for 2014 – 2015 are included at the end of this booklet. These are well in line with our planned budgetary controls

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

Our website gives the village another way to keep in touch with the parish council, giving online access to the minutes, meeting schedules, quarterly reports and the contact details for the council.

Recent planning applications for Harbury can be viewed via our website, along with the information from many of Harbury village groups and societies.

Please go to: <http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/>

My thanks go to my colleagues on the F&GP working party, Councillors Tim Lockley, Sharon Hancock, Amanda Lewis and Steve Ekins for their help, contributions and commitment throughout the year.

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

## **Deppers Bridge Report**

The main issue for Deppers Bridge this year has been the planning application from Solar Power South Ltd to install 45,000 solar panels on the land adjacent to the houses. There were objections from both the district councillors and also from the parish councils of Harbury and Bishop's Itchington. The application was refused by Stratford District Council's planning committee in April 2014. The developers appealed against this decision. Harbury and Bishop's Itchington PC's worked with local residents and made further representations. The appeal was finally dismissed by the planning inspector on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

In the play area, the cradle swing seats were replaced following an unfortunate incident caused by deterioration of the rubber seats which had stained a child's clothing very badly.

Continuing issues yet to be resolved are:

- Vehicles failing to give way at the traffic calming chicanes
- Heavy vehicles crossing the railway bridge despite the weight restriction, in particular from the Southam direction
- Unavailability of high speed broadband

**Cllr Steve Ekins**  
**Parish Council Ward Member for Deppers Bridge**

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

At the end of 2013 a questionnaire was delivered to every household in the parish and a community consultation held in the village hall where the results could be viewed.

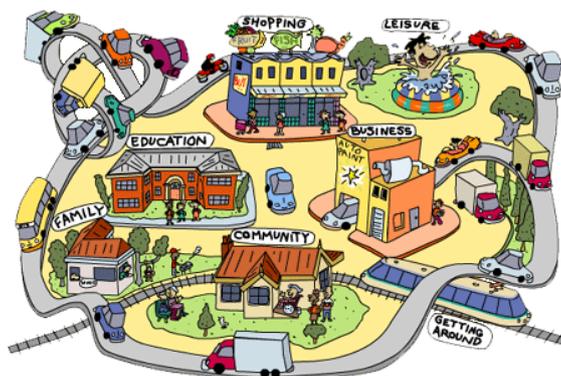
A quarter of all questionnaires were returned and analysed. Although 32 residents initially volunteered to help with the neighbourhood plan the numbers dwindled so that only 7-8 regularly turned up to the meetings as residents had other priorities. 2014 proved to be a difficult year as Stratford District Council's Core Strategy was delayed, and as it had to be in place before neighbourhood plans could be approved it was difficult to maintain enthusiasm. In fairness, we were in 'uncharted waters' and many local town and parish councils struggled to produce their plans. The feedback at the carnival in June was good but should have been a lot better.

In 2015 we decided that the neighbourhood plan needed to be a priority and began the year with more enthusiasm. The steering committee now has 3 parish councillors and 12 residents who want to protect this very special community. We learnt from the mistakes - as well as some excellent written drafts - of other councils and received more guidance. Matthew Neal, the neighbourhood planning officer from Stratford District Council, emails regularly with advice and runs NP courses. The steering committee has produced objectives and policies, with the results of the original surveys updated ready for a Power Point presentation. A consultant has been appointed to help produce the actual document, and funding has been applied for.

In April letters were sent out to community groups and organisations asking for their contribution at an open afternoon planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Businesses and farms have also been contacted by letter or email. Southam College and Harbury School have helped in obtaining responses from the young people of the parish. Residents in Deppers Bridge and at Greenhill have had invitation cards delivered to them.

The next community consultation is of great importance and will take place in the village hall on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 between 2 and 5pm. We hope members of the parish council and the steering committee will be in attendance.

### Councillor Pat Summers Harbury NDP Group



## Parish Council Attendance Record May 2014 to April 2015 (maximum 14 meetings)

Name of Councillor	Number Attended	Percentage Attended
Cllr Tim Lockley, Chairman	14	100%
Cllr Keith Thompson, Vice-chairman	11	79%
Cllr Sam Allen (co-opted in June 2014)	11(out of max 13)	85%
Cllr Sharon Hancock	12	86%
Cllr Pat Summers	13	93%
Cllr Amanda Lewis	13	93%
Cllr Alan Knowles	12	86%
Cllr Tony Mancell	11	79%
Cllr Steve Ekins	9	64%
Cllr Janet Thornley	10	71%

## Reports from Village Groups & Organisations

### Harbury School

Harbury Parish Council was kind enough to provide Harbury Primary School with a grant of £1200 which enabled us to buy two sets of LEGO we-do. This is a fantastic piece of equipment which enables our children to be twenty-first century learners as they first build and then program the LEGO using software linked to iPads. With a new computing curriculum having come into place, it is great to be able to offer this hands-on experience to the children at our school. Many thanks to the parish council for your support and we would love to welcome you into school sometime later in the summer to see it in action.

**Kate Guymer**  
**Head Teacher, Harbury School**

### Harbury Village Hall

The last twelve months have seen yet another year of progress for the village hall. Booking levels continue to be strong. Many thanks are due to the committee for their hard work and to our caretakers Flo and Tom Marsh.

It is now eight years since the committee considered modernisation and improvements and in that time a lot has been achieved. We have new toilets and disabled facilities, the kitchen has been completely updated, the “collapsing” rear roof repaired, new curtains, rear fire doors, tables and chairs, PA and projection equipment and the toilet and kitchen reroofed. In the 60s when the hall was built, the provision of a permanent stage was mooted and I am told the chairman at the time regretted not providing one. The existing temporary stage is excellent but is time consuming to assemble and when in position occupies much of the hall, meaning that regular bookings cannot take place. Badminton, for example, has to be cancelled.

I am pleased to say that following a huge effort by the fundraising committee work has started to extend the hall towards Constance Drive to provide a permanent stage and new changing rooms. The changing rooms will be available for the senior and junior theatre groups, other hall users and also for the adjacent sport's field. There have been many generous contributions both from individuals and from village organisations. It is our plan to acknowledge this with a simple plaque of some sort when the work is complete. John Hancock's fundraising team deserve a special mention especially Philip Mayer and Andy Rutherford for their success in securing Community Landfill Grants from respectively, Veolia, £88,524 and Biffa Award, £48,846. The paperwork and detail involved in making applications for these grants is, to put it mildly, onerous. I should make special mention of Brian Wade whose advice and understanding of the building industry has been invaluable. The parish council has, as always, been hugely supportive.

The building work should be finished in the autumn this year and it is hoped that in general the use of the hall will be minimally affected. Sadly one casualty is the Harbury Beer Festival which will not be held this year.

The cinema has become a major, enjoyable village event; the last three performances were sell outs. Lana and Mark Long and their family deserve huge thanks for running the cinema, not only for the financial contribution to the hall, but for the contribution to village life. Rob and Libby Darlison of CANA Wines are similarly generous and of course provide essential "good cheer".

Looking forward, the hall has been awarded two sums of money from Section 106 agreements as a result of permission being granted for two housing developments. This money should be available within the next the next two years. The intention at present is to install a new environmentally efficient heating system, long overdue.

We look forward to another year of progress for the village hall and would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the hall this year.

**Geoff Thorpe**  
**Chairman of Harbury Village Hall Committee**

### **Harbury Energy Initiative**

The AGM at the end of 2014 brought in two changes to the membership of HEI's steering group. Alan Guy stepped down but his place was immediately filled by Chris Christou, a very welcome addition.

HEI has no working funds which means that any activity has to be financed by grants. In January 2014 we had been successful in applying to the E.ON Energy Action Fund with a proposal for insulating the ceiling of the library. Structural complications made this unviable but we were fortunate to be allowed to transfer the funds to energy efficiency measures at the Harbury RFC clubhouse, insulating the roof and cavity walls. By the end of July this work had been completed with potential annual savings of £340 to the club.

For some time we have wanted to support the school by enabling the installing of PV panels on the school's roof. Technically it is feasible and there are ways of financing it - but there is no way, it seems, round the legal problems. The school is owned by the church but managed by the county council. The church diocese is keen for the scheme to go ahead in as many of their schools as possible but the county cannot undertake to guarantee the maintenance of the roof for the next 20 years. This creates a legal impasse.

We continue to look for opportunities for a community energy project. Our negotiations with Churchlands Farm for a sizeable roof-mounted solar PV scheme on the industrial buildings were ruled out when the family decided not to continue the discussions. A desktop study by Clean Energy Consultants revealed that there may yet be the possibility for an anaerobic digestion scheme which a sub-group of HEI is investigating. If this looks like receiving support locally we will apply to the Rural Community Energy Fund on behalf of the parish council. We feel such a major scheme is essential not only in helping to reduce carbon emissions but also in giving us the ability to raise awareness amongst householders in the community of energy conservation and carbon reduction measures that they can take

In November 2014 we successfully bid to the Car Club Challenge, managed by Carplus and funded by the Department for Transport. We were one of only 6 successful applicants in our category, coming through two rounds of applications to win a grant of £18,000. This has provided sufficient match funding to encourage E-Car Club to invest in and launch a pilot electric car club in Harbury, based at our library, at a total first year cost of around £39,000. The club launches and becomes live in the week of 11th May. There are very few schemes in communities as small as ours, so it has an exciting air of experimentation about it. We look to our community to support it and, in doing so, to discover the benefits of car club use rather than car ownership. Our aim is to help people cut the cost which results from owning a second car. We are also looking for a social purpose to the scheme - an element of our qualifying for a grant - and have had some ideas submitted that relate to the 4 local food banks. E-Car Club has a social fund that covers such uses. In addition, we have interest from Big60Million, the investment company behind the Bishops Itchington solar farm, in supporting the new club to meet social needs. This may well take the form of a specifically focused project in a three-way partnership.

Our final story of the year is the competition we ran in the school to help us design a new logo. The winning entry came from 8-year-old Sofia Edwards. This will be visible on the new electric cars and all new material produced by HEI.

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

### **Harbury Guides and Scouts**

Harbury Guides and Scouts Support (GASS) exists to support the 6 uniformed youth groups in the village – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts. GASS is primarily responsible for the operation, maintenance and insurance of the scout hut facility (which costs well in excess of £3.5k/annum) but also funds leaders' training, achievement badges for the youth groups and a huge array of equipment to support a wide variety of exciting activities. All of this is achieved through fundraising events and occasional donations.

In 2014 GASS undertook an audit of the group's camping equipment and found that several of the large group tents were well beyond their useful life and that we had insufficient tents to cope with increased youth numbers. Camping and outdoor activity is a core part of the scouting and girl guiding philosophies, so we knew it would be important to maintain a good stock of camping equipment. However, sufficient financial reserves were not available to fund replacements for the condemned tents.

Almost 150 young people, ranging in age from 5yrs to 14yrs old, take part in scouting or girl guiding in Harbury so GASS approached Harbury Parish Council to request some financial assistance and were very pleased to be awarded a grant of £3000. Discussions between the GASS committee and the section leaders identified a set of needs and a "wish list" of ideal tents. We then set about sourcing these in time for the 2015 camping season.

We have now scrapped our 3 very old and leaky tents (total 18 berths) and replaced them with 5 brand new tents (total 30 berths) and a dining shelter. This will not only ensure that the youngsters are well protected from inclement weather whilst on camp but will allow us to offer the camping experience to a larger number of children for many years to come.

The GASS committee, the girl guiding and scouting leaders and especially the youth members would like to say a massive "THANKYOU" to Harbury Parish Council for the wonderful grant which paid for our new tents.

**Hayley Bennett**  
**Acting Chair, GASS**

### **Harbury Pre-School**

Harbury Pre-School would like to take this opportunity to reiterate their heartfelt thanks for the support shown to them by Harbury Parish Council. Earlier this year the parish council awarded a grant of £800 which was used to replace the roof of the resources shed. The shed roof had been leaking for some time, which was not only damaging resources and play equipment stored in the shed, but also contributing to further damage of the shed (floor etc).

By replacing the roof, the resources are now protected, and the projected life of the shed extended. This work not only benefits the pre-school, but also the toddler group who also use the shed as a storage facility.

**Jo Banbury**  
**Treasurer, Harbury Pre-School**

### **Harbury Twinning Association**

This is our 17<sup>th</sup> year, since the twinning charter was signed in both Harbury and Samoie-sur-Seine (Seine-et-Marne) in 1998.

**Our primary aim** is to foster exchange visits between the two communities.

When this report is read, 27 friends from Samois will have visited us this year for the weekend of 8 – 11 May, for a programme of:

- a country walk based on Fenny Compton;
- afternoon pub games at the Gamecock and the Shakespeare;
- a supper-concert with music from the Midlands 'Gypsy Jazz' band *Playing Django*;
- a full-day visit to Blenheim Palace, and
- after a last meal with the host family, a farewell evening with platters of British cheeses at the Gamecock.

Nine intrepid Samois cyclists stayed on for a further week of cycling with a similar number of Harbury cyclists in the Cotswolds (bravely based on Stow-on-the-Wold Youth Hostel!) and in our local area.

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> visit from Samois. They're not often this busy - usually more so!

Our 37 family / individual members include 12 schoolchildren – a number which we would love to see grow. To this end, we have in the past organised two 'French Discovery' weeks at an outdoor activity centre near Samois for Harbury School children of Years 5 and 6. This is very much work-in-progress as we hope one day to make this a regular biennial event. We have been encouraged by the sympathetic interest shown by the Harbury School head teacher, Ms Guymer. We are also currently discussing with Ms Guymer the opportunity to contribute to a French element in a weekly enhanced curriculum afternoon at school.

**Our second aim** is to meet together every month – for social purposes, but ideally to raise funds as well. This year we have:-

- manned a carnival stall;
- organised a sell-out concert by *Playing Django* at the Village Hall;
- served 'Vins et Fromages' at our AGM;
- eaten very fine food and played very silly games at our Christmas party;
- held a Harbury-French-style *Fête des Rois (Feast of the 3 Kings)* on January 6<sup>th</sup>;
- watched the French comedy film *Après Vous*;
- held a Welsh Quiz Night at the village club on March 1<sup>st</sup> (St David's Day); and
- played skittles together at the Navigation Inn, Wootton Wawen.

The association is open to anyone living in Harbury, or related to someone living in Harbury. French-speaking or not!

**Andrew Patrick**  
**Chairman, Harbury Twinning Association**

### **Harbury Village Library**

This was a year of change, but also a year of progress and continued success. We had significant changes to the membership of the committee and the trustees, but we have also brought in new people who have given us a fresh boost of energy and enthusiasm. We continue to be seen as a model of how to run a community library, not only within Warwickshire but also nationally, with visits from groups seeking to follow our example when their own libraries are under threat from council cuts.

Our financial model continues to be incredibly successful, with Biblio's generating excellent profits that not only allow us to pay our bills but also to undertake repairs when needed, and plan for changes and improvements if we wish.

We have inched closer to having the lease in place. We have now signed our sub-lease with the parish council, but their own lease with the PCC is not yet in place due to delays with the Land Registry. Hopefully this will be resolved before the next AGM!

We will be working with a new subgroup of the PCC (when it is established) to resolve the situation of the trees at the front of the building, and the state of the car park at the back.\*

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who work in the library and in Biblio's. Without your time, energy and commitment this venture would not be possible. I would also like to thank all the committee members for their hard work over the past year. Ideally I think we need a few additional committee members so that various tasks can be spread around amongst more people.

**Tim Lockley**  
**Chairman, Harbury Village Library**

\* Since this report was written, Network Rail's contractors, Murphy's, have re-surfaced the car park free of charge.

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**Harbury Parish Council**  
**Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2015 (subject to audit)**

Year Ended 31/03/14	Income & Expenditure	Year Ended 31/03/15
<b>GENERAL PARISH FUND</b>		
<b>£</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
77,460.00	Precept	78,966.00
4,070.00	Council Tax Reduction Grant	3,540.00
159.64	Interest received	123.55
1,152.50	Allotment rents	1,000.00
892.00	Burial ground fees	2,274.00
200.00	Playing field hire	200.00
34.58	Wayleave	34.92
993.02	Grass verge contribution - SDC	994.46
7,799.00	Grant funding	5,900.00
23,851.98	Contribution from sports clubs fund	1,242.00
-	Insurance claims	-
1,753.71	Other contributions/misc	135.50
<b>118,366.43</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>94,410.43</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
16,093.47	General administration	18,819.75
292.00	Training	344.00
282.74	Purchase of office equipment	52.96
3,741.06	Parish office	3,701.37
3,475.00	Grants	5,075.00
-	Sec 137	-
-	Contribution to village hall	-
-	Library	3,419.30
-	Concessionary travel	-
	<b>Running costs:</b>	
944.71	Allotments	855.51
5,165.22	Burial	2,277.27
4,841.69	Open spaces	4,738.87
17,088.98	Playing fields & car park	19,114.80
23,731.98	Tennis & netball court works	1,122.00
1,884.96	Non-estate roads	1,740.00
14,210.37	Street lighting	5,942.55
5,505.00	BMX track	630.00
1,071.43	Purchase of village assets / village improvements	596.94
1,870.00	Contribution to sports club fund	1,870.00
2,500.00	Councillors allowances	2,250.00
<b>102,698.61</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>72,550.32</b>
15,667.82	<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	21,860.11

		<b>SPECIFIC FUNDS</b>	
Year Ended 31/03/2014			Year Ended 31/03/2015
£		<b>Tennis &amp; Netball Court Repairs</b>	£
		<b><u>Income</u></b>	
216.15		Interest received	88.04
1,870.00		Contributions from parish council	1,870.00
3,740.00		Contributions from sports clubs	3,740.00
- 23,851.98		<b><u>Less payment</u></b>	- 1,242.00
<b>- 18,025.83</b>		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,456.04</b>

## Supporting Statement

<b>1. Debtors</b>			
<b>Debts Outstanding at 31 March 2015</b>			
At the year end there is a total of <b>£78.93</b> outstanding and due to the parish council. This debt relates to VAT paid and will be reimbursed during the next financial year.			
<b>Payments in Advance</b>			<b>£</b>
Two months of insurance premiums			243.74
<b>2. Creditors</b>			
These are made up of:			
Allowance for audit fee			500.00
Allowance for street lighting electricity			320.98
<b>Payments made in advance to the parish council</b>			
Allotment rents			550.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,370.98</b>
<b>3. Sec 137</b>			
There have been no Sec 137 payments this year. This is because Harbury Parish Council is eligible to use the general power of competence which is a power of first resort and alleviates the need to use Sec 137.			
<b>4. Grants Paid</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Nature of Payment</b>		<b>£</b>
Harbury School PTA	Grant		1,200.00
Harbury GASS	Grant		3,000.00
Harbury Pre-School	Grant		800.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Grant		75.00
			-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5,075.00</b>
<b>5. Grants Received</b>			
<b>From whom received</b>	<b>Nature of payment</b>		<b>£</b>
WALC	Local council award scheme		250.00
WCC	Basket ball boards		400.00
SDC	Aerial runway		5,250.00
			<b>5,900.00</b>

<b>Funds Statement</b>			
Year Ended 31.03.2014			Year Ended 31.03.2015
£		<b>General Fund</b>	£
65,402.81		Balance at 1 April	81,070.63
15,667.82		Add surplus/less deficit for year	21,860.11
<b>81,070.63</b>		<b>Balance at 31 March</b>	<b>102,930.74</b>
		<b>Tennis &amp; Netball Courts Fund</b>	
30,514.83		Balance at 1 April	12,489.00
5,610.00		Add payment into account	5,610.00
216.15		Add interest for year	88.04
- 23,851.98		Less payment out of account	- 1,242.00
<b>12,489.00</b>		<b>Balance at 31 March</b>	<b>16,945.04</b>
<b>Asset Register</b>			
As of 31 March 2015, the assets belonging to the parish council can be summarized as follows:			
			£
Community & land assets with a nominal value			14.00
Office equipment			3,232.05
Street furniture			122,188.02
Cemetery - land and chapel of rest			28,500.00
Play equipment			98,869.32
Tennis & netball courts			35,528.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>288,331.39</b>
<b>N.B.</b>			
The total assets held at 31 March 2014 (the previous financial year) were £335,163.39. This included a revaluation of the chapel for insurance purposes at £60,000. The value of the chapel has now been re-stated at its previous figure of £14,200, in accordance with the auditor's advice. This accounts for the significant decrease in the overall value of assets.			

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2015			
Year ended 31.03.2014		Year ended 31.03.2015	
£		Current Assets	£
243.74		Payments in advance	243.74
78.08		VAT Debtor	78.93
-		Other debtors	-
100.00		Cash with clerk to the council	100.00
95,518.20		Cash at bank	120,824.09
<b>94,940.02</b>			<b>121,246.76</b>
		<b>Less current liabilities</b>	
- 1,380.39		Creditors	- 1,370.98
<b>93,559.63</b>		<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>119,875.78</b>
65,402.81		General fund balance b/f	81,070.63
15,667.82		Less deficit/plus surplus	21,860.11
81,070.63		Balance 31 March	102,930.74
		Specific funds:	
12,489.00		Tennis & Netball Courts Fund	16,945.04
<b>93,559.63</b>			<b>119,875.78</b>
The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31 March 2015 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.			