

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 14 May 2015 at 7.30pm Harbury Village Library

Present

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| Cllr Lockley (Chairman) | Cllr Summers | Cllr Thompson | |
| Cllr Lewis (from 7.33pm) | Cllr Allen | Cllr Mancell | Cllr Knowles |

Absent: Cllr Gibb; Cllr Thornley

In Attendance

Mrs Alison Biddle, Clerk to the Council
District Cllr Kettle
District Cllr Harris
County Cllr Stevens

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
14 members of the public

15/74 Election of Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Lockley as the chairman for the coming year. Cllr Lockley signed his declaration of acceptance of office which was witnessed by the clerk.

15/75 Apologies: Cllr Gibb; Cllr Thornley

15/76 Declarations of Interest: None

15/77 Dispensations: None

15/78 Public Participation

All councillors were congratulated on their election success.

District Cllr Kettle said how much he had enjoyed serving Harbury over the last 12 months. He is now elected as district councillor for the new ward of Bishop's Itchington. District Cllr Jacqui Harris is the new ward member for Harbury and will officially take over from Monday, 18 May.

Cllr Lewis arrived during this last item.

15/79 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Thompson as vice – chairman for the coming year.

15/80 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

All members present signed their declarations which were witnessed by the clerk. It was **RESOLVED** that the declarations in respect of Cllrs Thornley and Gibb should be received by the clerk not later than Friday, 12 June 2015.

15/81 Co-option to Vacancy for Deppers Bridge Ward

There was only one candidate for the vacancy. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to co-opt Steve Ekins as the ward councillor for Deppers Bridge.

15/82 General Power of Competence

It was **RESOLVED** that Harbury Parish Council meets the criteria for eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.

15/83 Working Parties & Internal Appointments

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint members to working parties as follows:

- 1 **Planning:** Cllr Summers (chair); Cllr Knowles; Cllr Thompson; Cllr Allen; Cllr Gibb
The remit of the planning group was briefly discussed. It was agreed to discuss again in more detail at the June PC meeting and agree the purpose of the group.
- 2 **Properties:** Cllr Ekins (chair); Cllr Thompson; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Mancell; Cllr Thornley
- 3 **Environment:** Cllr Lewis (chair); Cllr Lockley; Cllr Thornley; Cllr Gibb
- 4 **Finance & General Purposes:** Cllr Mancell (chair); Cllr Ekins; Cllr Lewis; Cllr Lockley; Cllr Summers
- 5 **Deppers Bridge:** Cllr Ekins
- 6 **Harbury Library:** Cllr Mancell; Cllr Lewis
- 7 **Neighbourhood Plan Group:** Cllr Summers; Cllr Allen; Cllr Thornley
- 8 **Staffing Committee:** Cllr Lockley; Cllr Mancell; Cllr Thompson

15/84 Outside Bodies

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint representatives to outside bodies as follows:

- 1 **Village Hall Committee:** Cllr Thompson; Cllr Thornley
- 2 **WALC:** Ad hoc basis
- 3 **Harbury School Governors:** This doesn't need to be a councillor. Members were asked to forward their suggestions to the chairman.
- 4 **Harbury Library:** Cllr Lockley
- 5 **Village with a Vision:** Cllr Lewis; Cllr Thompson
- 6 **Harbury Energy Initiative:** Cllr Thornley
- 7 **Twinning Association:** This doesn't need to be a councillor. It was agreed to ask the twinning association to nominate someone.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....