

HARDWICK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NOTICE OF MEETING

Tuesday 21 May 2019 in the School at 7:00pm

AGENDA

AGM

Anthony Gill – Chairman, Parish Meeting 07/05/19

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April 2018
3. Matters arising
4. Reports from village organisations including those who have received a grant from the Parish Council during the year
 - 4.1 The Parish Council – the past year
 - 4.2 Presentation of the Parish Council's last audited accounts
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 - 4.10 Webmaster
 - 4.11 Village Plan Committee
 - 4.12 Neighbourhood Plan report
 - 4.13 Hardwick Community Centre Working Group
 - 4.14 Hardwick Scouts and Guides
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 - 4.17 Hardwick WI
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 - 4.20 Hardwick Pre-School
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 - 4.22 Hardwick Litter Picking Volunteers
 - 4.23 Hardwick Recreation Ground – maintenance update
 - 4.24 Neighbourhood Watch
 - 4.25 Other
5. Applications for awards of small grants to projects for improvements to the village
6. Any other parish matters including any resolutions
7. Closure of meeting

Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting.

This meeting is open to all parishioners who may by Law discuss all parish matters, ask questions, put forward views and pass resolutions at the meeting.

If you have an item that you would like to raise please inform the Clerk no later than noon on the day of the meeting.

**Minutes of the Hardwick Annual Parish Meeting held on
17 April 2018 at 7.00 pm in the School**

Present: 21 parishioners including Parish Council members and District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain.
In attendance: Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

Cllr Tony Gill presided.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Peter McKeown (Carter Jonas), Lucy Gardner (Hardwick Brownies), Chris Fuller (Hardwick and Caldecote Cricket Club), Tim Tack (Hardwick Scouts) and Pat Portlock (Litter Picking group).

2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 9 May 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr Gill as Chairman. (Prop GC, 2nd JH)

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Presentations and Updates from the developers of proposed developments off Grace Crescent (98 dwellings)¹

An update provided by Peter McKeown of Carter Jonas on behalf of Hill, the developers for Grace Crescent, was read by the Chairman in Mr McKeown's absence. The Reserved Matters application had been submitted in December 2017 and was due to be determined by SCDC before 4 May 2018. Applications to discharge the pre-commencement conditions had also been made and were due to be determined in the coming months. The works are due to commence on site at the end of July 2018 and are expected to last up to 27 months. A non-material amendment application to improve the access arrangements into the site from the Pastures/Grace Crescent by extending the existing footway and increasing the width to 2 metres, had recently been approved. The pedestrian/cycle access route to the north was still under consideration and it was Hill's intention to remove this. The report is appended in full to these minutes.

5. Reports:

5.1 The Parish Council (Cllr Tony Gill, Chairman)²

Cllr Gill's report is appended in full to these minutes.

Cllr Gill thanked the Parish Council members for all their hard work during a busy year. Thanks were also extended to the Litter Picking Group whose efforts had made the village look much tidier, and to the permanent Litter Pickers (first Ian Giddings and then Sean Turner) for clearing the Recreation areas.

The report highlighted four major areas:

- **Housing Developments at Grace Crescent and to the south of St Neots Road**

The outline planning permissions had been approved and the Grace Crescent developers were now discharging the reserved matters with the SCDC planners. It was expected that the application would be discussed by the SCDC Planning Committee in July. The S106 document had been signed by the landowners and SCDC.

A planning application for the St Neots Road development had not yet been submitted.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Steve Rose for liaising with the planners and the developers during the process.

- **Cambourne to Cambridge Busway and Park and Ride sites**

Cllrs Gill and Joslin had attended a number of meetings and workshops, representing the Parish Council's views. The Greater Cambridge Partnership had carried out a public consultation, the outcome of which was on their website. The GCP executive board was due to make a decision in July. The Phase 2 discussion would begin shortly to decide on the route from Cambourne to the Park and Ride site, and a further consultation on this would take place at the end of the year. Residents were urged to respond to the consultations.

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- General Data Protection Regulations Bill 2017

The Parish Council has to comply with this and thanks were expressed to Cllr Barry Skingle and the Clerk for the production of a Hardwick Parish Council privacy notice for residents and members of the public.

- Community Hall

The timetable for the S106 money from the Grace Crescent development (£608,000) will be triggered when the application is approved, and the amounts will be received in instalments. The Parish Council has made provision of £20,000 in the budget for expenses due before the first instalment is received, so that the project can commence. £10,000 has been taken from reserves and £10,000 will come from this year's precept. The Community Hall Group are looking at the site for the new Hall.

Other successes have included:

- The completion of the first phase of the Egremont Road play area improvements. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Clare McGowan and her team, and to SCDC for grant funding provided.
- The continued maintenance of the Recreation Ground and the improvements due to the three year programme. Extra cuts had been necessary because the mild weather kept the grass growing late in the year.

Thanks were extended to the Clerk and her team.

Exhibitions had been held for the Bourn Airfield development. An application was likely within the next 12 months. Residents were urged to respond to the consultation when it takes place.

5.2 Presentation of the last audited accounts³

Inspection of the last audited accounts (year ending 31 March 2017) was invited. A copy was available at the meeting and on the website. The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 would be considered by the Council next week and after internal audit in May, would be available for public inspection between 4 June and 13 July by arrangement with the Clerk.

5.3 The District Councillor (Cllr Grenville Chamberlain)⁴

Cllr Chamberlain's report (appended in full) included:

- Savings resulting from combined services for refuse and recycling with Cambridge City, and other combined services arrangements with other authorities.
- The Health and Wellbeing programme including the Active and Healthy for Life programme, the opportunity to try out new sports, provision of funding for 12 mobile warden schemes and securing funding for green space play equipment.
- Support for litter picks and the renewable energy grant scheme for green initiatives.
- Council houses, affordable homes and Right to Build homes, and funding secured for affordable housing and community and sports facilities.
- Neighbourhood Plans and affordable housing grant schemes.
- New communities and the quarterly Community Forums.
- Ermine Street Housing, which generates income to invest in market housing for rent.
- Business networking events and new council apprenticeship places.
- The plans of the Combined Authority and Greater Cambridge Partnership for improved transport links.
- Support for rural businesses.
- The A428 development and the challenges from 7000-8000 new homes to be built to the west of Hardwick; the type and location of transport services including an East-West rail link from Oxford to Cambridge; the anticipated increase in traffic; the need for a direct link from the A428 to the southbound M11 at the Girton interchange; discussions between Heidi Allen MP and the Greater Cambridge Partnership to develop this project; and the location for a new Park and Ride site, to be decided this summer.
- The burnt out building at the corner of Cambridge Road and St Neots Road.
- Thanks to the Parish Council and volunteer groups for their hard work.

a new Community Hall was to be built, possibly on the Recreation Ground. A meeting had taken place to consider the future of the Scout and Guide Hut, and the options open. Any decision would have to be made jointly by the Scout Group and Guides unit, both of which are charitable bodies run by Trustees, and the hut is vested in the Scout Trust Corporation with whom any changes would need to be discussed. Discussions are taking place about whether the appropriate facilities for Scouting and Guiding can be included in the new Community Building. Hardwick has all three sections of Scouts and Guides, and it is hoped that they can continue to offer opportunities to the children,

5.14 St Mary's Church – update on proposed new Community Hall at the Church

No representative present and no report available.

5.15 Hardwick Evangelical Church including Hardwick Youth club

Steve Gaze reported on the activities of Hardwick Youth Club. The Club meets in the hall on Sundays and also runs events such as the Easter Egg Hunt. There are 30 members. Thanks were expressed to HSSC for funding the hire of the hall. A youth worker who has been employed to run the sessions is moving on and interested residents were invited to consider taking on the role.

5.16 Hardwick WI⁸

Anne Jones presented the report of the WI (appended in full). This covered the monthly meetings, including the activities of the Dining Out Club and Crafty Natter Club; the membership, trips and special events enjoyed during the year. Fundraising has been undertaken and charity events have also taken place such as the Strawberry Tea. Sixteen new members have been welcomed during the year.

5.17 Hardwick Play Parks⁹

Clare McGowan thanked the Parish Council for last year's grant which was used for medals for the Fun Run event and raffle prizes at the family disco. The third run will take place on 16 September. Details of fundraising events, including forthcoming events, and other donations received, were outlined. Special thanks were extended to Chris Cracknell for generously donating his 60th birthday money. The response to the first toddler stage has been very positive. The next stage will be a climbing feature and big tower unit with slides. Grants are being applied for and the group was interviewed by Radio Cambridgeshire to highlight grants given to community groups. The group wishes to apply for a grant of £250.00 from the Parish Council this year to assist with the costs of online entry for the Fun Run. The report is appended in full to these minutes.

5.18 3rd Hardwick Brownies

The report from Lucy Gardner was read by Cllr Gill in her absence. The Parish Council was thanked for the grant received last year which enabled the Brownies to have a very successful pack holiday in February, enjoyed by 22 girls. Thanks were expressed to all who provided support, including the Toft Brownies leaders. Mrs Gardner's pack holiday licence has been awarded and new ventures can now be planned.

5.19 Hardwick Pre-School

Hardwick Pre-School thanked the Parish Council for last year's grant of £250.00 for decking. There had been a large fundraising effort including a resident funding page and a grant had also been received from SCDC. An article appears on the SCDC website.

5.20 Hardwick Mothers and Toddlers Group

The group meets on Fridays in term time in the Community Room. The Parish Council was thanked for the grant of £250.00 received last year to buy new toys and encourage more members. The membership per session had increased and the sessions made more attractive. Thanks were also expressed for a donation of £50.00 from Pippins.

5.21 Hardwick Litter Picking Volunteers¹⁰

Pat Portlock's report was read by Cllr Gill in her absence. Two litter picking events had been held during the year, in October 2017 and March 2018. 20 bags of litter were collected in October and in March, 26 bags of litter had been collected, in comparison with 60 bags in March 2017. Thanks were expressed to: HSSC for providing refreshments, SCDC for

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- The availability of Community Chest Grants.

5.4 The County Councillor⁵

County Cllr Lina Joseph's written report was read by the Chairman in her absence and is appended in full to these minutes. This covered: Adult Social Care; Public Transport and Stagecoach; the removal of the £1.00 Park and Ride parking charge; the Good Help Awards; digital and mobile connectivity; the Combined Authority; recruitment of Reablement Support Officers; and the proposed Oxford to Cambridge rail link.

5.5 Heidi Allen MP

No report available.

5.6 Police

No report available.

5.7 Hardwick Sports and Social Club⁶

The report from the Hardwick Sports and Social Club, (appended in full), was read in the Secretary's absence by Chris Cracknell. The Club has now been running for 17 years on a not for profit basis. The report covered: the background and legal status of the Club, including the lease, licences held, and management committee and sub-committee; the membership, fees, activities, recent improvements including the new computerised till system, and staff changes. The staff aimed to provide a warm and welcoming facility for the Club's members.

Mr Cracknell added that the Club had made donations to organisations including the Sports Clubs, Hardwick Play Parks, the Doctors' Run, Scouts and Guides, the Youth Club and Neighbourhood Watch, and other charities. Refreshments had been provided to the Litter Picking Group free of charge.

Details of the teams and clubs meeting at HSSC were outlined. Events included a monthly Quiz Night, and Bingo nights. Wifi is available and recent refurbishments included TV screens and benches. A "Big Tidy" event had taken place with the Scouts to improve the appearance of the outside area. Permission had been received from the Parish Council to erect a table tennis table outside.

Mr Cracknell reiterated that the Club had funds available to support local groups, as well as providing a venue for use by local groups and for fundraising events.

5.8 Hardwick Community Association⁷

Thanks were expressed to HSSC for funding provided to various community groups, which was very much appreciated. The report of the Community Association (appended in full) covered the affiliated groups, the meeting times and venue, and the Officers. The Trustees have been involved in discussions regarding the new developments and the new Community Centre to replace the Community facilities at the School, aiming to obtain the best provision possible for Hardwick. The next meeting is on 20 September at 7.00 pm.

5.9 Hardwick Happenings

No representative present and no report available.

5.10 Webmaster

Following the resignation of the previous webmaster during the year, Cllr Rose had kindly volunteered to assist when no-one had come forward to take on this role.

5.11 Village Plan Committee

Martin Cassey reported on the preparation of the survey report, which was still in progress. Many of the suggestions made were already under way, such as litter picking and play parks improvements. It was intended to continue with editing the report and preparing a plan, and to get people involved.

5.12 Neighbourhood Plan report

Cllr Gill explained that this had been on hold during the year because the Village Plan had been going forward, and more Parish Council members were needed to share the workload.

5.13 Hardwick Scouts and Guides – update on the proposed new Scout and Guide hut

Jane Muncey reported. Fundraising for a new building has been ongoing for several years but has ceased as there would be no need for a Hardwick Scout and Guide Community Building if

By a show of hands, the majority of those present supported a grant of £250 for Hardwick Play Parks. (Prop AG, 2nd JH)

By a show of hands, the majority of those present supported a grant of £250 for the Mothers and Toddlers Group. (Prop AG, 2nd JH)

By a show of hands, the majority of those present supported a grant of £250 for the Pre-school. (Prop AG, 2nd JH)

The grant applications would need to be formally approved by the Parish Council at a forthcoming meeting.

8. Any other Parish Matters including any resolutions

Cllr Gill provided an update on the proposed footpath at Grace Crescent and the improvements and lighting of the whole stretch of the footpath from the Pastures to Cahills Corner. The developers had previously indicated that they would improve the footpath from the Blue Lion to the Old School House/Rectory. The Parish Council had sought the County Councillor's support with having the whole length of the footpath improved under the developers' planning obligations. The CCC officer had responded that it was the responsibility of the Highways department to maintain the footpath to a suitable standard. The officer had also stated that a pedestrian/cycle route should run from the north of the development to Sadler's Close, to enable new and existing residents to access Main Street. The Chairman had asked him who should be contacted to get the footpath upgraded along its whole length and a reply was awaited.

In response to a request for the correspondence to be published, it was explained that this would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting. It was observed that the response of the Officer was inconsistent with the comments from Hills that they intended to remove the proposed footpath to the north of the development onto Main Street from the plans. This was still under discussion and further information was awaited.

A resident read a proposed resolution and asked for a decent footway through the village. It was reiterated that the Parish Council had asked Highways, if this was not a material planning consideration, to make sure that stretch of the footpath was brought up to standard.

A vote was taken on the resolution (Proposed by Alan Everitt, seconded by Martin Cassey).

RESOLVED, by a show of hands with none against, that:

"This meeting calls for the elected representatives of the village to press the authorities to deliver Main Street, Hardwick with a fit for purpose footway/cycleway between the north and south of the village such that two users – walkers/ pram pushers/ toddlers/ cyclists/ wheelchair users – can safely travel side by side or pass each other without being threatened by traffic on their shoulder or having to go onto mud and grass for their journey, and that such footway shall be in place within the next 12 months."

9. Closure of meeting

Residents were thanked for attending. Thanks were extended to Cllr Joslin for kindly organising the refreshments. There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed HA Gill (Chairman) 21/5/19 (Date)

¹ Update from Peter McKeown, Carter Jonas, on Grace Crescent Development

² Parish Council Chairman's report from Cllr Tony Gill

³ Audited accounts FY 2017

⁴ Report of the District Councillor – Cllr Grenville Chamberlain

⁵ Report of the County Councillor – Cllr Lina Joseph

⁶ Report from Hardwick Sports and Social Club – Lisa Montique, Secretary

⁷ Report of the Community Association – Anne Jones

⁸ Report of the WI – Anne Jones

⁹ Report of Hardwick Play Parks – Clare McGowan

¹⁰ Report of Hardwick Litter Picking Volunteers – Pat Portlock

Hardwick Parish Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16 October 2018
in the School at 7.30 pm

Present: 103 members of the public including District Cllr Tumi Hawkins and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

Cllr Tony Gill presided.

1. S/3440/18/OL – Planning application by Countryside Properties and the Taylor family for outline planning permission for a new mixed use village comprising approximately 3500 dwellings

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that its purpose was to inform the Parish Council when responding on the consultation. There would be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and put forward their views.

Cllr Gill reported that he and Cllr Joslin had attended a meeting with the developers, where the material on display had been presented. A plan was shown of the outline of the development which included 3500 houses and green spaces; two entrances/exits at the Caldecote roundabout and the Bourn Broadway; and a busway running along the northern edge of the development.

It emerged that not all residents had received the letter from SCDC informing them of the consultation. Cllr Gill asked all residents to convey their comments to the Planning Department by email or letter, giving material reasons for any objections. Those present were also invited to complete the response slips available, to assist the Parish Council in representing the village when responding. The planning reference and website address for SCDC were provided. The Parish Council urged residents to respond.

Questions and comments were invited.

A resident sought clarification on what constituted material objections and expressed concerns that the Cambourne and Papworth developments had already caused a significant increase in traffic, resulting in considerable hold-ups at peak times around the A428 and the M11. It was confirmed that the impact on traffic, and on village life, were material, but issues such as noise, house values and views were not. Some guidance was available on the SCDC website.

Another resident pointed out the positive aspects of the development, given the need for housing for an increasing population.

A question was asked about where the traffic would go and whether it would all be funnelled along St Neots Road. In response, it was expected that traffic wishing to access the A428 would either need to join at the double roundabout at Hardwick or continue along the A1303, or go left towards Cambourne.

Cllrs Gill and Joslin had asked the developers at the meeting why a junction could not be constructed to join the A428 from the site, but were informed that Highways England had said the junction would be too close to the Hardwick and Cambourne junctions. When they had queried this on the grounds that there were junctions close together on the A14 Cambridge bypass, and that when Cambourne was built, all-ways interchanges had been constructed at Hardwick and Cambourne using S106 money, the developers had reiterated what they had been told by Highways England. A

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providing litter picking equipment and bags, and the Parish Council for buying hi-vis jackets and rubbish bag hoops.

The Chairman commented that the village had looked very much better as a result of the group's hard work.

It was noted that some discarded number plates and disposable gloves had been reported to the Police.

5.22 Hardwick Recreation Ground – maintenance update

Chris Fuller's report was read in his absence by Cllr Gill. The grass surface was improving each year. The effects of heavy rainfall this spring were noted but water levels would reduce when the weather improved. It was important to continue the maintenance programme. Thanks were extended to Chris Fuller for giving freely of his time to looking after the Recreation Ground, liaising with the grass cutters and reporting back to the Parish Council.

5.23 Other

None.

6. Neighbourhood Watch update

Anne Jones provided an update. Ashley Shepherd is the village co-ordinator. Signs have been erected, paid for by HSSC. There were lots of street co-ordinators and the number of members was increasing.

On a proposition by the Chairman, at 8.24 pm a short break was proposed to enable residents to ask any questions.

A resident expressed disappointment at the level of participation and asked what the Parish Council intended to do to engage more people in village affairs.

Cllr Gill replied that the Parish Council had been continually trying over the years to increase the number of Council members, which was slowly increasing, and outlined the various ways by which the Council communicated with the residents, including through personal contact, Hardwick Happenings, and the website. It was observed that Hardwick was not unique and that very few had responded to the consultations.

Cllr Gill asked for ideas on what the Parish Council should do to attract and engage residents. One suggestion was increased information and presence on the Facebook page, or a link to the website. It was explained that social media could sometimes lead to problems. The existing links on the website and reports in Hardwick Happenings were highlighted, together with other efforts to raise residents' interest in the elections. The Parish Council was asked to issue more updates or reminders.

A resident asked the Scouts and Guides how much they had raised. It was explained that there had been approximately £60,000 over the years, but some had been spent on planning applications.

7. Applications for awards of small grants to projects for improvements to the village

The Chairman introduced the item, now in its third year, for the award of small grants to assist village groups, up to a maximum of £250 per project from a budget of £1000. It was explained that whilst the Parish Council could only approve grants formally at one of its meetings, it would like the Annual Parish Meeting to indicate its preference for the projects to be funded and the amount of the grants. Bids were invited.

A request for a grant of £250.00 had already been received from Hardwick Rainbows for the replacement of unit equipment.

Clare McGowan on behalf of Hardwick Play Parks requested a grant of £250.00 to introduce online entry for the fundraising fun run, to encourage more people to take part.

Sue Cowen on behalf of Hardwick Mothers and Toddlers Group requested a grant of £250.00 to purchase materials for craft activities.

Sue Cowen also requested a grant for Hardwick Pre-School for a replacement car.

The following was RESOLVED:

By a show of hands, the majority of those present supported a grant of £250 for the Rainbows.
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resident commented that it would be “insane” to allow that amount of traffic onto St Neots Road.

A resident pointed out that the last Local Plan had been rejected by the Inspector as unsustainable, leading to a plan for an express busway, but now the proposed busway was in doubt, leaving Bourn Airfield as part of the current Local Plan but with no infrastructure in place to support it. Cllr Gill outlined the background to the Local Plan which had been found sound by the Inspector, and was likely to go ahead in view of the need for housing. It was necessary to make the views of local residents known so that the outcome could work in their favour.

A resident commented that the development was already a done deal and would result in years of difficulties if no infrastructure was provided.

Concerns were expressed that developers could not afford to build affordable housing and young adults would be unable to get onto the housing ladder, as the proposed low cost housing and green spaces might be dropped from the plans.

Furthermore, as the main route in and out of Hardwick was already backed up at peak times, it would be necessary, in view of the traffic coming from Bourn Airfield and Loves Farm, to give people leaving the village right of way, perhaps by a mini roundabout.

It was noted that there would be some S106 money for alleviating problems, such as providing funds to prevent rat running through the village, providing roundabouts, etc. Residents observed that Hardwick would be competing with other villages for a share of S106 funding.

A resident asked whether they should be lobbying the Highways Agency independently for an additional junction. Cllr Gill had been told by the developers that they would be willing to support more junctions onto the A428. The Highways department had asked for an extension to the end of November to comment on the application. It was suggested that the local parish councils should get together to co-ordinate their responses.

Cllr Steve Jones, Convenor of the Coalition of Parish Councils and a Bourn Parish Councillor, confirmed the understanding that junctions too close together would break the Highways planning rules, but indicated a willingness to join with the Parish Council as too much traffic would be generated, which should go on to the Girton interchange.

A resident commented that infrastructure had wider implications than traffic alone, as this would include GP practices, dentist, schools, facilities for the elderly and leisure and social facilities. It was essential that infrastructure should be in place at the outset. The example of Cambourne, where infrastructure followed long after the building, was cited.

Residents asked whether any traffic analysis had been carried out. A considerable buffer of green land between Bourn Airfield and the other villages to provide separation was important to avoid them becoming a long corridor of development.

Cllr Jones responded that a survey had been carried out four years ago, but another was now needed. Destinations were found to be approximately 25% Cambridge, 25% South Cambridgeshire, 25% outside South Cambridgeshire and 25% to the north of Cambridge. Whilst some 40% of traffic travelled towards Cambridge, not all went into Cambridge itself. The proposal for a busway would not solve the issue as there would still be over 1800 car journeys coming out of the Bourn Airfield development.

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A resident observed that the easier the road access provided, the more attractive the area would become to London commuters, etc. Cycleways should be promoted to ensure local people could move around and there should be less focus on roads. Cllr Gill outlined the Greenways initiative which would give more scope for cycling and walking.

A question was asked about why there were no bridleways proposed in the development, and that off-road access for leisure was necessary. Residents were again urged to make their views known to the planners.

A comment was made that whilst infrastructure such as access to the A428 was fundamental, the plans should be scrutinised further for aspects they omitted.

It was observed that the concept seemed to be for a dormitory village, with only a tiny amount of space devoted to employment. The sustainability of the development was queried, as the number of people who would work there and the number of jobs to be created was not known.

A resident commented that the A428, M11 and new junction were beyond the control of the village but it could make St Neots Road unattractive for traffic to use. He cited recent moves by other villages to reduce the speed limits to 20 mph and urged the Parish Council to press for traffic improvements. The resident sought agreement from those present and a show of hands indicated support for his proposal.

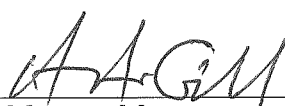
Cllr Gill explained that S106 money was available for traffic improvements but without this, it would be necessary for the CCC Highways department to provide funding. It could not be demanded as a precondition of the development, as this was not in Hardwick parish. The process was outlined, whereby the Parish Council would inform SCDC of its requirements but SCDC would negotiate the S106 agreement with the developers according to specific rules and regulations. Funds for such projects either had to come from SCDC negotiating the S106 agreement or the Parish Council raising the funds itself from CCC or SCDC. For example, the Parish Council had attempted over several years to obtain funds for work at Cahills Corner without success and had had to pay itself for the work done.

A resident asked whether the District Councillor or local MP could also be lobbied. It was noted that the SCDC Planning Portfolio holder was present at this meeting.

Another resident observed that there were two options available for road transport, either to improve it or make it difficult for others. He expressed concerns that children would have to cross the road to get to Comberton Village College and therefore pedestrian crossings were needed. People needed housing and the village should seek to manage the situation and pursue what could be achieved and lived with.

Clarification was sought regarding the timescale for the application and when building might commence. It was hoped that the outline permission would be granted by 31 December, and if granted the Reserved Matters would take until 2019-2020 to be approved. All Reserved Matters such as parking and open areas had to be agreed with the planners before commencement of the work, possibly in 2021. Homes would be built at a rate of approximately 150 per year, taking about 24 years for completion of 3500 houses.

A question was asked about how the developers might be encouraged to promote local improvements and employment, such as by requiring a percentage of local labour to be used on the development. The resident argued that many issues needed to be agreed at the outset.



District Cllr Tumi Hawkins, Planning Portfolio holder, introduced herself and explained that Bourn Airfield was a policy in the Local Plan. As the plan had been found sound, the Bourn Airfield development would go ahead. She urged residents to send in their comments and suggestions, so that the District Council could obtain the best specification it could from the developers. Details would be determined by the Supplementary Planning Document on which work was just beginning. There will be a consultation on the draft in due course, when it will be possible to comment on green spaces, landscaping, bridleways and footpaths. The emphasis was presently on input on what would be built, but the Inspector had said that all objections made could be mitigated, and ideas were needed on how the effects of the development could be mitigated. The County had not considered that all the traffic would emerge onto the Childerley roundabout as hitherto all focus had been on the busway. Cllr Hawkins assured residents that good ideas for mitigation would be considered, and urged everyone to work together to try to achieve improvements to the situation and make it the best it could be.

Those present were asked whether they were in favour of an independent access from Bourn Airfield onto the A428. A show of hands showed that the vast majority of attendees were in favour of this suggestion.

Residents were urged to respond and express their views.

2. **Closure of meeting**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Signed CHAGM.....Chairman 21/5/19.....date.

Chairman's Report 2019

There have been 4 exhibitions and consultations during 2018/19 that residents and the PC have had to comment on.

- 1/ New Hardwick Community Hall (more from Steve later)
- 2/ C2C busway. This has been discussed several times over the past year, and a consultation document by the GCP was sent to all residents to give their comments. The PC also sent in its preferences, after taking the views of councillors and residents into consideration.
- 3/ Bourn Airfield Development. An EGM was held by the PC, so residents could give their views on the outline planning application before the PC sent in its comments to the SCDC planning department.
- 4/ Comberton Greenways. Again an EGM was held and views from residents were taken into account when the PC's comments and report was sent into the GCP.

The 2 new housing developments in the village are at different stages; the St Neot's Rd was held up by legal reasons, and is now at the stage where reserved matters are being considered, and put to the planning dept. of SCDC. Meridian Fields(Grace Crescent) is moving quickly and a show house is open and houses offered for sale.

Phase 2 of the Play Parks initiative was completed after a grant from Amey was obtained, and this gives some new equipment for the over fours to use. The Play Parks committee are now working on Phase 3 and how to raise the money for this to complete the Egremont Rd project. Unfortunately we have recently had some vandalism at the play area and please could residents report any vandalism to the clerk or a member of the PC. The police have been informed and will look at the play area when they patrol.

The PC carried out cutting back of the brambles and hedging adjacent to the pavilion/HSSC, and a major clearing of undergrowth and brambles was completed in the wooded area between Sudeley Grove and Ashmead Drive; this has cleared the pathway through so walkers can now get from Egremont Rd to the end of the spinney.

Speedwatch was restarted in the village by Alan Everitt who has been appointed coordinator, and with the assistance of 7 trained helpers has been very successful in producing data that can be used in further traffic calming projects.

The PC also applied for funding to CCC through the LHI for a fixed speed warning sign, and we are pleased to have been successful and will be getting this later in the year after CCC have decided which signs the equipment can be attached to.

The PC budgeted £1250 to this as part of the LHI application requires PC's to contribute part of the cost.

The PC has also budgeted £3000 this year for a replacement Speedwatch system which will enable the group to be more efficient, and will collect the data automatically before being sent to the police.

Miller's Way has now been adopted by CCC as an official Right of Way after many years of trying by the PC, but unfortunately the CCC won't maintain the path as it doesn't come under the rules that requires it to.

CCC Highways have allocated £400,000 over a 3 year project to improve the footpath from the south of the village to St Neots Rd, we have met with the project manager and they hope to get the plans drawn up by the end of the year and start work in 2020.

It is now the Chairman's chance to thank the other councillors for all their hard work in the past year, but first I would like to point out how few members we have to carry out all the business that a PC is required to do. At last May's election, we only had 5 candidates out of the 9 that we are allowed, we have managed to co-opt 2 more during the year but have had 1 resignation so we now number 6 out of the 9 allowed.

I think for a village of around 2500 then 6 volunteers for the PC is a small number, I know this is a common theme for the country as a whole, but it would be nice to have a full complement of councillors.

Fortunately the 6 members have worked hard over the year to represent Hardwick, and I thank Steve for all his work on the HCCWG on behalf of the PC and this important project is now close to getting under way(he will update us later)

Pauline has been kept busy with myself on planning matters and attending LLF meetings about C2C, Bourn Airfield development meetings and planning forums at SCDC. She has also been liaising with CCC on traffic matters such as calming, the LHI and Speedwatch.

Dean has taken on the checking monthly of all the PC's play areas and making sure any safety issues and repairs are brought to the clerk and PC's notice so they can be acted on promptly.

Peter has taken on the task of setting up a Hardwick Parish Council Facebook page and I'm pleased to say this is now up and running, so look there for HPC news and reports from the meetings.

He has also acted as a liaison councillor with CVC, in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme so the PC can offer help to the students to obtain the award. A student is collecting litter from the Limes Estate at the moment to go towards his award.

I would now like to give the thanks of the whole council to Ben Stoehr, who took over at short notice from our clerk when she went on extended sick leave(glad to say she is now back working with us).

He took on the work willingly, and I know that without his and LGS services assistance, then the PC would have struggled with the admin overload.

The volunteer litter pickers have continued to do very good job in keeping the village tidy, and thanks go to them and the PC's own litter picker Sean.

RFO report to the APM 2019

I am pleased to report that the annual audit for FY 31 March 2018 was completed by Littlejohn PFK, External Auditor and everything found to be in order. A copy is available this evening if anyone would like to view it or alternatively it is available on the village website.

The Parish Council's accounts for the FY ending 31 March 2019 will be available for public inspection late June and information will be given both on the notice board and also on the website.

All information about the Council's finances, orders and spending is published in the Council's minutes which are available on the Council's website. Anyone having any questions about the Council's accounts is welcome to contact the Clerk.

Gail Stoehr

RFO

Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation **during** the financial year ended 31 March 2018.

The internal audit for 2017/18 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	✓		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored and reserves were appropriate.	✓		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	✓		
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		

K. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

NO PETTY CASH IS USED

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

23/05/18

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

JULIA PRIOR DEED LOCAL COUNCIL PUBLIC ADVISORY SERVICE

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

23/05/18

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified.

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by this authority and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

8.6

dated

24/04/18

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval is given:

Chairman

AAGM

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

LG800

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)
Authority web address

AUTHORITY WEBSITE ADDRESS

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY
HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	
1. Balances brought forward	139645	141280	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records. Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	47580	42453	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	11271	28467	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	4470	5031	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	52746	61515	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	141280	145654	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	137487	147580	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	613294	632469	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
		✓	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date 16/04/18

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

24/4/18

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE 8.8

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where approval of the Accounting Statements is given

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of

Hardwick Parish Council – CA0120

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2018; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work **does not** constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

2 External auditor report 2017/18

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None

3 External auditor certificate 2017/18

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2018

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

Paul Littlejohn

Date

11/09/2018

* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

Cllr Grenville Chamberlain OBE

2019 Annual Report to Hardwick Parish Council

20th May 2019

Introduction

Thanks to everyone in the village for your support during the year. It is an honour to be your representative, and as always I am happy to assist if you have an issue with the District Council or need some advice.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is one of several layers of local government and sits between the Parish and County levels. It covers 106 villages, but no towns or cities. Although it collects Council Tax on behalf of other local authorities, only a portion of this is collected for the District. The breakdown for a band D property in Maddingley is:

Authority	2009-10 band D	2019-20 band D	Average Annual Change
Cambridgeshire County Council	£1,017.27	£1,312.11	2.58%
Cambridgeshire Police Commissioner	£164.70	£222.66	3.06%
<i>South Cambs District Council</i>	<i>£112.53</i>	<i>£145.31</i>	<i>2.59%</i>
Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	£56.34	£70.74	2.30%
Maddingley Parish Council	£74.41	£81.01	0.85%
TOTAL	£1,425.25	£1,831.83	2.54%

Until last May my Conservative group ran the administration of the council, but since then we have been in opposition. We left office with nearly £7 million in general reserves, having coped well with the financial crisis a decade ago, and the subsequent reduction in funding from central government without encountering major problems or having to make drastic cuts in services, and with only modest rises in Council Tax.

It is important for civic governance that we play a constructive role in bringing the new administration to account, opposing their decisions where mistakes are being made, but supporting those aspects where we agree that the right decisions are being made. I want to do what is in the best interests of the village and the wider district and hope that the organisation can remain in good shape.

The current administration has embarked on a major and radical overhaul of the organisation, having brought in an outside firm of management consultants to provide recommendations for its future strategy and direction. I remain deeply sceptical of the value that management consultants and MBA types can bring, and prefer to operate on the principle that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". South Cambs has for a long time been a highly efficient and well-run authority, and there is as much scope for damage to the organisation as there is for improvement.

Health and well-being programme

This is proceeding well, thanks to the work put in by my colleague Cllr Sue Ellington of Swavesey. A document called the tool kit to tackle loneliness has recently been published, which will guide Parish Councils and resident groups help residents suffering from loneliness and social isolation. Although South Cambs ranked last year as 322 out of 326 English district level local authority areas for multiple deprivation, isolation is one issue where we have a major problem. Statistics from Age UK state that half a million older people nationally go at least 5 days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone.

The toolkit provides a wide range of projects that are taking place across SCDC with a description and overview of each, how they got started, how they were funded and who helped with advice and guidance. There are some examples within the toolkit from other villages with case studies that have been used as examples of good practice. Clearly not every case study will fit every village but many of our parishes are already doing an enormous amount in terms of bringing communities together. This is done through a variety of different groups such as gardening societies, car shares, repair cafés, well-being groups, exercise clubs and art projects, all of which bring people together. It is worth having a look at the toolkit on the SCDC website if only to see what things other parishes are offering and maybe to give you new ideas of what else to consider.

Environment

This is one area where my group can work co-operatively with the current administration. We all supported a motion late last year for the District to become zero carbon by 2050. Far from coming at an economic cost, I believe that this initiative will encourage new technologies, boosting efficiency, innovation and entrepreneurship. It will also make us healthier, as Diesel fumes are a major cause of cancer, heart disease and dementia.

SCDC has just launched a Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme. It will provide funds for local groups to spend on ambitious activities that reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels – as well as helping communities spread awareness and promote behaviour change towards low carbon lifestyles.

As a result, this summer community groups will be invited to bid for grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 each. These funds will be able to be spent on projects such as:

- Energy-saving improvements to community buildings, such as insulation, secondary glazing, energy efficient lighting, battery storage for solar panels or other low carbon energy generation measures
- Community energy projects: solar panels, wind turbines and battery storage
- Electric vehicle charging points which the community could use
- Purchase of an electric vehicle for community use
- Community tree planting, to absorb carbon and increase biodiversity
- Community schemes to scale the "circular economy" (food, fashion, waste, travel)
- Cycle paths and stands
- Projects that tackle fuel poverty
- Simple proposals such as cycle racks at bus stops or drinking fountains to encourage the use of reusable water bottles

A total of just over £90,000 is being made available for the scheme for 2019/20. The money comes from business rates from renewable energy sites in South Cambs that are retained by the Council and earmarked for use in green initiatives.

Transport

Work continues on the A14 upgrade, which so far seems to be on track for completion next December. There have been inconveniences, and no doubt there will be more to cope with until then, but hopefully the new road will be worth the wait.

The local road parallel to the A14 has been designated an extension to the A1307, and the first section northbound from Huntingdon Road to the new roundabout on Oakington Road in Dry Drayton, has recently opened, and work continues on the southbound route.

During the works, and during the preceding period when the A14 has been operating at capacity, blockages and congestion have been one of the causes of rat-running through our villages. The additional lanes on the A14 to carry the long-distance traffic, combined with a parallel local road, will make this disruption much less likely in the future. This hopefully will be the case both for cars driving through Madingley and Dry Drayton to join the A14 at the Oakington junction, and those driving through to the A428 when the A14 is blocked or congested.

Housing

The Council maintains a social housing portfolio consisting of 5,225 properties. Last March there were only 49 households in temporary accommodation, and staff work hard to help people avoid becoming homeless. During their last report period, they replaced 283 boilers, installed loft insulation in 507 properties and replaced 115 bathrooms and 114 kitchens. However, the average house price in South Cambridgeshire is more than £441,500, almost 11 times the average income for a resident, so there is still an enormous need to help people squeezed out of the housing market.

The Council set up a private company, Ermine Street Housing in order to boost its activities in the rental sector. In November 2015, the Council decided to expand the business further by investing £100 million over 5 years to buy an additional 500 properties. In 2017-18, Ermine Street Housing brought in £1.4 million per annum as it continues to invest in market housing for rent.

Planning

In September last year, both South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils both had their Local Plans approved. These cover the period to 2031. It took the Planning Inspectorate (a national body) quite a number of years to decide that the plans are "sound". Nonetheless, it is quite a major milestone that the plan has been approved and the likelihood of appeals to the Planning Inspectors being granted on the basis of an inadequate land supply is no longer the major concern that it was.

Preparations have already started for the following Local Plan, which will extend beyond 2031. There is always the danger that developers will propose major new developments near our village for that plan, and we must remain vigilant.

Cllr Grenville Chamberlain OBE

Hardwick division

BARTON, THE EVERSDENS, CALDECOTE, KINGSTON, COMBERTON, HARDWICK,
GRANTCHESTER, MADINGLEY, HARDWICK, TOFT & COTON



Working hard on your behalf

Highways

Secured £400,000 for
Hardwick road/footpath!

Since 2017 over 2000 potholes
have been repaired in my
division.

We have approved almost
£80m for road maintenance and
over £600.000 for this division

Environment

Tackling Plastic

The County Council now has a
Plastic Strategy.

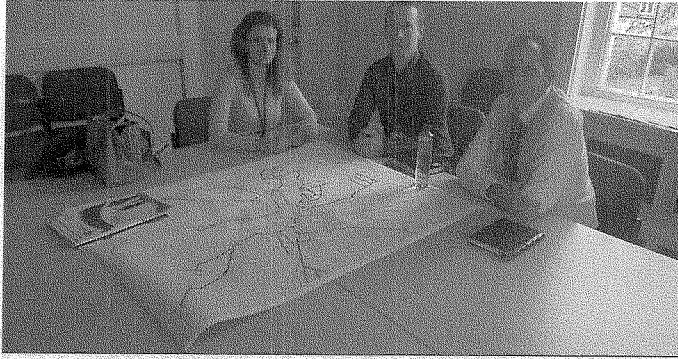
This is a positive step forward,
however, more work to be
done. I am not complacent!

Local projects

Innovate & Cultivate

This past year we have had
amazing organisations
applying for funds and we
have provided £1 million for
this.

Supported projects that will
have a positive impact in the



PROMOTING CYCLING

Millions of pounds will be invested in creating the right infrastructure for cycling.

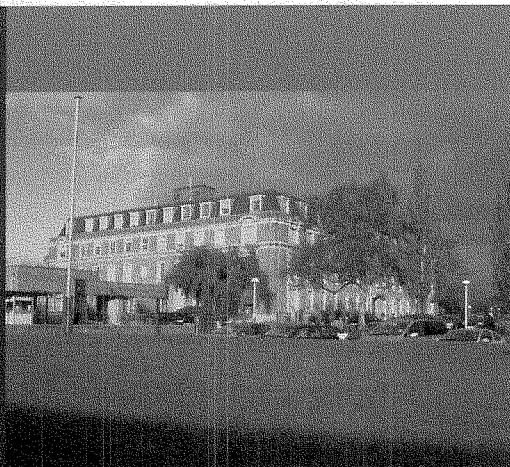
We are a district that thrives economically and we will see high levels of population growth.

It is essential that we invest now for the future.

Paying the Real Living Wage

For me is key that this administration is a responsible employer and looks after our staff.

- ✓ We pay the real living wage
- ✓ We are a Confident Disability Employer
- ✓ We have a flexible working policy for staff who come back from work and want to continue breastfeeding



Investing now for the future

Almost £2m back to frontline services as part of portfolio from the new Commercial & Investment Committee under the conservative administration. In addition to Green Investments:

- ✓ Smart Energy Grid a St Ives Park & Ride £3.6m
- ✓ Babraham and Trumpington Smart Energy Grid £15m
- ✓ Renewable Energy in Soham £23.2m

We will be securing over £40m in the bid for our Shire Hall building. Re-Investing in other projects and in front line services

South Cambridgeshire Conservatives

Highlights

I took part in the Zero Suicide prevention campaign. I would like to continue encouraging residents to sign CPSL Mind's award-winning STOP Suicide pledge, and take the free online training provided by the Zero Suicide Alliance.

I have been visiting one business a month in my division. I support the Buy Local Campaign. Our local pubs, post-office and other outlets are the heart of our communities. Please show them your support!

More say for Parish Councils! I have started discussions with colleagues and officers at County Council. Parishes should have more of a say in what happens in their local area, and I have successfully secure pre-meetings between parishes and officers for local highways projects.

There is more work to be done in this division and across the County!

Right infrastructure but not at any cost

I know how frustrating it has been for all of us the approach taken by the Greater Cambridge Partnership relating towards the Cambourne to Cambridge project.



I have supported from the start Cambridge Connect proposal which would have a direct impact on how this route is delivered. It is my understanding that James Palmer, the Major, continues to be advised by them. Sensible decision!

Soon we will have the result of the East West Rail consultation. I believe all my parishes voted in a different way because of their potential impact in their communities. This project will also bring more housing development.

It is essential that we have the right infrastructure for future population and economic growth. We are very fortunate to have

secured millions of pounds in order to achieve this, however, it should not be done at any cost.

Housing growth is happening and more houses are needed for future generations, if we don't have the right infrastructure these houses will be built in and around our parishes. The alternative is creating garden villages or expanding the larger ones such as Cambourne. It is my opinion that this growth is much needed, however, not at any cost. As you know is the District who holds the responsibility for planning and we must influence the local plan at a very early stage.

As you can imagine many more things have happened in the past year, I just tried to provide you with some highlights.

I will continue working hard on your behalf. I would like to know what are your aspirations and ambitions for the County you live in. I will do my utmost to deliver this.

Yours,

Lina Nieto

Report to the Hardwick Annual Parish Council Meeting 2019

Legal name & status: Hardwick Sports & Social Club Ltd – IPS 29242R

Hardwick Sports and Social Club Limited (the Club) was registered as a limited company under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 on 25th June 2001 and operates under approved registered Club rules.

The Club operates as a co-operative for the benefit of its members. The Club rules do not allow any distribution of profits, or assets on a winding up to be made to the members.

The Club complies with the legal requirements of the IPS registration, publishes annual accounts presented to and approved by its members and makes an annual return to the Financial Services Conduct Authority.

Lease:

The Club occupies the Pavilion under the terms of a 10 year lease from Hardwick Parish Council, negotiated with and signed by both parties on 15th May 2014. We previously held a lease under which a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum was payable but we now pay rent assessed at a commercial market value with an agreed rent review and break clauses.

Additionally the Club now meets the running costs of the Pavilion (including dressing rooms & toilets) and demise as defined within the lease and registered plan.

Licences:

The Club is licensed to sell alcohol and has a Club Registration Certificate which permits sale of alcohol within the club until to 2am on special occasions and other events as determined by the management committee.

The Club is licensed for the preparation and sale of food and the Club Manager and relevant members of staff are trained and hold the appropriate food preparation & hygiene certificates.

The Club holds all necessary licences for TV & music broadcast including a public performance & copyright licences issued by the Performing Rights Society for public broadcast of music (live & recorded), digital, recorded and satellite TV which is displayed in the Club on multiple Plasma displays, and more recently via a projector and screen.

Any profits generated in the operation of the licensed premises are and have been re-invested in the Club for the benefit of its members and are also used to support local organisations, clubs and charities.

Management

The Club is run by its officers and management committee who are elected annually by the membership holders, and meet every month.

The Club has a Disciplinary Sub Committee to apply appropriate sanctions in the event of misconduct by members. The Disciplinary Sub Committee meets promptly to deal with any reported misconduct and in March 2011 (updated 2014) the management committee

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adopted new procedural guidelines to ensure that any sanctions applied are fair and consistent. Sanctions applied can include long periods of suspension or expulsion from membership and the Club operates a Zero Tolerance policy for the possession or use of illegal drugs.

We are pleased to report that the Disciplinary Sub Committee rarely has to report as members mostly adhere to our rules & code of conduct.

Membership:

As a licensed premises operating under a Club Registration Certificate and as an IPS, it is a requirement that persons over 18 become a member to comply. In order to become a club member an individual must be proposed and seconded by existing Club members, new member pay a subscription fee currently £10 per annum (£5 renewal before the 28th of February) or alternatively Life membership is available on payment of £75.

Applications for membership are considered each calendar month at the meeting of the Management Committee.

Most of our 400 members live in Hardwick with an increasing number coming from adjoining villages as a result of attending events and other activities held at the premises.

The Club encourages as wide a membership as is possible and the members living outside of a 5 mile radius of the Club usually have familial links to Hardwick and the proximate villages.

As at the time of preparation of this report 10/05/2019 the Club membership system has proved to be a good investment, allowing us to closely monitor memberships and ensuring they receive benefits of their membership, including subsidised prices on drinks and event tickets. Ultimately, this has encouraged frequent users to become members, and has made the renewal of expired memberships easier to track. The membership system has been in effect for 13 months now and I am pleased to say our membership numbers continue to rise.

Activities

The Club supports sporting and other activities in the village including making financial contributions to local community activities and charities nominated by members and approved by the management committee.

Over the last year we have contributed to:

Hardwick Harriers Football Club

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Hardwick & Caldecote Cricket Club

Hardwick Play Parks

Hardwick Scouts & Cubs

Hardwick Youth Club

St Mary's Church

Hardwick Doctors car service – providing a donation to purchase aids to get in and out of cars

Macmillan Cancer care – supporting and donating to a charity.

Alzheimer's Society

British Heart Foundation

Ongoing donation boxes for guide dogs for the blind and the lifeboat association.

Donation to Santa's chosen charity after the children's Christmas party.

We are currently making plans to host Macmillan Coffee mornings as we have recently had a new coffee machine installed which provides a decent cuppa for only £1. We have also raised money, purchased and installed an external Defibrillator for the benefit of the whole community, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Club opens 5pm each evening Mon – Thursday, 4pm on Fridays and from midday at weekends and 2pm on bank holidays.

HSSC has a Cribbage team, 2 x 9 ball Pool teams, two Darts Team (including a new Ladies Team), A craft morning (one Monday a month), and the Hardwick Friendship Club has a free let and meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm.

The Women's institute also ran a darts team from the premises.

We hold a monthly Quiz Night (1st Thursday of the month) and Monthly Bingo (2nd Friday of every month).

The HSSC Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month and has a piece in the Hardwick Happenings every month too.

The Club currently has consoles for children to use, internet and Wi-Fi access, as well as a small selection of toys and books for all ages and continue to run events for the children including annual Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween Parties & Christmas Parties.

Improvements 2018/2019

The Club continues to invest and improve refurbishment internally and externally. In the last 12 month we held back on improvements due to a decline in finances whilst the transition of managers took place. Now that we anticipate we will be unaffected internally by the new Community Centre project, we are getting quotes to update and improve the interior of the

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Club. We purchased and set up the outdoor table tennis table to put in the rear courtyard, which will have provided entertainment for members and children.

We are pleased to report that we continue to replenish the planters and hanging basket.

Staff

Lindsey Haynes took over as Club Manager in November 2018. Lindsey is still 'learning the ropes' but works closely alongside myself and the committee. Our staff are all local residents who are friendly and welcome and serve our members and their guests.

We believe that HSSC provides a warm welcome to its members and everyone who attends.

We pride ourselves on the diverse age groups that use the facilities and the rapport between ourselves and external groups.

We hope this is also the opinion of The Parish Council and its members.

Lisa Montique - Club Secretary (since January 2017)

On behalf of Hardwick Sports & Social Club Management Committee

10th May 2019.

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Community Association Report to the Parish Council.

21st May 2019

In the last year the Association has had two meetings, in September 2018 and the AGM in March 2019. There are fifteen groups regularly represented at our meetings together with several village representatives with no direct representative function.

The meetings this year have mostly been concerned with updates of the progress regarding the proposed new Community Centre. The majority of the groups represented will be affected by the new development as they are the main users of the present Community Rooms that will subsequently be released back to the school. Five groups are totally affected and several others that use the rooms occasionally also have a vested interest in the new building.

In the interest of brevity for the report I have listed other areas of discussion from this year's meetings below.

- 1/ Lists of future events and dates for the Village Calendar (a regular meeting item).
- 2/ Reports on the Village Speed Watch initiative.
- 3/ Possible Community Association involvement in Welcome Packs for the new homes in the village.
- 4/ Progress on the proposed St Mary's Community Hall project.
- 5/ Changes to personnel at the School with one of the Headteachers, Ruth French leaving.
- 6/ The good news that the community rooms now have a new and fully functioning piano.

For future business the Association has asked the opinion of the school governors regarding the changes in community use of the School into the future.

Groups Represented in 2019

Hardwick Scouts, Hardwick Rainbows, Hardwick Brownies, Hardwick Guides
St Mary's Church, Hardwick Evangelical Church, Hardwick Parish Council, Hardwick WI
Hardwick Pre-School, Pippin's café, Dragon Fencing Club, Village Planning Group
Bourn Players, Hardwick 3.15 Club, The School Governors.
There are also a number of village residents attending as general village representation.

HH report for HPC annual meeting

There is a sense in which each edition of the HH is a report in itself and having just put the June edition to bed I don't feel inclined to add too much.

We are very proud of being independent and financial independence is not far away, we have an excellent committee, a far cry from when Sammy was trying to do it all by herself, from accounts to adverts, editing and even collecting coins. So thanks to Howard, Jeff and Roger for their excellent work.

Thanks too to those who contribute. I could perhaps plea for contributors to check what they have written before sending it. We spend considerable time in correcting spelling and grammar. But it is not just the surface features, you would be surprised how often something is sent in only to find that it is changed twenty four hours later. It all adds to our work in preparing the magazine.

Thanks to Marian and Yvonne for the distribution of HH and we have a fantastic group of deliverers. This raises a current hot potato. We have agreed to HPC using the distribution system to send out the village plan, but only reluctantly and I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the deliverers are volunteers who have not been asked to do anything other than deliver HH. It would be an enormous shame to lose deliverers because they think that they are being put upon. This will not set a precedent.

We are still putting out eight issues a year and my previous request for opinion on whether that should be increased went unanswered.

We have a great magazine. If you have ideas about how it could be improved please shout. I promise that it won't mean that you are given a job to do.

Peter Cornwell May 2019

HVP Report – PC AGM 21st May 2019

In September 2015 a small group of like-minded volunteer residents met and decided to form the Hardwick Village Plan Group. Our aim was to seek the views of residents regarding the future of Hardwick and its needs for the next ten to fifteen years, looking for ways to protect its individuality and diversity and to maintain the rural beauty of the village and its surroundings. The hope was that this Village Plan would become the forerunner to the Neighborhood Plan which would become a legal and binding document to protect our future.

The group met monthly and worked hard trying to come up with a questionnaire to find out what the residents wanted or did not want to see in Hardwick. Key stakeholders in the business community were contacted and agreed to help with the development of the questionnaire and in November 2016 it was finally agreed, advertised with posters around the village, made available online and paper copies distributed.

At this point we would like to thank Nisa, SCS, The Blue Lion, The Social Club and many others for their valuable help in compiling the questions and also the team who helped with delivering the questionnaires.

Since receiving the completed questionnaires, both hard and electronic copies, we've spent countless hours collating and interpreting the results and writing and re-writing the report. It was a huge undertaking for us and we were always aware that we had to remain impartial and report in a fair and accurate manner.

In December 2018, after many months of hard work, we were ready to go to print. And it is with great pleasure and pride that I am here now, on behalf of the committee, to say that the plan has been printed and they are ready for delivery.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and for arranging the printing of enough copies to be able to supply one to every household.

We would also like to thank everyone for their help with this project, with special thanks to our Chairman, Martin Cassey, for his patience and professionalism, and to Tim Dodd for the endless hours painstakingly analyzing the survey results and drafting the final report.

And on a final note, Martin would like to add his special thanks and a debt of gratitude to all the unsung heroes on the committee.

Thank you

HCCWG Report to the Hardwick Parish Council May 2019

The Hardwick Community Centre Working Group (HCCWG) has been set up since March 2018 and in just over one year has endeavoured to take forward the planning of a new Community Centre for the village of Hardwick. The group was set up with representatives from major groups within the community that covered a wide range of experience and knowledge of village activities. It has been well documented that the first six months of the process was spent trying to find a suitable site for the new Centre and in discussions with the Scouts and Guides about the possible use of the site they presently occupy. Beyond this it has been taking feedback from as many village residents as possible, to guide the group's search and progress.

Key points from the progress this year

- 1/ Identified suitable sites for a new Community Building whilst liaising with as many groups with interests as possible.
- 2/ Involved as many residents as possible, as often as possible, in feedback to the process via public meetings, the village web site, Hardwick Happenings and through discussions with the groups which the working group members represent.
- 3/ Shortlisted three possible sites for discussion.
- 4/ Refined the choice of sites and looked at possible designs for a building.
- 5/ Expanded the Working Group to include a representative of the Hardwick Sports and Social Club.
- 6/ Visited a range of similar projects around Cambridge to collect ideas and advice about how to achieve a successful project.
- 7/ Selected a shortlist and interviewed a number of architect firms with a record of successful and similar projects, to find a suitable candidate to present to the Parish Council.
- 8/ We have also looked at a wider range of funding options including village fundraising, sources of sustainable energy for the project and innovative ways of equipping the building.

St Mary's Church

Update on our Community Hall Project

We would like to update the village and the Parish Council on our progress in this project. We have got planning permission for a building on the land behind the church. It will comprise a hall of area 55m² (big enough for an exercise class of 15 people, or to seat 48 people round tables). The hall will have patio doors opening out onto the grassed area and campfire circle. There will also be a small meeting room, a fully equipped kitchen, toilets and storage facilities. The exterior has been designed to match local farm buildings, and the interior of the hall will be vaulted to echo the church. We plan to landscape the area on completion to maximise biodiversity.

We have partnered with Coulson's, who have worked with us during this preliminary phase. We expect to receive the detailed design from them shortly.

We believe that our hall will complement the planned village hub near the rec which will be built using Section 106 money. It will be smaller, quieter and more intimate, and will be especially suitable for a family party. The woodland setting also will make it a good venue for any group wishing to make use of the outdoors. And, of course, it is at the south end of the village which has fewer facilities compared to the north end. This will be especially significant for the occupants of the new houses in Meridian Fields.

We have been working hard on fund-raising and now have £237,000 in donations, pledges and grants. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed by making a donation or supporting a fund-raising event. We need about £80,000 more to cover the costs, and are embarking on what we hope will be our final round of grant applications. It would help us enormously to know that the village as a whole supports this project, so if you could complete our very short questionnaire before you leave, we would really appreciate it.

Hardwick Annual Parish Meeting - Hardwick W.I. Report

2018 - 2019

I think we have had a very interesting and enjoyable year as we celebrated our 60th birthday. We enjoyed a celebratory Dinner at St John's College in July and planted bulbs around the village sign in November. I hope you noticed them as they came into bloom. We do enjoy food in this W.I. which includes our Dining Out Club which is very popular, dining at various restaurants to suit most tastes such as Willow Tree in Bourn, Red House in Longstowe and La Pergola. Our January Social also involved a meal, fish & chips but accompanied by a healthy fresh fruit salad.

Hardwick WI has now joined the 21st century in terms of technology - we now have our own website which was launched in September thanks to one of our newer members Elise Croft who I notice has now joined the Parish Council.

Monthly meetings have been varied including a Spanish Cookery demonstration, line dancing, a talk on the David Parr House and Alison Bruce talking about her books to name a few.

Our Crafty Natters has gone from strength to strength with many of us knitting for charity, knitting baby hats and cot blankets for the Rosie & Hinchingsbrooke hospitals and Dementia muffs for the Manor Residential Home, Home Meadow in Toft and Hinchingsbrooke and hats and scarves for Home Meadow in Toft. Non-WI volunteers are knitting at home for us too. This year to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 we knitted and crocheted poppies which we attached around the village sign. We were complimented on our efforts and our photo actually made it to the front cover of the Hardwick Happenings!

This year we have set up two new groups, one called Hardwick WI Matters consisting of a select few who meet monthly to discuss issues arising from the WI Resolutions, such as Loneliness, Plastics, Mental Health. The other group is the Theatre/Cinema Club and we have been to the panto and My Fair Lady at the Arts Theatre and The King & I at the Arts Picture House.

Other social events have included a river cruise to Broxbourne in June, a day in Denman College with a cookery demo in July, Anglesey Abbey Winter Lights in November and the Houses of Parliament in January.

Some of our members have attended events organised by CFWI - Summer, Autumn and Spring Lunches, Nosh & Natters, Curtain Up & Supper, craft days, Scam evening and visits to Southwold & Thursford Christmas Spectacular. We

are supporting the CFWI Darts competition. A group of us went to Perfect Ladies Day Out in Quay Mill in July. Another member & I attended the NFWI AGM in Cardiff in June and had a great time and going again in June, but to Bournemouth this time.

Throughout the year we have raised money for our funds and we have been involved in village events too such as Easter Family Bingo evening in March, a bottle tombola at the village carnival in July, dressed a window in the church for the harvest festival and sold tickets for a hamper at the Christmas Bazaar. We were represented in the second Christmas Tree Festival hosted by the church and took part in the annual Church Quiz but unfortunately, did not bring the winning trophy home!

We also raised money for charity and organised a very successful Strawberry Tea in July in aid of Breast Cancer, when we raised £435. An amazing achievement. We continue to collect plastic tops and used stamps for charity

During the year we have welcomed 5 new members to our WI which is very encouraging. If you are interested in coming along, our next meeting is on Wednesday evening, 19th June at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

Anne Jones

May 2019



hardwickplayparks@gmail.com

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The Hardwick Play Parks Group was formed in October 2015 to improve the play parks area on Egremont Road. In our first year, we surveyed local residents, assessed and designed a project plan, which was met with approval from the Parish Council.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for the small grant received last year for £250. This was put to good use with the medals and marketing the fun run held on 16th September 2018. The run raised £435.50

Good progress has been made towards fundraising around the village and keeping awareness strong. We held tombola stalls at the school fete, hosted the Christmas bazaar at the HSSC and held two music quizzes with quiz master Richard Young.

The children at the primary school held a fiver challenge and the children voted for their chosen charities. We received half the proceeds from this.

The golden goal competition held at the HSSC was a big success over the summer for the world cup.

We are very pleased with the feedback received with regards the second stage – the climbing feature and big tower unit with slides. We are working hard to gain further funding grants for the final stage. This will be for swings, roundabouts and a zip wire.

We are in the process of applying for another SCDC community grant as well as the final grant. We are approaching WREN again.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gail Stoehr

From: Pat Portlock [pat@portlock.org.uk]
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Subject: 2019 Annual report of litter picking Hardwick, Cambridgeshire village.
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Two litter picking events have been organised in Hardwick village since the last Annual Parish meeting report of 2018.

The first village litter pick was on Saturday 10 November 2018 when 27 sacks of rubbish were collected.

The second litter pick was on Saturday 9 March 2019 when 32 sacks of rubbish, 2 large cardboard boxes of polystyrene and 2 full size bikes were collected.

24 people attended both litter picks. The sacks and equipment were provided by South Cambs District Council who also organised the disposal of the rubbish.

After each litter pick, drinks were provided by Hardwick Sports and Social Club and refreshments by Hardwick villagers.

The next litter pick will be organised for October or November 2019 depending on weather conditions.

Kind regards

Pat Portlock.

Sent from my iPad=



Hardwick Annual Parish Meeting

21st May 2019.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I am Ashley Shepherd Hardwick NHW Village coordinator. As I am the last to speak I will not keep you long and will almost guarantee you in 25 minutes time you will be sitting at home drinking a beverage of your choice.

In the past year we have had four meetings and have disgust matters as burglaries, drugs and ASB. We have had a police presence at two of the meetings and they have covered home security, cybercrime, ASB and answered residents' concerns. We have about 50 members and it is slowly increasing.

We proposed to the PC to have three CCTV cameras placed at the approaches to Hardwick to observe vehicles coming and going. The recording could then be viewed if any criminal act took place in the village. We are sure that it would be a deterrent to any would be burglars. The PC is looking into this and it is ongoing.

I am sure you know, because of the lack of police numbers, ecops has ceased. So I am presently working on an idea to find the NHW Village Coordinators of Caldecote, Cambourne, Bourn, Coton, Madingley, Barton, Dry Drayton, Kingston, Toft and Comberton. A group of 11. The idea being that if a criminal act is committed in one of the villages the village coordinator could with one click pass it on to the other 10 in the group. They in turn could pass it onto their Street Coordinators and Members. If anyone knows any of the VC please let me know their email address or telephone number and please feel free to give them my email address or telephone number so as we can get this line of communication in action.

This year there will be NHW meeting in Sept/Oct and I am hoping to get the Secretary of NHW Cambridgeshire to attend. We intend to recruit more members, the more we have the safer the village will be and it is a known fact that where there is a strong NHW there is less crime.

We as a village need to help the police and report all crimes, which helps them to get a picture of what is going on and then take the appropriate action. Lastly one of the best deterrents is CCTV.

Thank you for your time.