

PRIORS HARDWICK VILLAGE MEETINGS

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th July 2023

In the Church of St Mary the Virgin

Present

Stuart Hyde (SH), Chairman

Carolyn Bath (CB), Treasurer

Margaret Clarke (MC), Secretary

District Councillor Nigel Rock (NR)

Rob and Anita Barritt; Ian Bath; Christopher Bull (CBI); Hugh and Emily (ED) Darbishire; Isabel Davies; Ivan and Barbara Harvey; Tonia Hicks; Paul and Rosemary (RH) Hobday; Derrin James (DJ); Candy Kelly; Alan and Gill(GK) Kinnear; Lucie Penruddock; Miriam Price; Lesley Russon; Andrew Smith; Sue Talbot; Jago Toner (JT); Eddie(EU), Ann and Becky Ukleja; Ros White;

Apologies were received from:

Christopher and Gabrielle Hodgson; Diarmaid Kelly; Joy Redfern; Sylvia Sutherland)

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

SH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Election of Chair

The reason for the meeting was, that at the AGM in April there had been no application for the position of Chair of the Village Meeting, so this matter had been postponed until the current meeting. Following an application from GK, a further joint application from DJ and CBI had been received shortly before the current meeting. Detailed enquiries had been made regarding the implications of this application and the procedures to be followed for an election. However, the application had subsequently been withdrawn. GK addressed the meeting. From the moment she arrived with her husband, Alan, Gill found the in the village a welcoming, friendly and sporty environment. Then the Covid pandemic produced an environment in which all pulled together and preserved our community spirit. Once the restrictions were lifted Gill entered into village life in a number of ways. She felt 'at home' in the church community and soon became a member of the PCC and later its Secretary and Safeguarding Officer. Gill helped in the Village and Church 'Clear-up' days and organised the bookstall at the recent very successful Village Fête.

Gill also takes part in several of the informal social activities which take place in the village.

In her work as Chair of the Village Meeting Gill would not hesitate to seek help and advice as required and she looked forward to working with CB, EU and SH. Gill sees as important the preservation and enhancement of our village and believes in service and volunteering both within the community and beyond. It was Gill's wish as she took up her post that the village should work as a team – and then all would be well!

It was proposed by MC and seconded by RH that GK should be elected as Chair of the Priors Hardwick Village Meeting. A ballot by show of hands took place with 25 people in favour and 3 abstentions.

MC thanked SH for his service as Chair of the Village Meeting, reminding everyone of the huge amount of work that falls on the Chair behind the scenes and between the quarterly meetings. Planning and HS2 had been particularly onerous over the past few years.

Election of Secretary

Following the resignation of MC, ED had volunteered to take on the post of Secretary of the Village Meeting. It was thus proposed by TH and seconded by EU that Emily be elected. Voting was 25 in favour with 3 abstentions.

SH thanked MC for her 20 years as Secretary, to which she responded that it had been a very enjoyable experience and very rewarding to be able to contribute to the wellbeing of such a wonderful village. He presented to MC a card with a gift of garden centre tokens enclosed.

Invitation as Treasurer It is the prerogative of the Chair of the Meeting to invite a Treasurer and GK invited CB to continue as Treasurer. CB accepted to applause from the meeting.