

Priors Hardwick Village Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2024

In the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Present:

Gill Kinnear (GK), Chairman

Carolyn Bath (CB), Treasurer

Emily Darbishire (ED), Secretary

Councillors Nigel Rock (NR) & Chris Kettle (CK)

Ian Bath; Margaret Clarke (MC); Paul & Rosemary Hobday; Jenny & Tim Hoban (JH); Christopher Hodgson (CH); Gail & Charles Holland; Derrin James; Candy Kelly (CK); Chris Russon (CR); Andrew Smith; Jago Toner; Ann & Eddie Ukleja.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, taking place in the new area at the back of the Church where the walls had been painted and new carpets laid.

1. **Apologies were received from:** Rob Albury; Anita & Rob Barritt; Richard Cutts; Hugh Darbishire; Simon Darbishire; John Eustace; Tonia Hicks; Stuart Hyde; Diarmuid Kelly; Ian & Debbie Mercer; Lesley Russon; Sylvia Sutherland; Sue Talbot; Hollie Toner; Ros White.

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting** held on 18th April 2024 have been circulated and were taken as read with one amendment: Repeat of those names present – GK will amend.

The Chair thanked Stuart Hyde for chairing the extra meeting in May.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Update on defibrillator - It is now up and running. There was training on 30th July at 5.30pm at the HS2 compound in Chipping Warden. 14 residents have been trained.
- b) Project Enable (CH) - The PCC has authorized the purchase of more comfortable chairs. CH met with James Copeman of the Moore's Trust to show him what had been done. The next stage is a water connection which is a bigger project – Tim

Hoban is helping with Severn Trent forms. It will need Church permission from Coventry Diocese.

c) Pete Brown who mows the village green is retiring. Alan Kinnear has stepped in temporarily. Gk explained that a few people have suggested spending some money from the fete on a mower of which there are pro's and con's. CR presented costings and information from his research on sit-on mowers. This was discussed by those present and it was decided that it would be given more thought with a view to holding a vote at the next meeting. CR will look into costs of contractors and present findings by email before the next meeting.

4. Finance:

Current A/C: £1696

Reserves: £7836

Fete Reserve: £4130

£420 from the fete money has been spent on the defibrillator.

5. **Councillor Update** - The report from Nigel Rock and Natalie Gist was circulated to the village on 26th July 2024. Nigel Rock highlighted the rise in rural crime and HS2 uncertainty. Christopher Kettle also spoke to the meeting with an update on HS2 and the planned Stoneton Lane closure. His written report was also sent out on the village e-mail.

6. Planning:

a) The Leys – have been issued with a formal notice of enforcement due to agricultural land changed to garden and a climbing frame on ancient monument land. The enforcement notice asks for the play equipment and the fence to be removed.

GK asked the meeting to support the planners and Historic England- Show of hands: 16 in support, 2 abstentions. GK will send in a chair response before 8th August.

b) The Butchers Arms – Has been registered as a village asset. This simply means planning would be required for any change of use, the aim being to protect it so that when it is purchased there is an incentive to continue running it as a pub. It will stay on the list for up to 5 years.

7. HS2 Update post meeting on 10th July – CK

Still no clarification on Wormleighton which should have been finished in mid November. Additional time needed taking the road closures from 6 weeks to 4

months. Our councilors are going through MP's, however CK urged everyone to go through the HS2 hotline to complain.

Still querying whether the Priors Hardwick Road to Boddington is a suitable diversion route, however EKFB said if they changed the route they would need to go further afield, and then there would be no recourse for using the Priors Hardwick Road as it isn't the main diversion route. GK added that at the very least we need passing places. Residents asked for regular e-mail updates from EKFB.

8. IT Update – Tim & Jenny Hoban have taken over from Eddie.

A) In July we had 1995 unique visits to the website. JH encouraged the village to look at the website, they are endeavoring to make it more useful to the village so please do make any suggestions.

B) Podcast – Anyone who would like to be involved please do get in touch!

9. Social Event on 14th September

This is still happening and is not a fundraiser for the village. The idea is to gather on the village green where there will be a bouncy castle, garden games, pizza van from 4.30pm - 8.30pm, live music and a DJ. A poster will be sent out nearer the time, any help would be appreciated, please get in touch with Gill Kinnear.

10. AOB

a) MC raised that highways haven't been on the agenda for some time and the road to Marston Doles is losing its edge. GK responded that she will put highways on the October agenda.

b) Road markings – Chris Kettle promised road marking would be redone 4 years ago. Only some have been done so GK will remind, especially as more lorries will be coming through the village to building sites.

The date of the next meeting: **Thursday 24th October 2024 at 7.30pm** in the Church.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.