

Minutes of a meeting of Clawson, Hose & Harby Parish Council held at Harby Valley Christian Centre on Monday 17th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Nicola Draper (Chair), Nigel Hodges, Jonathan Neale, Matthew Simpson & Jacob Wilkinson.

In attendance: County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove, Borough Council Simon Orson, 4 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Mike Foulds, Jo Towle.

24/135 **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES).**

A resident attended to confirm their response to recent public comments made by Harby Village Hall Committee (HVHC) regarding the proposed development of their new village hall suggesting the process is now progressing. The resident reaffirmed their legal right of way held over the area of land proposed to be acquired by HVHC as replacement recreational land to compensate for the area of the Leys that would be lost and reported that he had attended a HVHC meeting to inform them that they had no intention of agreeing to any alternation or amendment to the Right of Way. In addition, the resident commented that they believe that the existence of this unfettered Right of Way (including with animals and agricultural vehicles and machinery), renders the area of land completely inappropriate for the Council's intended use.

Cllr Draper thanked the resident and the information was noted. Cllr Draper confirmed that no decision has been made regarding the land disposal/swap and that discussions are at a very early stage.

A resident Long Clawson questioned liability if a personal injury occurred on the Sands following the recent flooding and subsequent residue. It was confirmed that Melton Borough Council has attended to clean roads, but the Sands was not cordoned off and was therefore inaccessible. The Clerk will contact MBC to request a follow up visit with appropriate signage to ensure that the Sands is clear.

24/136 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

To approve and accept apologies from Cllrs Mike Foulds, Jo Towle.

24/137 **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, PERSONAL INTERESTS OR PERSONAL INTERESTS THAT MAY LEAD TO BIAS, BY PARISH COUNCILLORS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Cllr Neale declared a DPI in item 9e, he is a friend of the applicant.

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BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Cllr Lovegrove reported on the proposals to create a single unitary council for the County and confirmed that county and borough elections will take place on Thursday 1st May 2025. A joint statement by leaders of the district and borough councils in Leicestershire can be found here: [Joint leaders statement LCC elections – Melton Borough Council](#)

Cllr Lovegrove gave an update on flooding issues in the parish specifically (1) the need to hold water in the ditch on Mill Lane, Long Clawson and (2) the requirement for a survey to ascertain the extent that the culvert in Long Clawson is blocked. In addition, Cllr Lovegrove reported that a new culvert has been installed at Whittakers Farm, Stathern Lane, Harby and on Pasture Lane, the landowners have cleared ditches and Leicestershire County Council has agreed to upgrade a culvert which crosses the lane, both to reduce the risk of flooding.

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TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

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TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The Clerk reported on matters not included on the agenda:

The preferred MVAS has been approved by Leicestershire County Council and the order has been placed with Westcotec Ltd for a portable MVAS 20/30/40 with SLOW DOWN Legend beneath, 355mm H, 355mm W and 34mm D, 10W solar powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket sets plus bluetooth data collection for £3909.00 + VAT. Delivery will be within 8 weeks.

P2 tree work is underway although some planning applications for works on TPO'd trees need to be resubmitted. The Clerk is working with the tree surgeon on these applications.

Cemetery work completed with the borders cleared and chipped and the overgrown graves cleared – visitors to the cemetery have been very complimentary of the work carried out so far.

Speedwatch volunteer training took place on 13/02/2025. The provisional dates for our scheme are from 07/06/2025 to 20/06/2025.

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TO RECEIVE THE PLAY AREA SAFETY CHECK REPORTS.

Play area safety checks were received and noted.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY).

a) To receive a report on the Vale Parishes Group (Cllr Wilkinson).

Cllr Wilkinson reported on the new flood warning service. Details can be found

at: [Be first to try the Environment Agency's new Flood Warning Service. – Clawson, Hose & Harby Parish Council](#)

b) Other Councillors reports.

Cllr Neale reported an approach by residents who would like to volunteer with the maintenance of the Community Orchard on Stathern Lane, Harby. The Clerk will check the grounds maintenance contract for details.

Cllr Neale reported that the Harby Village Hall Committee would like to feedback that they still wish to continue with legal advice (*refers minute reference 24/144g*).

24/143 **TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS AND AGREE ANY ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- a) **To consider any planning applications received after this agenda was published.**
None.

- b) **24/01196/VAC Buildings adjacent to the Hall, Hose Lane, Long Clawson. Variation of condition 2 19/00709/FUL to reduce the size of 4 permitted dwellings.**
No comment.

- c) **24/01096/FUL Land East of No 6 Pinfold Lane, Harby. Proposed 1.5 storey dwelling.**

Resolved: That delegated power is granted to Cllr Neale to draft a response to be sent once agreed by members.

- d) **24/01173/FULHH 7 Harefield Close, Harby LE14 4DU Single storey rear extension.**
No comment.

- e) **Pre-application; Field 9677 off Stathern Lane, Harby. Residential development proposal**

Resolved: That members send comments to the Clerk for response to developer week commencing 24/02/2025.

24/144 **BUSINESS.**

- a) **To confirm delegated responsibility to named councillors to enable them to discuss flooding issues and proposed water course mapping with the Vale Parishes Group on behalf of the Parish Council.**

Resolved: That delegated responsibility is granted to Cllrs Jo Towle & Jacob Wilkinson.

Resolved: To formally request that Leicestershire County Council carry out a Flood Investigation in Long Clawson.

- b) **To consider expenditure of £140 for the annual strimming of the Bee Kind verge in Hose and, if appropriate, add this item to the Grounds Maintenance schedule.**
 Resolved: To approve this expenditure.
 Resolved: To add this item to the Grounds maintenance schedule.
- c) **To consider expenditure totalling £2190 for the relocation of the toddler multi-play to Hose Village Green and groundworks to include the removal of the black tile area and installation of turf.**
 The Hose Trustees have offered £1,000 towards the cost of the relocation.
 Resolved: To approve expenditure of £1190 as part contribution for the relocation provided that the Hose Trustees contribution is confirmed.
 Resolved: To confirm the offer of £1,000 contribution for the relocation from the Hose Trustees.
- d) **To consider and respond to the Government's consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England.**
[Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England - GOV.UK](#)
 Resolved: That the Clerk will respond as appropriate on behalf of the Parish Council.
- e) **To consider a response to the Melton Local Plan.** [Melton Local Plan](#)
 Resolved: To make response and ask what is the process that allocates land not previously allocated within the neighbourhood plan and the local plan.
- f) **To agree plans for the Annual Parish meeting in May.**
 Resolved: That the Clerk will check availability with Long Clawson and Hose Village Halls.
 Resolved: That if either halls are available, an invitation will be extended to all village groups to attend the Annual Parish meeting.
- g) **To agree that the Clerk contact LRALC to request further legal advice regarding the potential disposal of land/land swap at the Leys, Harby.**
 The Clerk confirmed that the Harby Village Hall Committee will cover reasonable legal fees.
 Resolved: That the Clerk request a quotation from Wellers via LRALC.
 Resolved: That the Clerk will use the previous final response and previously unanswered questions from Wellers as a starting point.
 Resolved: That the Clerk will forward questions to HVHC and request any additional questions.
- h) **To complete the registration of VG63 with Land Registry and, if appropriate, approve expenditure up to £1,000 plus Land Registry fees of up to £200.**
 Resolved: To approve this expenditure.
- i) **To approve expenditure of up to £500 for the cut back of the roadside allotment hedges in Long Clawson and to add this annual task to the grounds maintenance schedule.**
 Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

Resolved: To add this item to the Grounds maintenance schedule.

- j) **To approve expenditure of up to £150 for the cut back of the field side hedges in the orchard and nature reserve on Stathern Lane, Harby and to add this annual task to the grounds maintenance schedule.**

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

Resolved: To add this item to the Grounds maintenance schedule.

24/145 **FINANCE.**

- a) **To approve and sign the monthly bank reconciliation.**

To approve and sign the monthly bank reconciliation – attached.

- b) **To approve and sign the schedule of payments.**

Resolved: To approve and sign the schedule of payments – attached.

- c) **To receive the summary of receipts & payments.**

The summary of Receipts & Payments was noted.

- d) **To receive the forecast to year end.**

The forecast to year end was noted.

24/146 **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- a) **Correspondence received after this agenda was published.**

None.

- b) **Email from Harby Playground Committee confirming closure of the group and the donation of remaining funds to the Parish Council to be ring-fenced for the upkeep of the play area on the Leys, Harby.**

Resolved: To respond with thanks.

Resolved: To send copy to Harby Journal/publish on the website.

- c) **Email sent on behalf of Lord Foster regarding the ‘Safety of lithium-ion batteries campaign.**

Noted.

- d) **Email from a resident regarding streetlighting between Watsons Lane and the Nags Head carpark, Harby and flooding of the footpath at the top entrance to the Nags Head carpark during heavy rain *received via Cllr Hodges.***

Cllr Hodges has responded to the resident to confirm the statutory removal at the request of the homeowner of the certified safe streetlight on Watsons Lane at a cost of £1810 ex VAT and that the cost of a new light in this area would be £4,700 ex VAT. This equates to the council tax that the Parish receives from 55 Band D homes and was considered prohibitive. In relation to the footpath flooding, this was reported via Cllr Neale to Leicestershire County Council on 05/08/2024 and will be prioritised based on the information given. It was

suggested that the Parish Council undertake works to alleviate this issue however, Leicestershire County Council have confirmed that this would not be permitted.

- e) **Email from a resident regarding discarded foliage on the footpath between Dickmans Lane and Gas Walk, Harby.**

Noted. The Clerk has reported this to Leicestershire County Council via Report-It.

- f) **Email from a resident regarding developer damage to the footpath on Pinfold Place, Harby.**

Noted. The Clerk has reported this to Leicestershire County Council via Report-It.

24/147 The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 17th March at 7.00 p.m. at Hose Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20 p.m.

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Chair – Clawson, Hose & Harby Parish Council Date

Clawson, Hose & Harby Parish Council

Prepared by: Stephanie Massey
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: 17/02/2025

Approved by: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: _____

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/01/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		57,174.15
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/01/2025		148,560.19
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/01/2025		205,734.34 120,803.88
	Cash in Hand 31/01/2025 (per Cash Book)		84,930.46
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/01/2025	0.00	
	TSB Instant 31/01/2025	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank 101 31/01/2025	32,186.18	
	TSB Extra 31/01/2025	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank 091 31/01/2025	52,744.28	
			84,930.46
	Less unrepresented payments		
			84,930.46
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		84,930.46
A = B Checks out OK			

Clawson, Hose & Harby Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Staff costs	17/02/2025 - 18/02/2025				Confidential			2,524.35		2,524.35
150 Office & IT	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Scribe annual renewal	Scribe Accounts - Starboard	S	408.00	81.60	489.60
151 Cemetery	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Water charges	Waterplus	Z	8.02		8.02
152 Audit	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Internal audit service	LBALC Limited	Z	290.00		290.00
153 Office & IT	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Annual domain name and webs	NetWiseUK	S	390.00	78.00	468.00
154 Memberships	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		SLCC annual membership	SLCC	Z	300.00		300.00
155 General admin	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Room hire	Hose Village Hall	Z	112.00		112.00
156 General admin	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Clerk expenses	Stephanie Massey	Z	47.59		47.59
157 Office & IT	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Cloudy IT fees	Cloudy IT	S	98.40	19.68	118.08
158 Maint. of assets	04/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Play area maintenance	Lloyd Greasley	S	1,340.00	268.00	1,608.00
159 Streetlight maint.	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Streetlight maintenance	e-on	S	179.16	35.83	214.99
160 Office & IT	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Phoneline+	Spectrum Telecommunications	S	17.45	3.49	20.94
161 Grounds maint.	18/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Grounds maintenance	J Wells Contracting	Z	1,312.80		1,312.80
162 Banking	28/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Bank charges	Unity 091	Z	6.00		6.00
163 Grounds maint.	17/02/2025	24/145b	Unity Trust Bank 091		Cemetery grounds maintenance	Martin Tree Care	Z	2,700.00		2,700.00
Total								9,733.77	486.60	10,220.37