



Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting to be held at the Valley Christian Centre, Main Street, Harby LE13 4BN on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00 p.m. to transact the following business:

Present: Councillors Nicole Draper (Chair), Mike Foulds & Jonathan Neale.

County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove, Borough Councillor Chris Evans

1 member of the public and the Parish Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs Mike Dunn, Nigel Hodges, Jacob Wilkinson.

2. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Council has faced a number of challenges over the last 12 months. We started the term with my new appointment as Chair and five new councillors following the election last May. Our former Clerk resigned, and we had to appoint an interim Clerk, Helen Graves. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen for all her hard work and support over the last 6 months. It is with great relief that we can now welcome our new Clerk, Stephanie Massey who was appointed as our permanent Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) on the 8th April 2024. Stephanie has a wealth of experience working in local government since 2016 and is CILCA qualified.

Over the last few months, we have created a new website with a gov.uk domain, M365 services including new software to assist with our accounts, cemetery and allotment services. All of which will allow us to function more efficiently. We are very fortunate to have Cllr Jonathan Neale on board who has been the driving force behind these developments and we thank him for his time and expertise in making this happen.

As a Council we are working on a number of issues within the Parish. The flooding in Long Clawson has been a long-standing issue and we are working with Melton Brough Council and Leicester City County Council to identify the issues and find appropriate solutions. There have also been ongoing issues with access over a village green in Long Clawson which will be resolved shortly.

Our long-term projects include the street lighting across the Parish. We are in the process of surveying all the streetlights that belong to the Parish Council and intend to replace them with LED lights. Although this will be a significant financial undertaking, we believe it will be cost effective, and more environmentally friendly in the long term - future proofing one of our major assets. The playground

facilities at Hose are also something that we would like to address and will be considering any grants and funds available to facilitate this project.

On a monthly basis we consider a significant number of planning applications across the Parish and have been working with developers regarding the Millway development in Harby.

We welcome support and contributions from the public and dedicate 15 minutes of public time at the start of our monthly Parish meeting for any issues that members of the Parish wish to raise – we look forward to seeing you there!

We are of the view that we now have the foundations in place to build and to support this Parish over the next 12 months and look forward in doing so.

3. **QUESTIONS or COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A resident asked for an update on the village green access. Cllr Draper reported that fencing quotations are being sought and that the Parish Council is hopeful that this issue will be resolved soon.

The meeting closed at 7.26 p.m.

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Chair – Clawson, Hose & Harby Parish Council

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