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**Minutes of the**

**Annual Meeting of Harling Parish Council,**

**Held in the Harling Old School Hall on Monday 27th May 2025**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge

Cllr H Mackenzie Cllr G Jubb

Cllr S Blades Cllr L Mould

Cllr B Copping Cllr G Denham

Cllr A Hayward Cllr K Rayner

Cllr J Jacobs

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

**1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR**

It was duly proposed that Mr P Edge be elected as Chairman for the Parish Council for the coming year. Nine Councillors voted in favour. One abstained.

**2**. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR**

It was duly proposed that Miss H Mackenzie be elected as Vice Chair for the Parish Council for the coming year. All in favour.

**3. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

 Cllr J Denniss

4. **DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST(S) IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 10F –SB & 8C

Item 8k - KR

Item 19 – PE, JJ, BC, GJ

**5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd April 2025**

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record

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**7. PLANNING**

 Planning working group to view and discuss latest applications

**8. ACCOUNTS**

1. Tomato Energy - £1052.76 & £517.46
2. SCG Together - £42.38
3. SP Blades - £68.40
4. Staff costs - £4046
5. HOSH - £84
6. Carole Bailey - £170
7. Ian Aspinal - £317
8. Thurlow Nunn - £15836.80
9. URM - £44.50
10. Newton Press - £42
11. Amazon - £9.69 & £12.32
12. Etsy - £47.08
13. Gallagher Insurance - £222.16 & £6284.38
14. Rhino Security - £501.04
15. Blazetech - £495
16. JBS Gardening - £505
17. Abbey Fire - £1681.96 20/23

*The Parish Councillors were presented with copies of receipts of payments and bank reconciliation showing year to date spending and balances for main current account. It was explained that these figures do not include the Town Improvement Fund and Petty Cash funds.*

**9. ANNUAL INSURANCE PREMIUM**

Council resolved to renew the current insurance policy with Gallagher at a cost of £6284.38. Alternative quotes had been sourced but none were comparable

**10. ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025**

Council approved the Annual return for 2025 – Section 1 and Section 2

Could receive internal auditors report for the year ending 2025

**11. ALLOTMENT WALL REPAIRS**

Item deferred to July’s meeting

**12. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PLANS 2025**

Light switch on will be 6th December. Christmas tree to be erected on The Poplars for the switch on but moved back to normal position on Peppers. Children’s lantern parade and HOSH craft market planned.

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**13. CEMETERY**

Council approved plans to create a section for ashes internments only at the cemetery. No budget allowance. Clerk to speak with local funeral director for advice

14. **CEMETERY CHAPEL WINDOW**

 Council approved quote to replace two windows at a cost of £150

**15. TREE MAINTENANCE**

 Council have received one quote for work required on various trees following the recent inspection. Clerk still awaiting one further quote. Item deferred to Julys meeting

**16. UPDATE ON INSURANCE CLAIM**

 Council have received a tentative offer for the loss of the ride of mower, awaiting final confirmation. No claim can be made on the loss of the mower, strimmer or damage to doors due to locks not being compliant

**17. PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO HARLING TOWN LANDS TRUST**

 The council approved the appointments of Cllr J Jacobs, Cllr P Edge and Cllr G Jubb to represent the Parish council for a further 5 years

**18. CLERKS UPDATE/CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

 a. Upcoming dates of importance:

 3rd June – Rec User meeting 7pm

 6th June – Freedom of the Parish

 9th June – Events committee meeting

 9th June – Site visit 3 Squirrels

 23rd June – Hub free exercise class begins

 16th August – Victory Day event

 31st October – Fireworks

 b. Work to begin on Vehicle Activated Signs on Church Road/Market Street

 c. Mindful bench now in situ on the Recreation Ground

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24th June 2025

K Filby

Clerk

10th June 2025

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