



# Annual Parish Meeting

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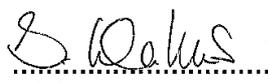
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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To approve minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting of 22 October 2020 (**attached**)
3. Matters arising from those minutes (for information only)
4. CCC/Arcadis Flood Protection and Dam Brook/Hollytrees Stream **BW**
5. To receive proposals from the community and discuss options for working together with residents for planting up and enhancement of village green space amenities at various locations in the village (Community Amenities Working Party) **SJ/BW**
6. To discuss possible ideas for A14 compensation monies and consultation process **BW**
7. A14 Legacy Fund: Project for installation of new footway from Village Hall across to school and along front of MUGA and tennis courts to Hanover Close **BW**
8. To report on Launch of new Bar Hill Parish Council website **GT**
9. To receive Report of Chair of Parish Council **BW**
10. To receive Report of Chair of the Environment and Amenities Committee **SJ**
11. To receive draft accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2021 **RFO**
12. To receive the Community Police Officer's Report (if any)
13. To receive short Annual Report and Accounts from representatives of Village Organisations/Clubs/Charities
14. To receive the Reports from the County and District Councillors **LH/BW**
15. Any Other Parish Business

  
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**B Waters - Chair of the Parish Council**

Date: 19 April 2021



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**Bar Hill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of \*remote Annual Parish Meeting**  
**held at 7.32 pm on**  
**Thursday 22 October 2020**

**Present:** B Waters Chair of Parish Council and District Councillor  
S Jenkins Vice-Chair Parish Council  
L Harford County Councillor  
6 Councillors plus 6 members of the public/representatives of village groups

**In Attendance:** Bar Hill Parish Clerk and RFO

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Clerk for setting up the Zoom meeting so the Annual Parish Meeting could take place during Covid-19. She thanked those who had submitted reports and said there would be an opportunity for questions; people could use the chat box to put questions forward.

1. **Apologies:** R Hall – Parish Councillor and the representative from the Short Mat Bowls and 8 O'clock Club village organisations
2. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 25 April 2019**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019 had been circulated.  
**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair. Proposed Parish Councillor D Halls, seconded Parish Councillor M Pope
3. **MATTERS ARISING**  
There were none.  
  
7.37pm B Howard arrived
4. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**  
Reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor, Chair of Council, Chair of Environment and Amenities Committee, Year End Accounts and Precept, and a number of village organisations had been circulated with the agenda pack prior to the meeting on the website and hardcopy made available to anyone on request.

Chair asked the County Councillor if she had anything further to report and invited questions from those present. County Councillor Harford thanked the Councillors and Clerk for all their work. She was sorry the Council would be losing the Clerk. She thanked the Chair and made special tribute to all those involved in helping during the Covid-19 pandemic – Bar Hill was a great village and she was very happy to be the County Council representative. Chair thanked County Councillor Harford for all her work and said the village was glad to have her representing the village. AM thanked Councillor Harford for all her work and said that she dealt with a great many issues and went above and beyond for Bar Hill.

County Councillor Harford said she had been chasing CCC officers regarding installation of the HGV sign that had been ordered, and indeed had been going on for a year. She would be making further enquiries with other staff to see if she could bring an earlier completion of the order and apologised on behalf of the County Council.

Chair invited the representative from Maple Surgery to speak following the report he had submitted.

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He reiterated the main points and explained some of the problems with the taking over and implementation of the new contract. He gave thanks on behalf of the village to Dr Rasool who had been at the Maple Surgery for 7 years.

Concern was expressed that patients were having to stand outside to wait to be called in to see medical attendants. It was understood screens were to be installed so that people could go inside now that Autumn and Winter were upon us.

Chair invited the Girl Guide leader to speak, who apologised for not having got a report submitted in time for circulation. She said they had 87 girls, ranging from 5 years to 15 years and they were meeting by Zoom. Some had left but others joined and were enjoying the Zoom sessions.

Chair asked RFO if there was anything to add to his report, and there was nothing further to add from the RFO, nor the Clerk.

5. **ANY OTHER PARISH BUSINESS**

The Maple Surgery representative said he would like to liaise with the Parish Council to discuss some arrangements to mark the community's appreciation of the care and support given by Dr Rasool during his time as GP for the village.

AM thanked the Clerk for all her hardwork and commitment during the time that she had worked for the Council. The Clerk thanked him for his kind words.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.51pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed ..... Dated.....

## **Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report** **Annual Parish Meetings - Bar Hill Division**

The last year has been extremely challenging for us all. We have experienced a way of life that none of us could have imagined beforehand. There has been so much loss for so many: income, livelihood, time with family and friends and most sad of all, the loss of lives. Throughout the year those working in key roles continued to provide essential services and support, and I know that we are all grateful to all those employed in the health and care sector, teachers and support staff, the emergency services, those working in essential retail and the manufacturing and warehouse staff and drivers who kept those and other essential outlets supplied.

Local authority staff, too played their part. The county council was the recipient of the majority of the government's support grant and was responsible for the 'shielded' cohort of residents – making initial contact with them and offering a range of support. The model of wider support and working with local volunteers that developed, varied from district to district but all were similar in that there was no conflict or vying for control. Whatever worked best was the order of the day and the county council passed on the funding accordingly. Many staff from across the county council were redeployed to undertake essential support roles, some taking on very different roles to those they normally had. Two warehouses were set up on Alconbury Weald thanks to the generosity of the developer at that site and with the Red Cross stepping in to staff them. These held emergency food supplies, household goods, emergency stocks of PPE for care homes, testing kits etc. That arrangement has just ended after 12 months.

Locally each village set up its own support network according to what best served local needs, and communities did all they could to provide practical help as well as keeping each other's spirits up. When unexpected challenges presented themselves, the local community responded. Well done to every one of you who helped in that effort.

Now with the amazing success of the vaccination programme, restrictions on our way of life are beginning to be eased. The gradual relaxation of the lockdown rules is such welcome news and reflects the hard work that the vast majority of people put in during lockdown to allow us to reach this point. To ensure that we don't squander all that effort, everyone is being urged to continue to stick to the rules that are in place and to follow the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' guidance.

We know that having to focus so much effort on caring for Covid-19 patients meant less resource being available for other NHS services. Efforts are now being made to address the backlogs that have been caused as a result. Transformation of the way that the NHS works is taking place even as it recovers from the pandemic, in an effort to capture some of the improved ways of working that have resulted from its experience of working under such sustained pressure.

Whilst changes may be coming to the way Public Health is managed, at the moment the county council still has that responsibility. Efficiencies have been delivered and good practice shared through the creation of a joint public health directorate across both Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City councils. Joint commissioning of

public health programmes, and partnership working across both authorities and with local NHS commissioners are footsteps on the path to the government's Integrated Care System strategy. In its public health role the county council continues to play an integral part in the management of Covid-19 outbreaks and infection control.

Similar to the NHS, some county council services have been affected by the pandemic.

**Registration Service** [Births, deaths and marriages] has experienced a difficult twelve months. When civil wedding ceremonies had to be postponed, the council refunded fees, despite having incurred costs itself. Pre-pandemic, work was underway for this service to become much more customer-focused and that will continue.

**Coroners' Service** has seen a significant increase in resources to ensure the quickest possible recovery.

Changes to the **Library Service** have continued in the last year and it is now positioned at the heart of the council's community service delivery model. Two mobile vans have just been replaced by new vehicles to allow the service to become more holistic - particularly with social mobility in mind. Whilst this work has inevitably been delayed by the pandemic, it will progress at pace following the reopening of libraries. A new central warehouse/operating hub has recently been purchased near St Ives and will open shortly. During the pandemic, the on-line and 'select and collect' services were greatly appreciated by many.

### **Adult Social Care**

Looking to the future and trying to anticipate what the world may look like post pandemic, one thing seems clear. There will be rising demand on adults' services with an increasing complexity in needs. The decades old unresolved national issue of how to fund social care doesn't appear to be anywhere nearer to being resolved and firm proposals from the government are still awaited.

In recent years Cambridgeshire has been particularly successful at investing in prevention but it remains to be seen if there will be the same level of opportunities in the future, to continue this very worthwhile work. It is surely to the benefit of all of us as we age, to be able to maintain a good quality of life, and to continue to be able to live independently. Personal investment in our own health is crucial to that. As a member of Health committee, I have supported the investment made from the public health budget to support work on preventing falls [a major cause of health deterioration in the older age group] and health checks for the over forties.

More recently I have been a member of a working group of councillors monitoring the council's progress on a strategy to invest in Care Suites. This concept provides independent living and the opportunity to access care at the appropriate level for each individual according to the progress of their needs.

### **Education**

Teachers and school support staff worked throughout the pandemic as schools remained open for the children of key workers and those considered vulnerable. At the same time teachers were also managing remote lessons to support home learning during lockdown.

Despite central government investment which provided around 4,500 laptops to children in need, research showed that around 8,000 children and young people across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough were being severely disadvantaged because they did not have access to the IT equipment or broadband they needed. The education service set itself a target to address this, both through working in partnership to refurbish donated devices and by raising funds to buy additional equipment.

The council used the initial £2.1m it received from the government as Winter Support grant to provide £15 of food vouchers to every eligible child both over the Christmas holidays and the February half term. Cambridgeshire subsequently received a further £507k which was used to extend the offer to the Easter holidays. A further announcement sees the grant renamed as Covid Local Support grant but looks to provide further funding which the council will augment to ensure that vouchers can be offered for the summer half term.

The return to school brought new challenges with schools now managing testing regimes in order to continue to contain the spread of Covid-19. Teachers also now face the challenge of helping children get back to a uniform level of learning. The DfE has recently published guidance for secondary schools on plans for summer schools. Secondary schools are being asked to sign up to run summer schools. The government continues to encourage schools to consider summer school provision, primarily for pupils making the transition into Year 7. Schools will though have the flexibility to target the funding to whoever they think could benefit most.

### ***Highways & Transport***

Having seen the opening of the upgraded A14 the previous year, this last year has seen a torturous negotiating process between Highways England [HE] and the county council as the former seeks to hand over to the latter sections of old, de-trunked road and various items of new infrastructure. Having refused responsibility for restoration of the local roads that suffered through diversions and increased traffic volumes during the project, HE has supported a bid to government for additional funds to enable the council to do the work. The Bar Hill roundabout and the road through Dry Drayton were both included in the original list for restoration work and remain priorities for allocation of any funding that is secured for this purpose.

The development consent order for improvement works to the A428 was very recently submitted and accepted for examination by the planning inspectorate. County council officers are preparing to review the documents and an intensive period of work pre-examination, will include carefully scrutinising that the project plan causes no adverse impacts on any other part of the network. Meanwhile, strenuous local efforts to get the upgrade to the Girton Interchange back on the agenda have met with some success with HE adding it to the list for consideration in its next round of projects.

The council's budget meeting brought confirmation of the additional funding allocation that I have lobbied for over the recent past. An additional £20m over the next 5 years is a substantial increase in the current year allocation for footpath maintenance [£1.3m]. 50% of this will be spent on surface treatments with the other

50% being allocated for more radical work such as resurfacing and reconstruction. £2.73m additional funding was also approved for measures to prevent flooding and improve local biodiversity. This will include rapid gully clearing at all known risk sites and better verge maintenance on rural roads.

### ***Re-location to New Shire Hall***

Development of New Shire Hall at Alconbury Weald has progressed during the year. Planning permission is to be sought for solar canopies to be installed in the car park. These will provide energy both for charging electric vehicles and for the building itself. The design of the building already includes solar panels on the roof to reduce energy usage from the grid, and adding these solar canopies will boost the volume of electricity generated to meet approximately 40 percent of the on-site electricity demand and support clean energy for the electric vehicle chargers. Air source heat pumps will also replace the need for fossil fuel heating on site.

The end of this year also sees the end of the council's current 4 year term. It has been a year of challenges, regrettable delays in progressing some plans, and, above all, very sad losses. It has also been a time that we can reflect on with some pride. It has seen collaborative working between organisations at all levels and has expedited new ways of working. In closing I thank all the parish councils in the division with whom I have very much enjoyed working, the community volunteers who stepped forward so quickly to do very valuable work, and to my hard working district council colleagues. My very best wishes for the future to all of you and to all the residents in the four villages that make up Bar Hill Division. Take care. Stay safe.

*Lynda Harford*

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**STAY SAFE THIS**  
**SPRING**

Continue to follow the Covid-19 guidance  
this spring so the roadmap can continue.

*This depends on us.*

Stay local Keep social distancing Stick to the rule of 6

#ThisDependsOnUs

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## **Annual report to Parish Council from District Councillor Bunty Waters 2020/21**

Over the last year and half the Covid 19 has taken over our lives, however, through Government grants in various ways as in Furlough, Business Grants, Grants for those who need to isolate and cannot work, it has, through these, the country has been able to function, although, sadly, many business' have ceased due to closure of their business'.

### **Now there is the Roadmap for the easing of lockdown .....**

We now have a roadmap from government for the easing of lockdown. This does bring us hope that we can gradually reclaim some control over our lives. However, we know that the roadmap is dependent on continued progress with infection rates, the number of hospital admissions, as well as the rollout of the vaccination programme.

Across all our services the District Council is working to identify how the roadmap will affect our operational activities and what action we need to take.

### **SHOP LOCALLY AS THE RETAILERS OPEN THEIR DOORS**

Shop locally and support your neighbourhood high street – that's the District Council's call to South Cambridgeshire shoppers as non-essential retailers prepare to open their doors for the first time since lockdown.

As part of its Business Plan priority to grow local businesses and economies, the Council is appealing to consumers to shop closer to home and help their local community and economy to recover from COVID-19.

### **PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME**

South Cambridgeshire residents are being urged to ensure they follow social distancing rules when meeting friends outdoors – and take their litter home.

It is an offence to drop litter on land or into water that's accessible to the public even if it's private land. This applies to private land that the public can access, for example a right of way. Offenders can be prosecuted in a magistrates' court and fined up to £2,500. Litter droppers can get a fixed penalty notice of £150.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

The Community Safety Partnership is a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Police, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, the NHS and the Probation Service, which meets together to tackle local crime and anti-social behaviour. As part of this work, the Community Safety Partnership wants to encourage residents to take ownership of some of these local issues to create local solutions – and there is funding and support available to help you do this. Community Safety Partnership funding Grants of between £50 and £500 are currently available to improve community safety – and the deadline to apply is 1 September 2021. Voluntary groups, charities, parish councils and enthusiastic individuals can apply for funding for anything from the cost of printing leaflets or posters; hosting a website; or to buy equipment for a Speedwatch group, litter picking, or to create a community garden; or to access training, such as on how to tackle local antisocial behaviour. Local people will know best what your local area needs, but funding is available for projects that:

- seek to improve or contribute to community safety
- develop the resilience of the community to crime or antisocial

behaviour • meet a local need • leave a legacy for the community • or ensure equality of access. mouse-pointer [www.scambs.gov.uk/CSP](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/CSP)

### **SOUTH CAMBS COMMUNITY CHEST**

The Council has funded the Community Chest scheme since 2011, handing out more than £550,000 in grants to local good causes in that time. As a rolling scheme, there is money available every year for non-profit groups in South Cambridgeshire to fund projects that benefit the district's residents. The deadline to apply for funding for the current year was 31 March 2021, and there is £40,000 still available to eligible groups, which could receive up to £1,000 per project. Even if you don't currently have a group established, it is possible for the funding to be used to cover set up costs for new groups – from training to insurance, and licences to equipment. So if there is a need that you have identified in your community that you would like to meet and would be able to if you had some funding, please contact our team for guidance or apply online before a new deadline. Established groups can also apply for funding, as long as you haven't already received Community Chest funding in the current year. The funding could be used for improvements or repairs to community buildings, to install a local monument, or to provide equipment for sports clubs or community groups, for example. Find more information or apply online. mouse-pointer [www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest)

### **Functions of the South Cambs District Council**

Benefits: Council Tax and Housing – Administration and Collection

Community Safety

Economic Development

Elections and Electoral Registration

Community Safety

Economic Development

Environment Health (includes Domestic and Commercial Premises, Food Safety and Hygiene Complaints, Noise and Pest Control

Housing

Licensing, e.g Taxis, Caravan sites

Local Arts Funding and Promotion

Planning, including Planning Applications, Advice and Appeals

Refuse Collection and Recycling

Street Cleaning and Fly Tipping

Building Control

Provision of local infrastructure

The A14 upgrade has finished, after five long years that Bar Hill has borne with great understanding, with many difficulties as the work progressed, we now have a road which, so far, has shown great benefits for drivers, a remarkable bridge for walkers, taking them far and wide and into Cambridge also for horses and cyclists. However, one problem still needs resolving, we ask for the roundabout at the entrance to the village to be re-tarmaced, this has been worn away and rutted by many of the Highways England vehicles, our pleas are responded with a NO, it's now the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council but I will keep pursuing this.

If I can help with queries please contact me

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## **BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2020/2021**

A warm welcome to you all for this Annual Parish Meeting for 2020/2021, I am Bunty Waters Chairman of the Parish Council.

Council meetings have been held via zoom which has its challenges but has worked well so that the work of the village continues.

My thanks to all the Parish Cllrs, Geof Tamulonis, Brian Howard, Roger Hall, Darren Scholes, Sue Jenkins, Anthony Mitchell, Khadijeh Zargar, Peter Stockton, and new Cllr, Kevin Potts, they work hard for the village and this is increasing each month, they are unpaid volunteers and give their time, not only for meetings but work around the village.

We have been very sad to lose Councillors this year, I thank them enormously for the contribution for their time as Parish Councillors and their work for the village.

Malcolm Cox, our Responsible Finance Officer, who ensures that the money is spent properly on village matters. and to my Vice Chair, Sue Jenkins, Vice Chair, who gives much support, especially standing in as Chair to the Environment and Amenities. We are also well supported by Kate Flack, our Office Assistant, and our new Clerk, Jennie Cox, who work so hard and guides us Cllrs through the incredible amount of work which this Parish Council has.

I am indeed thankful to have their knowledge to ensure the Parish Council continually is able to work on behalf of village residents. Grateful thanks too, to County Councillor Lynda Harford for her work and advice to the PC throughout the year.

This village requires a great deal of work, you will see a breakdown of how we spend the money throughout the year in the RFO's report on behalf of the village.

Councillors need to meet, at various times, with contractors, so their time is used to discuss the requirements and ensure getting value for money, however, made more difficult in these Covid times.

'Meet the Councillors' - The Council began meetings with the residents and Councillors on the last day of the month at the Parish Council office, these proved very successful as it gave them opportunities to discuss any problems and concerns, sadly, due to Covid 19 these are temporarily stopped, though they will be re-instated when possible.

I am pleased to say that the PC have engaged once again, Haydens, an Arboricultural Consultancy company to help us manage the trees in the village, it is very important to have professional reports so that knowledge of the health and feasibility of the trees is known and documented. This new report will be for the next three years, we hope to have advice on the type of tree that can be beneficially planted in the village and those that are going to be problematic.

The PC deal with a great many tree requests, in fairness trees cannot just be removed, however, when a query/request comes into the PC office it is inspected , discussed at the Environment and Amenities and main Council meeting and action taken if necessary.

As the village ages, built in the sixties on clay, with climate change with the increasing severe weather, there are more problems with subsidence. The Parish Council refer to the insurance company when the Council is informed who will deal with reports from the property concerned.

The Parish Council put in a bid for the Cambs County Council Local Highways Initiative (LHI), for repairs to the pathway from Hanover Close to the village centre, there were too many bids into the County Council and Bar Hill were not successful this time but will keep putting applications forward when they arise.

The A14 Legacy fund for which we put in a very good bid, we understand, will be putting in a pathway from the Village Hall round to the corner of Hanover Close. Disappointingly, the A14 Legacy Fund has not given all that was expected for the village, in discussions with A14 contractors about the pathway, it is probably expected that some additional funds may be required from the Parish Council.

There are also funds to be paid to the Parish Council, from the A14, for land taken and these you can see on the detailed paper from the RFO, the Parish Council are waiting for this to be finalised, at present it is just over 18K and the Parish Council would like suggestions from the residents of Bar Hill as to how this should be spent which would benefit all residents.

The outside of the Parish Council office has been painted, it is important that the upkeep of the office is maintained where possible.

Litter and dog fouling continues to be a problem on the village, even though there are a great many bins in strategic places, thank you to all who do litter picking every day, in these times, sadly, we are finding a lot of broken glass on the play areas, bottles deliberately smashed on play items.

The Parish Council had hoped to have meetings and advice from the CCC Flood Prevention Officer, these have been put back due to Covid 19 and even now still awaited.

Sue Bell, the previous Clerk, put together a very comprehensive Covid19 virus plan and has spent a great deal of time to ensure the safety of herself, all staff and Councillors, the office has been closed to all public. Some staff and Cllrs have been shielding and it is essential that all care has been undertaken.

A Covid 19 support scheme was started in the village by four volunteers in April 2020 and the Parish Council donated £500 to the Scheme.

The Parish Council was successful in applying for a 10k grant from SCDC, through the Government for help to business' and other Covid areas where spend has been higher than expected.

The building work at the hotel site, is on its way, being built by Wellington on behalf of Sanctuary Housing.

Parking continues to be a problem on the village, the PC are always asking that residents park thoughtfully with consideration to others but this is not always the case, however, highways are for the use of vehicles and the PC has no jurisdiction over the roads.

Viking Way was never adopted by Cambridgeshire CC as were the other roads, so is owned by the Parish Council. Work this year has been on clearing the drains which have caused some flooding. Metrorod are in the process of clearing the 40 gullies in Viking Way, most of which have been done.

The PC Website holds a lot of up to date information on not only what the Parish Council does, but areas which are affecting the village, if you have any queries and can't access the website please ask Jennie Cox, our Clerk who will help you.

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)2.1 has a dedicated Councillor who is updating the Councillors, its aim is to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities.

The PC publish all agendas, accounts monthly on the noticeboard, so residents can access what is happening here in the village, and if you wish to join a meeting to see how the Parish Council work.

Of great sadness is the retirement of our Clerk, Sue Bell, I felt quite panicked when she gave in her notice, as in 'what shall we do' but I do wish her very well for her future and those plans of other things to do. An enormous thanks to her for incredible hard work that she has done whilst in her role as Clerk and how she has helped us as Councillors. Sue has kindly agreed to stay on for a short time while we look for a new Clerk, I really do thank her as she will be incredibly difficult to replace.

My report does not even cover all the work which we undertake but gives a small flavour of a very busy Parish Council.

Bunty Waters  
Chair, Bar Hill Parish Council

## **Environment and Amenities Committee Report 2020/2021**

I would like to start by saying thank you to Doris and Mervyn who have sadly left the council this year for their dedication and hard work on this committee. Despite the pandemic we have continued to have meetings but moved online and carried out as many works as possible within Covid rules.

The E&A committee deals with tree works, grass cutting and the stream amongst other green issues. A large amount of the Precept is accounted for within this heading.

The tree works are done twice a year within set periods to comply with the law. We commission an independent specialist tree company to carry out a survey every three years and this forms the basis of our tree works for that period. It is split into categories such as tree health and any potential risk. We then work through that list by meeting with approved specialist contractors and gaining quotes. Over the last two weeks a new tree survey has been carried out, once received this will form the basis of planned works to be carried out over the coming 3 years.

The stream banks were cutback this year as part of planned maintenance. We are currently waiting for a report that has been commissioned by CCC into local streams before embarking on any new works in case it has implications for us.

Grass cutting has resumed and the first 2 cuts have been completed as part of a new contract. The contract was put out for tender this year and invited bids so that we could ensure continuity for the next 3yrs.

There are many other issues that the E&A committee deal with including resident requests. If you have something to report or request could we ask that you use the form on our website or ask the office for assistance, these will be looked at case by case within guidelines and after taking specialist advice if necessary.

It has come to the Parish Council's attention that persons unknown have planted some small trees around the perimeter road. We would like whoever did this to come forward and engage with us so that the species can be identified and planted in a more appropriate place if necessary. We all love trees and it would be a shame to have to remove them to mitigate possible future risk rather than replant where they can be enjoyed for many years to come safely.

Also, we are pleased to announce we have set up a new committee to deal with possible new plantings, when and where appropriate, we have some spaces to welcome residents to join us. We already had an informal meeting and can't wait to get started so please register your interest asap via the office.

We have 5 play equipment sites to maintain and manage. They are visually inspected weekly by an independent inspector, they are also inspected annually by an independent play inspection company to comply with regulations and our insurer's requirements. This year's inspection has been booked for June.

You will notice that some of the equipment has been redecorated recently as part of planned maintenance and some repairs have also taken place due to wear and tear.

Earlier in the year the job of cleaning all the safety surfacing started but for reasons beyond our control the job hasn't been completed as yet but will be very soon hopefully.

Sadly, I have to report money has had to be spent from the precept on mindless acts of vandalism again over this past year. There have also been some incidents of glass bottles being smashed in the main park nearest the primary school recently, potentially endangering children wishing to use the equipment. We will prosecute anybody found to be damaging the equipment or committing any act of vandalism around the village.

We would like to remind residents to adhere to any government social distancing requirements and restrictions due to Covid 19 when using any of the play equipment and that they are responsible for their own and their children's health and safety at all times.

Finally, we would like to thank the residents who can often be spotted around the village voluntarily picking up litter, they are doing a great job keeping the village tidy.

Sue Jenkins  
Chairman E&A committee

<b>BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL</b>		<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE year ending 31st March 2021</b>		
		<b>Detailed excluding VAT</b>		
<u>2019/2020</u>		<b>INCOME</b>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>Accruals</u>
139000.00		Precept	145230.00	
30.58		Share Dividend	274.66	
670.73		Authority Contributions	670.73	
396.74		Bank Interest	45.44	
195.00		Garage Rent	540.00	
6470.00		Farmhouse Rent	860.80	1
6523.20		Loans & Repayments	3805.20	1
23700.49		A14 Money	0.00	
		Covid19 Grant	10000.00	1
402.50		Other Receipts	1750.00	
177389.24		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>163176.83</b>	
		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
35492.69		General Admin - Salaries	56673.61	1
5163.70	Office Costs - Print/Stat/Utilities etc		5646.62	1
9645.15		Insurance	12075.00	
		Insurance Excess	0.00	12750
1201.43	Professional-	Audit & Accounting	1020.12	
1741.00		Legal & Professional	1541.60	10000
783.05		CAPALC/SLCC	931.62	
		Electorial Expense	0.00	1500
690.00		Petty Cash	0.00	
22547.66	Environment -	Grasscutting	22273.54	
21632.00		Trees/Shrubs/Hedges	25017.00	
0.00		Viking Way	2440.00	1910
0.00		Fences/Signs/Footpaths	0.00	
26658.00		Stream & Flooding	4000.00	
4088.25		Ranger Services	2390.00	
544.60	Community	Facilities - Street Lights	294.60	
502.41		Community Support	3000.00	
2184.00		Litter	2184.00	
3239.95		Play Equip Maint & Inspect	3144.46	4000
800.00		Nature Reserve/Village Green	0.00	
75.00		S137 Grants	625.00	1
6926.88	Commercial	Maintenance Village Assets	3772.00	16940
6523.14		PWLB Loan	6523.14	
15.62		Interest Paid (Deposit F/H)	0.00	
14541.14		Capital Expenditure	4181.50	
-690.00	Adjustments -	R/E Petty Cash	0.00	
164305.67		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>157733.81</b>	<b>48000</b>
204655.67		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>205733.81</b>	
-27266.43		<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	<b>-42556.98</b>	
Note 1 to Accounts				
£10000 Covid19 Grant has been partially allocated:-				
Farmhouse Rent	£4,272.49			
BHVV Loan	£2,717.70			
Admin Salaries	£296.00			
Utilities/Amenities	£278.92			
Covid19 Support	£500			
Balance C/F	£1,934.89			

**BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL - BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31ST March 2021**

<b>Current Assets</b>		
Box 8: Total Cash & Short term investments		276517.84
add debtor - HMRC VAT		3215.40
less creditor - Insurance		-12150.00
Box 7: Balance Brought forward		267583.24
The net balance reconciles to the cash book receipts and payments		
Opening Balance		262140.22
plus receipts in year (cash book exc VAT)		163176.83
minus payments in year (cash book exc VAT)		157733.81
Closing Balance		267583.24

		<b>ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>	
		<u>Year Ending 31st March 2021</u>	
2019/20			2020/21
		<b>ASSETS</b>	
11204.55		Yorkshire Bank - current	23830.09
90213.73		Yorkshire Bank - deposit	100259.17
102338.91		Lloyds Treasurer	96657.41
67883.38		Cambridge Building Society	67883.38
25.17		Petty Cash	55.58
	271665.74		288685.63
		<b>DEBTORS</b>	
		Uncleared debtors	824.80
4630.21		VAT Recoverable	3215.40
42332.33		BHVHMC (loan liability)	37933.39
	46962.54		41973.59
		<b>CREDITORS</b>	
-5537.25		Unpresented cheques	-12992.59
-8618.48		Insurance Creditor	-12150.00
-42332.33		PWLB (loan )	-37933.39
-40350.00		Allocated Reserves C/F	-48000.00
	-96838.06		-111075.98
	221790.22	<b>NETT ASSETS</b>	
			219583.24
		Represented by:-	
35921.25		General Fund	35960.88
161.07		T Flanagan Bequest	161.07
1645.00		Deposit on Farmhouse	1645.00
65000.00		Reserves in CBS	65000.00
18223.99		A14 Reserve	18223.99
100838.91		Capital Receipts	96657.41
		Covid19 Reserve	1934.89
	221790.22		219583.24
	40350.00	Accruals C/F	48000.00
	262140.22	Box 7 Total	267583.24

## **Maple Surgery**

MKGP Plus Ltd have now been running Maple Surgery for one year as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Like so many others we have experienced a very challenging year facing a global pandemic that has had such an impact on us all.



The team along with our patients embraced the changes that were needed to operate safely and in time the community became used to the new normal.

We would of course have liked to develop things at Maple in such a different way, we had hopes of meeting our patients face to face by holding coffee mornings in the surgery along with carers cafés and group consultations – we hope that these things are not in the too distant future now.

We have however managed to maintain meetings with our Patient Participation Group by holding virtual meetings. Unfortunately over the last few months, due to making provision for staffing to run the roll out of the Covid Vaccination Programme, we have not met but we are reconvening in April and will continue our regular meetings. Feedback from our patients is invaluable in striving to make improvements to the surgery and we are in regular communication with the PPG Chair.

It is fair to say that we have faced unexpected issues in maintaining a regular salaried GP in the Surgery. We are constantly reviewing our clinical model to alleviate the pressures that a single handed GP will face by working with different skill sets such as Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists. We are presently working with external agencies to secure salaried GP's and Advanced Nurse Practitioners and in the meantime sessions are being run by regular locums which enables continuity of care for the patients.

We are also very aware that delays in prescriptions has been an historical issue at the surgery. During the last year we have taken steps to undertake medication reviews that were outstanding along with improving the way prescriptions are dealt with at the surgery from how patients order them to introducing a member of the team as our Prescribing Clerk who is supported by our Clinical Lead Pharmacist. We have recruited a further Pharmacist and a Pharmacy Technician who join us in June and this will streamline the process of approving medication and undertaking medication reviews whilst dealing with routine prescription request.

We have been working extremely closely with NHS Property Services who own the building. We have had new flooring laid and are awaiting a full redecoration along with new windows and blinds.

An intercom system has also been installed. This has made access to the surgery far easier as patients can announce their arrival by talking directly to the receptionist who will then allow entry. This has ceased the need for any patients to queue outside whilst awaiting a member of the team to physically come and answer the door.

We introduced a new online triage system to patients called Klinik which is now fully operational and receiving good reviews. It is a system that is available 24 hours a day which allows patients to make contact with the surgery for routine queries, triage etc.

The surgery is part of Cambridge Northern Villages Primary Care Network. This allows us to work directly with 7 other surgeries in the area which enables us to share staff and resources. Our newest members of the network team are a Social Prescriber and First Contact Physio. Both of these staff members will be based at Maple Surgery once a week and the services they provide are explained on our website.

Our nursing team remains the same with our very experienced team. We have also introduced a HCA that is now running further phlebotomy clinics which makes it far more convenient for patients to attend the surgery rather than having to drive out to the Park and Ride at Newmarket Road.

Our administration team remains stable, and we have recruited two new members of the team over the last 6 months who have fitted in really well.

With lock down easing and the Covid vaccination roll out being an immense success we would like to assure our patients that we will continue to strive towards improving our services and look forward to working with the community.

Clare Briars, Practice Manager, Maple Surgery.

## **Bar Hill Allotments Association**

This has been an interesting year for the Allotments Association in Bar Hill. Although we are in the hold of Covid 19 virus, with lockdown restrictions, the government decreed that Allotments could still be worked.

In some ways we thrived. All available plots were taken up and we now have a waiting list of people wanting to grow their own. Plots have been well kept as so many people, now with time to spare, obeyed the rules to stay at home or work from home. It has been a good place to exercise and enjoy socially distanced conversation.

On the down side, the committee has been unable to meet and we missed our AGM. It has been very difficult to conduct official business other than by email or telephone. A zoom meeting, which had to be abandoned due to technical problems, allowed enough time to agree to an acting Chairman and Secretary.

Once we are able to meet in a large group we intend to hold an AGM and committee meeting. We need to vote in a new committee, and agree a new constitution and terms and conditions of membership.

Kaye Fuller  
Acting Secretary

## **Bar Hill Church**

Bar Hill Church has continued to provide spiritual and pastoral support to its members throughout this year of the pandemic but not in the usual way. During the first lockdown, services were provided on Zoom and this continued through to the end of September when it became possible to start allowing a limited number of people to attend in person in the Worship Hall. As this was limited to a maximum of 32-40 the service was also transmitted on Zoom and our hybrid services were born. The second lockdown in November meant services were on Zoom only and in December two services took place by the hybrid method. One of these services was attended by the Bishop of Huntingdon and two people were baptised and confirmed. Since just before Christmas we have resumed Zoom only services. Sadly a few church members have been unable to attend as they lack the necessary electronic devices needed. The Trustees of the church have decided that the earliest we will resume hybrid services (part in person part Zoom) will be late May.

Some church activities and church organised activities have moved online through Zoom. These include children's Sunday activities, small groups (Bible study), Holiday Club, The Olive Tree café, The Art group. Unfortunately it has not been possible to continue the following during this year – Messy Church, Knit and Natter, Holiday @ Home, Bring your own craft and the Community Market. However the organisers of these hope to bring them back as soon as guide lines mean it is safe.

A new initiative during this year has been a short daily prayer session on Zoom each week day morning at 8.15. It has a regular attendance of between 10 and 16 people each day and is led by Rev Charles Mather and a couple of volunteers.

Bar Hill Church was involved in the setting up of the Covid-19 support group and also the group that supported the lorry drivers staying at the hotel. Thank you to all who have been involved in these ventures.

It has been a busy year for the Trustees of Bar Hill Church and also for our minister Charles Mather. Many people within the church have worked hard to support our Zoom services with providing music and technical support. There is also a group of people who have provided pastoral support. The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this church year possible.

Anne Crick  
Church Secretary

## **Bar Hill Community Market**

March 2020 was unfortunately our last community market before the first lockdown and since then we have not been able to hold a market due to both The Octagon being closed and Covid-19 restrictions. We have donated to both the Church for loss of rent £100 and to the Covid-19 scheme £100 from our funds.

Moving forward we will hope to resume at some point this year but that depends on the easing of lockdown restrictions around larger group events and whether we think it is safe to do so. There has also been some contact between the community market and the resident's association regarding maybe some kind of event in conjunction with the 2021 Christmas tree but this again will depend on Covid-19 rules.

In the meantime, we hope all will stay safe and that we can meet up as a community soon.

Stay safe,

Karen and Adrienne

## **Bar Hill Football Club**

The coronavirus outbreak has had a huge impact on so many peoples lives and has affected almost every single person not only in the UK, but across the world. It also made a large group of people realise that Bar Hill is too big a village to be without a football club. So, after a year of our brilliant village being without a football club, we brought football back to the village at adult level.

We reformed Bar Hill FC as a Sunday team and football on the village was back. On 20th September 2020 Bar Hill played their first competitive game. We played several matches which created a buzz amongst the lads on the village. The buzz and excitement for adult football was so great that the club added a reserve team to the club due to the increasing interest from players to play football again for Bar Hill FC.

Due to the lockdown in December, meaning grassroots football had to stop, the 2020/21 season became null and void. The season has now been turned into a small 'Champions League' style competition. Both teams have since played since restrictions have been lifted. There is still a huge amount of interest and excitement for the two teams and Bar Hill FC. We firmly believe that bringing football back to the village has been extremely important for the physical and mental wellbeing of a large amount of people.

We must put a huge amount of thanks to Nathan Cash for generating the buzz and excitement to get a football club back on the village.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continuing support, in what has been a difficult and unprecedented period of time. We hope that the club continues to grow and remains an established part of village life in Bar Hill.

## **Happy Hours**

As the Octagon has been closed since March of last year (due to Covid 19), we have been unable to run the Club.

A few members did meet in the Social Club for a few weeks, on Friday afternoon for Tea and Cake, but due to another lock down this was also stopped.

We look forward to opening the Club as and when we are able to.

Helen Collins  
Chairperson

## **Bar Hill Health Walks**

Bar Hill Health Walks celebrated 10 years in January 2021, but sadly there was no party. Covid - 19 restrictions have essentially stopped our group walks since March 2020.

Walking for Health, the organisation which supported our group walks will cease in its present form with effect from the end of March 2021. The Ramblers are offering a new scheme to be called Ramblers Wellbeing Walks from 1st April. These will be run on similar lines; varied led group walks to encourage people of all abilities to start regular walking. There will be updated guidelines, new training, new data base and website etc., but this comes with an annual charge to the Group of £1,000 to belong to the Ramblers Wellbeing Walks scheme.

Patricia and myself are retiring from Walking for Health at the end of March, and Bar Hill Health Walks in its present form will cease on 31st March. We will not be joining the Ramblers Wellbeing Walks scheme.

However, we intend to continue walking on Wednesdays at 10:30 from the surgery. We are retaining the name of Bar Hill Health Walks BUT will walk as an informal, independent group of friends with no leaders. Everyone would walk at their own risk and have no responsibility for anyone else within the group. We welcome any friends to join us when restrictions allow.

South Cambs District Council have funding to coordinate walks under the new Ramblers Wellbeing Walk scheme. These walks would have Walk Leaders and operate along similar lines to how our walks were run. We would be happy to see this happen to encourage new walkers of all abilities to join the scheme and expand. Some of our volunteers have expressed interest in leading walks under this scheme. Information about walks on this scheme can be found on the Ramblers Wellbeing Walks website, or from South Cambs District Council.

We look forward to walking on Wednesdays again when group walks can resume.

Josephine Powell

Bar Hill Health Walks Coordinator.

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## **Bar Hill National Women's Register group**

The NWR group in normal times, meet every other Thursday in the evening in a members home. We discuss all sorts of issues, historical or present time, places and problems. Some of this involves research as well. We work from a program suggested by members. After the discussion we enjoy social time together.

Like many other groups we have been affected by Lockdown. During the summer we were able to meet in groups of 6 in members gardens, still working from our programme. This was very successful and enjoyable, until we had to stop. Over the winter months we have been unable to meet because of lockdown rules. No one was interested in Zoom meetings.

We are currently planning on meeting up again, from the beginning of April 2021, in groups of 6 in members gardens. A new programme has been arranged. From the end of May we hope to meet as a whole group, but outside, (weather dependent) until we are allowed to use our homes again.

Kaye Fuller  
Local Organiser

## **8 O'clock club**

The club was founded in May 1973 to provide a group for women in the village to get together and we have continued to meet once a month except for this year when due to corona restrictions we could not meet. As soon as we are able, we hope to welcome back all our members and look forward to a varied programme of speakers and entertainment.

Barbara Page

## **Royal British Legion Bar Hill Branch**

We have not been able to meet since March 2020, but we did manage to do 3 days collecting in Tesco for the Poppy Appeal in November and managed to raise £4882.77 we would like to thank all those who donated and all the volunteers who help.

This year marks the Century of The Poppy Appeal and we are hoping to be able to once again do the collection in Tesco. We desperately need as many volunteers as possible to help with the stall, as our membership is very low at the moment. If anyone know of anyone who would like to help or become a member, please contact either myself Wendy Arrowsmith on 01954 781381 or Malcolm Cox on 01954 488657.

Wendy Arrowsmith  
Branch Secretary

## **1st Bar Hill Scouts**

For the sixth month period 22/01/20 – 29/04/21

This has been a challenging period for scouting in Bar Hill, with both frustrations and opportunities for the group.

Last Autumn, due to hard work with planning by our leaders, we were in the fortunate position of being allowed to return to face to face scouting and once again all three sections were able to meet in the scout hut, and enjoy

During this time, our lease on the Scout hut expired, and we have been in negotiations with the Parish council about a new lease, which we hope will shortly be signed. We will then proceed with small scale improvements to the building. Recognising the age of our scout hut, our long term plan is to work with the Parish Council and any other interested village organisations on obtaining a new building.

Negotiations over the lease have unfortunately delayed work to insulate the roof of the scout hut, urgently needed to make the building comfortable in winter. However we are hopeful that this work will soon be able to go ahead, funding having already been secured and a contractor appointed. We hope to recommence hosting Craft Shed in the scout hut for their meetings as we go into the summer months. The partnership proved beneficial for both groups over the autumn term, and we thank Craft shed for the building maintenance work they have carried out.

The New Year lockdown brought a return to online scouting. Our leaders have been fantastically creative in their planning, with a range of zoom based activities from cooking, to quizzes, drawing cartoons and finding out about life in Antarctica from an expert. We've even held an online camp with a full programme of activities and fun.

We are now preparing for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to meet in person and will be doing so by the time this report is delivered.

We anticipate further growth of all our sections over the next year, with 11 new children joining immediately lockdown ends and more anticipated.

In order to continue to grow as we have done over the last 2 years, we urgently need new adult helpers to come forward and offer to give a little time each week to help the youth of the village.

If you're interested in joining either as an adult volunteer or have a child who would like to join, please e-mail [david.wright@barhillscouts.org.uk](mailto:david.wright@barhillscouts.org.uk).

## **Bar Hill Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club**

Unfortunately due to corona virus restrictions we have not been able to meet this year. When we are able to re-open we look forward to seeing all our members again and enjoying a game of bowls. We meet in the school on Friday evenings from 7.30 - 10.pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We do not play in any league so it does not matter if you have never played before. Details of our re-opening will be published in the Bar Hill News

Barbara Page

## **Bar Hill Tennis Club**

On behalf of the Club Committee I would like to submit this short report on behalf of the Club.

We are able to report a successful year despite the challenges we have all faced with membership numbers up (20+) and a good interest in “one-off” hires of the courts which has resulted in a substantial increase in our annual income ensuring that we remain financially secure.

Unfortunately we are still struggling to get players down to our Club nights which are held Tuesdays and Thursdays during the season and we are in real need of enthusiastic members wishing to join our very small committee. We would very much like to encourage younger players to join the club and support the possible expansion of our junior membership.

We have been helped this year by our new web site [www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk) which enables membership applications to be processed on-line and membership payments to be made electronically. People wishing to make general enquiries or would like to hire the courts can also do so on-line.

Our annual membership fees are very competitively priced at £45 for adults, £95 for family membership and £15 for juniors which include free access to the courts at any time. Membership allows players to play throughout the year and our floodlights ensure that play can continue on the dark winter nights when weather conditions are favourable. Our Club nights formally start at 18.30 on 13April and finish at the end of September although some members will be playing on if the weather remains favourable.

Over the last few years we have tried a number of initiatives to try to encourage membership including last year trialling a “ladies” night.

We would welcome any new members (whether experienced or novice tennis players) or anyone interested in trying to help us promote the Club.

For further information please visit our web site [www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk)  
Or contact any member of our committee:

Paul Chubbuck (Secretary)

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