



YOUR LOCAL CIVIC SOCIETY

March 2014

Next Meeting - A note for your diary



The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30 pm in the Hartford Village Hall. There will be a presentation by Helen Boothman and Peter Quest on the proposed Great Ouse Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Entrance is open to everyone at £1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

We look forward to seeing you.

Notes from meeting of 18th November

Finance: the current account stands at £1146.73. Income had been received from the Community Fayre and September membership fees.

Reports: were received from the Town Council by their appointed representative Councillor Alan Mackender Lawrence, information received from Neighbourhood Watch and progress on plans for a Village Fayre in the summer.

Planning Applications: four applications were discussed. Only one was new not requiring comment, two related to tree work and the fourth was a permission.

Notes from Meeting of 13th January

Finance: the balance now stands at £834.73 as £288 has been paid out for the History Board. It was noted that the bond matures on July 7th. The current rate of interest is 1.4% and it was agreed that the bond should be renewed.

Planning: it was noted that an appeal has been made to the Inspector for the application for two flats in Main Street by the King of the Belgians which was previously turned down by the District Council. The application for erection of the History Board has been approved.

Website: it was decided that the Hartford Conservation Group should develop a website. A local neighbour has offered to develop this and Mike Humphrey will liaise with him.

Civic Voice

Regular press releases and updates are received for example

- Partnership between council and community in developing heritage list guidance
- Griff Rhys Jones denounces interpretation of national planning system
- New localism alliance launches to help protect local assets
- Civic Groups support fundraising campaign to tell story of civic movement

All these and much more is available on the Civic Voice website www.civicvoice.org.uk

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The Horse Chestnut Tree, Main Street, Hartford



This is the tree as shown in the newsletter of May 2013 when concern was expressed that the tree was dying.



These are the remains of the Horse Chestnut tree in Main Street, Hartford. The tree fell across the road in a storm on February 2nd 2014. Local residents joined together to cut the tree back sufficiently to clear the road for immediate access and Huntingdonshire District Council Arboricultural Department removed the remains.

(Apologies for the standard of photographs which were taken in fog the following morning.)

And this is the remaining tree which has undergone some crown reduction. It is hoped that it will develop well in the coming spring.

These two trees were a landmark at the entrance to the village of Hartford and it is hoped that the remaining tree will survive for years to come.

AGM Hartford Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall is being held on Friday April 11th at 7.00pm. All Hartford residents over the age of 18 are welcome to attend.

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