



Harlaxton Parish Council

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IMPORTANT NOTICE **VILLAGE POLL ON THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2025**

Dear Resident,

At the Parish Meeting held on Friday, 14 February those **villagers present unanimously demanded a Village Poll** on the following question:

“Should Harlaxton Parish Council formally oppose the proposed development on the land to the West of Swinehill?”

Accordingly, South Kesteven District has arranged for a **Parish Poll to take place on Thursday, 20 March 2025**, to allow the registered electors of Harlaxton Parish to vote.

This poll has been called in accordance with Schedule 12, Part III of the Local Government Act 1972. **It provides an opportunity for electors to express their opinion on this important local matter.** Please note that the result of this poll is advisory. The result may be used as part of a response to a Planning Application at Kesteven District Council, it is not legally binding.

Key Information About the Village Poll:

- Date of Poll: **Thursday, 20 March 2025**
- Location: **Harlaxton Village Hall, 3 Church Street, Harlaxton, NG32 1HB**
- Voting Time: **4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
- Voting Method: **In-person only.** No Postal or Remote Voting: Voting must be done in person at the polling station
- Who Can Vote? **Only registered electors of Harlaxton Parish**

Why Your Vote Matters

This **Parish Poll is an important opportunity to display local democracy in action.**

The outcome will help shape the Parish Council's response to the proposed development at Swinehill.

We encourage all electors to take part and make their voices heard.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cartlidge
Chair, Harlaxton Parish Council

Key Reminders:

- ✓ **Thursday, 20 March 2025**
- ✓ **Vote in person at Harlaxton Village Hall**
- ✓ **Voting is open from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
- ✓ **In Person. No postal or proxy voting is allowed**

Please share this information with your neighbours to ensure as many residents as possible are aware of the Village Poll.

Parish Council Neutrality

As this is a Parish Poll, it is important to note that purdah rules do not apply. However, the Parish Council must remain neutral in the process and is only facilitating the administration of the poll through South Kesteven District Council. While councillors may express personal views as individuals, the Parish Council will not endorse or campaign for a particular outcome and will only provide factual information regarding the poll.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Who can vote in this poll?**
Only those who are registered electors of Harlaxton Parish are eligible to vote. If you are unsure of your eligibility, you can check with South Kesteven District Council's Electoral Services.
- 2. Do I need my polling card?**
No, polling cards will not be issued for this Parish Poll.
Simply attend the polling station and give your name and address to the polling clerk.
- 3. Can I vote by post or proxy?**
No, Parish Polls do not allow postal or proxy voting.
You must vote in person at Harlaxton Village Hall on the day of the poll.
- 4. How will the poll be conducted?**
The poll will be run similarly to an election, with a private voting booth and ballot papers.
The result will be counted and announced shortly after the close of the poll.
- 5. Is the result legally binding?**
No, the result of a Parish Poll is advisory only.
However, it will provide an indication of public opinion, which the Parish Council can use as part of a response to South Kesteven District Council following a Planning Application on the proposed development.