

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 02 – February 2015



Present:

Miss S Eason (Chair), Mr B Briscoe, Mr D Starmer, Mr D Ballard, Mr C Wilkinson, Mrs M Jones, Mr B Gibbins, Mr E Church, Mrs J Jenkinson, Mr B Justice, Mr J Green, Mr J Calderwood, Mrs . R Gibbins, Clerk G. Ravine

Apologies:

Cllr. A. Addison & Cllr. J Kirkbride

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Public Discussion

Mr Williams thanked those that organised the cutting of hedges and ditch clearance work around Larkhall Lane & Sandy Lane and also reported the increasing incidents of fly tipping around the village.

Update on village maintenance issues

Footpath on South side of A4500, clearance work completed.

Faulty sign at A4500 r/bout has been report to Balfour Beatty.

Pot Hole/Water leak outside OSH, School Lane road closure planned for 30th March – 3rd April, to fully investigate the problem.

Blocked gully's opposite Church Farm and Carrs Way work planned within 3 months.

Work has been completed outside Carr House, High Street to improve drainage of spring water.

Allotments

Mrs R Gibbins, reported from the meeting held on 2nd that the T&C's sent out with some of the allotment rent renewals were wrong - this was done in error and Mrs R Gibbins apologised for this and new T&C's have been distributed. The committee thanked Mr J Gibbins for helping clear the footpaths around the allotments after the recent hedge cutting.

Churchyard

Mr J Calderwood reported that the Yew trees have been trimmed and quote has been received for the cutting back of the Holly Bushes, Mr J Calderwood is to investigate the cost of repairing two of the old tomb stones in the Churchyard. After months of awaiting its repair the church clock is now striking again. A complaint was received about the striking of the clock throughout the night, however the majority of letters & comments have been

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favourable.

Footpaths

The footpath across Knights Close has been reported, as it is under water in some places, unfortunately there is nothing the council can do about this, as long as the access is not blocked. The verge outside 24 Garners Way has a large hole in it which will be reported. The overhanging hedge outside 25 Larkhall Lane is still in need of some attention, as it is restricting the users of the pavement. A large amount of litter has been reported in the Red Lion layby, the bus which is parked there on a regular basis has also been reported. The A4500 Harpole to Junction 16 was highlighted as needing path clearance work. Water is coming from the telegraph pole at the entrance to Hill Lane during wet weather, this is to be investigated. Chester Avenue has had increasing complaints recently about the state of the verges, this is down to the building contractors at Hall Farm and residents parking on the verges. Some repair work has taken place at the bottom of Chester Avenue near the new buildings. Some blame has been put on the bin lorry, however with the road being reduced to a single carriageway due to the parked cars, it is not entirely at fault. PLEASE ensure that car/vans are not parked on the verges, especially during the winter to prevent damage, as this causes problems in the summer with the grass cutting. Please be aware of driving across verges & pathways & make sure due care & consideration is taken when parking your car on the roadside. Any obstructions on the pathways must be reported to the Police.

Dog Mess

Is as always an issue around the village, please pick up after your dog in all areas & use the dog bins provided. Areas where mess has recently been reported includes the verges of the new houses in Glassthorpe Lane, people's front gardens in the High Street & near the bus stop & post box in upper High Street.

Lighting

Lights have been reported in School Lane and bottom of road hill. And work is awaited near the Turnpike area & in Glassthorpe Lane to move a light. New lights are to be erected in Garners Way & Glassthorpe Lane.

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Neighbourhood Plan

The revised Joints Core Strategy has now been adopted by the Joint Planning Committee. The strategy document is available on the WNJPU website. The legally agreed Neighbourhood Plan area for Harpole overlaps with all 4 development areas (1 industrial and 3 housing/SUEs) in the JCS. This means that we should have an even better opportunity than normal to work with the developers to get the developers to meet Harpole's needs and ambitions. The HAT team met on 4th February and have agreed the next steps to progress the Neighbourhood plan, further details of this can be found on the HAT website & former street champions will be contacted. If you want to offer any help or expertise for this, you can do this via the HAT website or speak to a member of the Parish Council.

School Lane Road Closure

School Lane will be closed from 30th March to 3rd April as Northamptonshire Highways are carrying out drainage investigation work and repairs. A diversion route will be put in place.

Pre-School

Harpole Pre-School had an unannounced visit from Ofsted recently, the final report confirms that the Pre-School has retained its 'Outstanding' grade in all areas. Very well done to all involved.

Fly Tipping

During the last two weeks of January, 5 cases of fly tipping have been reported in the Larkhall Lane/Sandy Lane & Road Hill area, if you see anyone acting suspiciously - please contact the police on 101 asap, please be vigilant during daylight hours as well.

Superfast Broadband

Harpole now has Superfast broadband. We are now officially on the fibre network. BT says we can now get up to 76meg, up from 2. We would just like to make clear that one does not automatically get Superfast broadband just because it is available in the village. You have to ask your provider for it.

Mobile Library

From 1st March 2015 the mobile library times have changed to:-

School lane 13:50 14:10

Carr's Way 14:20 15:00

On the fourth Sunday of every month, this is due to the library service consolidating routes within the area to make the service more efficient. However at some point it may be a use it or lose it, the library van also offers the following services Information Points, Local enquiries, Council enquiries, Library Shops, Cards, Bags, Stamps, Toys, Calendars, DVDs, Puzzle books, Bus Pass Registrations, Children's Books.

March PC Meeting Date

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 16th March and not the 9th due to the OSH being booked.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday March 16th, 2015, at 7.30pm.

All members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Copies of the full minutes can be located on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Old School Hall. Further information can be found on the Harpole website or by contacting the Clerk to the Council.

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