

# Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

## Issue 01 – January 2015



### **Present:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Mr. J Green (recovering from operation) Mrs R Gibbins (illness) Cllr. A. Addison & Cllr. J Kirkbride

### **Public / 2**

#### **Public Discussion**

Mr B Jones reported lights still out in Hall Close, Mrs M Jones to contact EON on behalf of the residents.

#### **Update on village maintenance issues**

Footpath on south side of A4500, clearance work to start within 10 days.

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

Tree outside 48 Larkhall Lane, waiting for report from specialist.

Pot Hole/Water leak outside Osh, road closure planned to 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March to fully investigate the problem.

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

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

The PC have created a new group -'**Highways and Footpaths Committee**' this committee was formed to expedite the issues we have with village maintenance and to allow more time at the PC meetings to discuss the impact of developments, the new committee will report to the normal PC meetings any updates. The councillors on this committee are: Clerk Guy Ravine, Miss S Eason, Mrs J Jenkinson, Mr B Gibbins, and Mr B Briscoe

#### **Allotments**

Mr B Gibbins gave a report on behalf of Mrs R Gibbins, meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss distribution of vacant plots, lease agreements have been delivered to all plot holders and the date for payment of allotment rents is Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, 7.30pm at the Old School Hall. Mrs R Gibbins has received a quote to clear ditch at back of allotments and work was agreed to go ahead,

The allotment association will maintain vacant plots, should there be any, so they will be ready for re-letting. Mr D Ballard queried the T&C's that were sent out with the allotment documentation as they referenced the two acre plot agreement Mr B Gibbins to check with Mrs R Gibbins.

#### **Planning Report:**

Report from planning meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

S/2014/2434/LBC - 43 High Street Harpole, Change window to door in front elevation and door to window in rear

S/2014/2329/FUL - 9 Larkhall Lane, Proposed Extension to side, new dormers to front and rear.

The planning committee had no objections to the above requests.

#### **Ditches alongside Bowls Club**

The PC received a letter from the Bowls Club concerning the maintenance of the ditch that runs alongside, stating that the members were finding it difficult to maintain the ditch and asked if the ditch could be piped, it was felt that piping the ditch would restrict the water flow, however Mrs R Gibbins and Mr B Gibbins are to meet with bowls club to discuss.

#### **Footpaths**

The PC has received more complaints about people doing U Turns on the A4500 with some people being stuck across the A4500, correspondence from SNC council states that at present this is not a dangerous area so doesn't require any intervention from them. Although they are consulting about reducing the speed limit to 50 mph, which isn't helpful unless is it enforced. The PC has asked the clerk to find out the cost of bringing the island further into Northampton Road to prevent people turning and blocking the road.

The hedge outside 25 Larkhall Lane has been reported as very overgrown with pedestrians & mobility car users having to go onto the grass to get past.

Burst water main outside 78 Larkhall Lane has been repaired & is just waiting for contractors to collect barriers.

It has been reported the bin lorry is again churning up the verge in Chester Avenue, the ID number of the lorry will be sent to SNC along with the complaint.

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Rubbish has been reported again outside the garages in Larkhall Lane, **please take it home**.

Rubbish bin outside Nursery/Manor Close, on occasions when the bin has been full, people have left bags of dog mess at the base of the bin, this is a health hazard especially outside a nursery and isn't the job of the people who empty the bin to pick up your dog mess. So if the bin is full **please take it home** or put it in another bin.

Can we please ask that car/vans are not parked on the verges, especially during the winter to prevent damage as this causes problems in the summer with grass cutting. Please also be aware of driving across verges & pathways. Any obstructions on the pathways must be reported to the Police.

### Lighting

No response at all from EON concerning the new light in Glassthorpe Lane, moving the light at The Turnpike, new light in Hall Close or a new light near the garages in Larkhall Lane through to Garners Way, Clerk to chase again and inform them the maintenance payments are to be withheld until they respond.

### Neighbourhood Plan

There is a meeting in February but as the Joint Core Strategy is in the 6 week phase where people can lodge comments there is no real update. HAT has met with SNC about the proposed developments at the back of South View etc. but nothing is confirmed until the JCS has been adopted.

### Scarecrow Festival

Below is the list of village organisations who received funding from the 2014 Scarecrow Festival and the amount they received. The amount is based on Raffle Ticket pre-sales, the tasks undertaken by the group and the hours over the weekend.

- All Saints Church £1039.64
- Boys Brigade £1421.34
- Brownies £673.17
- FOHS £1355.69
- Football Club £2155.94
- Gardeners £55.00
- Guides £1122.64
- Heritage Group £27.00
- Methodist Chapel £45.00

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- Rainbows £40.00
- Pre-School £173.69
- Playing Field £812.72
- Rangers £2862.44
- WI £1174.74
- Youth Club £60.00

### Flood Information

The PC have added a page onto the village website containing information about flooding should it occur, the page contains contact numbers/links to environment agency websites/Emergency plan booklet.

### March PC Meeting Date

The planned Parish Council meeting in March is now on the 16<sup>th</sup> March and not the 9<sup>th</sup> due to the OSH being booked.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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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Everyone on Harpole Parish  
Council wishes you all a  
Happy New Year