

# Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

## Issue 07 – July 2015



### **Present:**

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins, Mr J. Calderwood, Mr D. Ballard, Mr C. Wilkinson, Mrs R. Gibbins, Miss S Eason, Mr. S Drinkwater, Mr. N Faulkner, Mr D Starmer & Clerk G. Ravine.

### **Apologies:**

Mrs J Jenkinson, Mr. B. Briscoe & Cllr J. Kirkbride.

### **Public: (4)**

**Mr Sadruddin addressed the council about the imminent planning application for the industrial part of Junc. 16 & the lorry park. Items discussed included the access to the existing lorry park, signage, size of proposed lorry park & the importance of keeping the Red Lion as a business.**

**Well done to Mr Sadruddin & his business for being awarded 'Truckstop 2015' – Best facilities of the year.**

### **Allotments:**

**The School hedge is to be cut the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> & will take approx. 4 days. A lot of people are worried about the state of the hedge & the fire hazard.**

**Problems with water taps have been sorted for the moment & will continue to be reviewed. Due to an attempted break in recently, all are asked to be vigilant around anything suspicious in the allotment area. Report to the police & let Rita Gibbins know. General maintenance has been done & 'micro plots' are being trialled for those people who cannot manage 5 pole plots. Following a complaint about not being able to open windows during the very hot weather as there was a lot of bonfires in the vicinity of the allotments - all are reminded of weather conditions & school hours.**

### **Footpaths:**

**It is felt that the recent repairs at the top of Garners Way have not been done adequately – they have been spot filled & not sealed to a sufficient standard. Please be aware that it is up to householders to maintain their own hedges & trees, making sure they are kept cut back & tidy, especially where they hang over the public highway. Thanks go to Mr & Mrs Frost, Mr & Mrs King, Mr & Mrs Cowley, Mrs Powell, the WI & all those not listed who have or do on a regular basis for keeping the Jittys clean & tidy.**

Thanks go to Mr Gibbins jnr & snr for taking the time to cut back the undergrowth over the steps by the Coverts.

### **Lighting:**

**Following a meeting with Mr Ballard & EON, the light by the Turnpike will be repositioned & new lights will be placed in Glassthorpe Lane near to Hall Farm & at the top of the steps overlooking the garages near to the Old Peoples Bungalows.**

### **Churchyard:**

**Some trees have been cut back & will be wired in due course. A large table top tomb has been relaid & quotes are being sought for another large tomb to be repointed & rebuilt.**

### **Planning :**

A meeting was held to discuss an application for extension to side at 9 Shepherds Walk the council had no objection to the proposed application.

### **Community Defibrillator:**

Harpole Parish Council and Harpole Old School Committee have jointly applied for a community Defibrillator through the BHF (British Heart Foundation). The Community Package provides a Call Push Rescue Training Kit, containing enough equipment to train 10 people at a time. Where anyone can watch and learn how to do CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) in under 30 minutes. All you need is the means to watch the educational film either on a DVD or online and some space to practise.

Part of the application process to obtain the funding was to Explain why we needed BHF funding, Demonstrate a willingness to cascade CPR training to members of your community and Demonstrate that the public will have unrestricted access to the PAD.

We received the Defibrillator a few weeks ago and have just recently ordered the secure casing so that this can be placed securely in a central location in Harpole. Simon Drinkwater has very kindly offered to have the Defibrillator located on the wall at Magnus Shoes, once we have the secure box and the machine is up we will update everyone.

We will also announce the first few training dates shortly, these dates are open to anyone within Harpole who wants to know how to use the machine, we have training DVD.s and as mentioned above equipment to train 10 people at a time.

### **You may ask why do we need a Defibrillator and what is a Defibrillator?**

Defibrillation is the only treatment proven to restore a normal heart rhythm, the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) can be used to administer a lifesaving electric shock that restores the heart's rhythm to normal. AEDs are designed to allow non-medical personnel to save lives. **How much time do I have to respond if someone has a sudden cardiac arrest?**

Only minutes. Use of the Defibrillator within three minutes will improve the chances of survival by 70 percent. After 10 minutes, the chances of survival are negligible.

### **I know CPR; wouldn't it help?**

CPR only buys a little more time, potentially giving the victim a small amount of extra time until a defibrillator arrives. But Sudden Cardia Arrest ultimately requires a shock to restore a normal heart rhythm. As a result, most CPR training now also includes AED training.

### **Why do we need AEDs?**

AEDs save lives. When a person has a sudden cardiac arrest, the heart becomes arrhythmic. Every minute that the heart is not beating lowers the odds of survival by 7-10 percent. After 10 minutes without defibrillation, very few people survive. Given that ambulance response times are anywhere from 10 - 15 minutes plus this machine will provide a vital service for the community.

### **Old School Hall:**

**Reports have been received that teenagers have been seen on the roof of the village hall. Anyone seeing anything suspicious around the village hall should make the relevant people aware. Anyone found to be on the roof will be liable to prosecution. Relevant signs will be erected as a deterrent.**

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### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

A report was given about the recent Consultation Day held at the Village Hall, gaining views around the proposed planning, Country Park, transport etc. Further updates can be seen on the HAT website, as well as the owners of sub committees who are each working on a part of the Plan. Anyone with a view however small are asked to write it down. There is a link on the website where anyone can leave their relevant comments so they are logged. Do not assume that this is going to happen and there is nothing that can be done about it – if you don't have your say then you cannot complain at a later date! Have your say now!

### **Rats:**

Householders are legally obliged to do something about rats if they see them on their premises. Please think twice about leaving food out in the open. Report findings to the Environmental Health at SNC.

### **New Homes Bonus:**

Many projects have benefited from the money received from the NHB – Playing field equipment, tennis courts, OSH, Parish Clock. Please be aware a sum of money is on offer to organisations who have a project to fund. Anyone interested contact a member of the pc or the clerk who will be able to give you further details.

### **Parish Clock:**

The Clock was given to the village & sited in the Parish Church. Following one complaint about the chiming of the Parish clock through the night - two noise abatement notices were served by SNC to the Rector of the Church & to the Parish Council. Upon request of the complainant, the PC sent out a letter to nearby householders gaining their views – at least 15 letters & numerous phone calls & conversations were received in favour of keeping the clock chiming through both the day & night, after it had been restored to its former glory. This was reported back to the Environmental Health Authority & further correspondence took place.

However it is unfortunate that the PC have had to drop the appeal because of a 'catch 22' situation. If the PC won their appeal and the clock is turned back on during the night, then the Rector would be fined £20,000, as he decided not to support the appeal. The PC would then be reissued with another noise abatement order & the threat of being fined £20,000.

### **Next Meeting:**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015, at 7.30pm

If you want to get in touch with the goings on of the village then come along. All members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### **Note:**

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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