

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

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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 J Green, Mr J Calderwood, Mrs . R Gibbins, Clerk G. Ravine, Cllr. J Kirkbride

Apologies:

Mr. E Church (personal) & Cllr. A. Addison

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Report from Cllr. Addison

Cllr. Addison could not attend this month's meeting but sent the following report.
There will be no increase in SNC's portion of the Council Tax for the fifth year running.
SNC are moving to new premises starting this week, no communication available with SNC over Easter Weekend whilst systems moved, the building will be open to the public April 9th.
The application for 4 huge wind turbines between Kislingbury & Bugbrooke has been turned down by SNC's Development Control Committee.

Planning

S/2014/2077/FUL - 7 High Street, Remove rear conservatory and replace by single storey extension, Approved
S/2014/2434/LBC - 43 High Street Harpole Change window to door in front elevation and door to window in rear, Approved
APP/Z2830/A/14/2220359 - Larkhall Lane, Development of Nursery site, Appeal Dismissed
The appeal regarding the Northampton Road development has been withdrawn by the developer.

Update on village maintenance issues

The bus that has been dumped in the Red Lion layby (A4500) has been reported to SNC – awaiting site visit
There are no plans to clear the foot/cycle path from Harpole to Junction 16, Harpole PC will monitor the area and report if gets to overgrown.
The re-structuring of the road from Carrs Way into High Street near Old Blacksmith on hold as no budget available.
Re-painting on yellow lines in bus stop at South View – has been reported to Street Doctor
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Visit our Website <http://www.harpole.org.uk/>

Water running from Hill Lane – awaiting report from Anglian Water – Clerk to chase.

Damaged verge in Chester Avenue – this is being damaged by bin lorry going to Old School, but they are having to cut the corner due to vehicles connected with the building works. This area of verge will be rectified once building work has been completed, so please bear with us on this one.

Allotments

Mrs R. Gibbins reported from the March meeting that everything is ok with allotments, few rents still to come in, these are mainly due to new lets and re-lets.

Churchyard

The front steps to the church are going to be upgraded to make them wheelchair accessible, clerk to confirm scope of work with SNC.

We are still awaiting a letter from the rector to confirm responsibility for the war memorial. The Church area has also had various tree works completed over the past few weeks, which have improved the area considerably.

Footpaths

Numerous potholes have been reported in Carrs Way and Garners Way – Clerk to report on Street Doctor
Clerk to chase report on tree in Larkhall Lane.

Dog Mess

Over the past few months we have asked via this newsletter that people pick up after their dogs, whatever time of day they are walked, but the PC are still receiving complaints from residents about the amount of dog poo left in the village. We have put posters up asking that you pick up after your dog which has been taken down within a few hours.

Dog poo waste does not make a good fertilizer. It is actually toxic to the environment, it has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million faecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders and blindness in humans, let alone the damage to livestock and the environment. If the PC receive reports and evidence that an owner has not cleared up after their dog, we will pursue that under Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, which could result in a fixed penalty orders of £75.00 in relation to

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dog control orders or In very serious cases, magistrates can issue a maximum penalty of £1,000.

Parish Clock

We have received a complaint regarding the striking of the clock during the night; we are currently assessing the environmental report but would ask for further feedback about the night time striking of the clock from residents especially those near the church. If you could contact the clerk it would be appreciated.

Lighting

Lights number 14 (Garners Way) and No 44 (Hall Close) have been reported.

Litter/Dumping of Rubbish

There has been and still is a large amount of litter being dumped around the village, could you please take your litter home, the playing field area is also suffering from litter, please do not leave litter as this is a children's play area.

Neighbourhood Plan

The JCS(Joint Core Strategy) has been adopted so the formalisation of the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) can now continue. HAT(Harpole Action Team) submitted a report to the PC, in brief Hat have updated their project plan for the completion of the NHP, a draft wish list has been created for discussion with potential developers but Pegasus have confirmed that Redrow no longer has an active interest in the land and have pulled out, Hat are seeking clarification from SNC, Mr. D Ballard advised the PC that the HAT website is being updated to include all the new information from the past few weeks, plus new document/archive areas. This should be completed by the end of the week, so please visit the website for more information or contact anyone from the Hat team. Also if you would like to be involved with one of the working groups again please contact a member of the Hat team.

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.

Elections

All the Parish Councillors are due for re-election in May, if any resident in Harpole over the age of 18 would like to stand as a Parish Councillor please contact the clerk for the relevant forms. Forms need to be in by 9th April.

Parish Meeting – April 13th

Our next PC meeting will be the Parish Meeting, where all village organisations are invited to report on their organisation to the meeting, those organisations that have received grants from the PC should also produce a copy of their accounts at this meeting. Can all organisations please send a copy of their report & accounts to the clerk via email before the meeting.

The parish meeting will be from 7.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. followed by the normal monthly PC meeting with a reduced agenda.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday April 13th, With the Annual Meeting will start at 7.00p.m. followed by a reduced agenda Council meeting starting at 8.00p.m.

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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