

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

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Present:

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins, Mr D. Ballard, Mr C. Wilkinson, Mr B. Briscoe, Mrs R. Gibbins, Mr S. Drinkwater, Mr D. Starmer, Miss S. Eason, Mr B. Justice, Mr J. Calderwood, Mr N. Faulkner, Clerk G. Ravine & Cllr Addison (left at 19.50pm).

Apologies:

Cllr's K. Cooper & J. Kirkbride.

Public: (15).

2 members of the public raised concerns over the temporary access requested by the developer of the Larkhall Lane Development, & the discussion he has had with the Bowls Club. Further concerns stated that this request would bring the heavy traffic closer to the School.

The Chair of the Allotment Association advised the Council that the 'Bee World' plaque & seed had arrived & would be sited in due course. He thanked the PC for their support on this.

Larkhall Lane Development:

Mr Barry Howard attended the meeting & advised that due to some neighbours' concerns over the access to the Former Nursery site, he had met with the Bowls Club to discuss a possible temporary access for the works traffic to enter & exit the site.

However after some discussion the PC reiterated that reservations were made around access at the hearing at SNC & yet the decision was made to pass the development, as no problem was found with it. Also present at this meeting was the case officer for this development who advised that he saw nothing wrong with the access.

The access via the Bowls Club was discussed prior to any application going in & the PC objected to it as this area is too close to the School and is already heavy with traffic especially at School Time. The PC again objected to this request. Mr Howard then left the meeting.

Website:

The Parish Council website has been hacked, no new material can be put on to it & a new provider is being sought.

Allotments:

There is a growing waiting list with 10 people currently on it. The boundary hedges will be cut when the weather is more favourable. A meeting has been held with representatives from the PC, the School & the Allotment Association to discuss the way forward with the hedge – the width, state & maintenance. In the short term it will be addressed with a more rigorous maintenance programme. Thank you to all who attended the meeting.

Churchyard:

Rectory hedge joining the Churchyard needs cutting back – PC Chairman will liaise with the householder. Following a parishioner stumbling off of the edge of the ramp at the East Gate a request has been made for it to be marked along the edges to make it more visible in the dark.

Highways / Footpaths:

Water is still pouring out from near the telegraph pole at the edge of Hill Lane, Upper High Street. The state of the road surface in Glassthorpe Lane from the 30mph signs down to the end, will be reported to highways. A fridge has been dumped at the edge of Northampton Road / High Street, this will be reported.

South View:

Ongoing problems in this area are flooding at the bus stop & blocked drains. A manhole cover situated in the verge near to the Land for Sale has moved & is in a dangerous position. Work signs are awaiting collection by highways from along the footpath on the A45 Kislingbury Turn to Harpole Turn.

Planning:

86 Larkhall Lane – to demolish existing bungalow & erect another dwelling. PC had no objections.

41 High Street – consent for changing a door to a window at the rear of the property- no objections.

Erecting a second barn at the Closes in Glassthorpe Lane – for information only.

It was planned by SNH to build 2 dwellings on the site of the garages in Northampton Road, however this plan has been withdrawn due to SNH not be fully aware of access to the rear gardens of certain properties & the amount of

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cars which park there. The garages in Carrs Way have been sold to a private buyer from the village. The council expressed annoyance at this when they only found out by accident. A letter will be sent to Grand Union Homes to advise of this & to request in future that certain procedures are followed before a sale of this kind.

Scarecrow Event:

Following another successful year, a grand total of £14,760.00 has this year been paid out to many organisations within the village, Going forward a formal request will be made by the Clerk for all groups who have benefitted from the festival should give a report at the PC Parish meeting held in April each year.

Neighbourhood Plan:

An update was given around housing numbers – there will be a consultation starting from the 8th January 2016, around changing confines, housing, sustainability, & green space. Many observations were made & it was decided that Legal Advice will be sought regarding the change of plans by the developers, who now propose to bring the Sandy Lane Relief Road forward & encroach on the green space with houses.

Vacancy:

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council, anyone interested should contact the Clerk or a member of the Parish Council, who will be only to pleased to advise you on the role & the commitment.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Decmber 14th at 19.30pm at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall.

The Highways & Footpath Committee meeting will be on 30th November 2015 – this is a public meeting & covers your issues from around the village.

All members of the public are invited & welcomed to attend any Parish Council Meeting – let us know your views, however trivial they might seem.

Copies of minutes are on the PC Notice Board outside the Old School Hall.

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