

# Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

## Issue 10 –October 2015



### **Present:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Mr D. Starmer (Hol), Cllr's K. Cooper, A. Addison & J. Kirkbride.

### **Public: (1).**

### **Vice Chair:**

Following the resignation of Mrs J. Jenkinson the role of Vice Chair will be filled by Sarah Eason.

There is a vacancy on the Council & this is advertised on the PC notice board – if you would like to put your name forward then please contact the clerk on the details at the end of this newsletter.

### **Allotments:**

A meeting is to be arranged between representatives of the School, the Allotment Association & the PC to discuss the state of the School hedge & the way forward. Rita has visited & corresponded with other sites to observe procedures & signage. At some point in the future new signs will be erected stating 'Access for allotment holders only'. The boundary hedge will be cut in due course.

### **Churchyard:**

Hedges have grown considerably & will be cut in due course. Following reports of children playing in the churchyard, it is asked that parents do not let their children play inside the churchyard & that it is treated with the respect it deserves.

### **Highways / Footpaths:**

Dog mess is becoming a problem again in the village – all owners are asked to pick up the mess & distribute it in the dog bins provided. One problem area is on the grass by Hall Farm development in Glassthorpe Lane, many householders keep their grass neatly cut & do not relish having to clear it of dog mess, please walk your dog's responsibly. The reduction of the speed limit in Sandy Lane is being looked at & will be discussed by SNC on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

The council are to make a request to the refuse collection lorry to empty the bin at the end of Glassthorpe Lane on a regular basis, SNC will also be asked to change the colour of the bin to black. Yellow Lines have been applied for at the top of Carrs Way, as it is a dangerous area for children crossing to school & down by the Turnpike near the junction on to the A45, where lorries park overnight.

The manhole outside 23 Carrs Way has been reported as during the recent wet weather it has lifted out of its hole & is currently raised causing a tripping hazard.

Reports of rats & rubbish in the layby & fields near the Red Lion will again be reported to Highways & the Environment.

Parking – please make sure cars are parked responsibly, especially to allow for emergency vehicles & buses to get through. Areas of concern are Top of Garners Way near Mount Pleasant, near the Antique Shop corner & near to the Newsagents.

### **Lighting:**

Three lights (4, 71 & 102) have been reported & are awaiting repair.

### **South View:**

Ongoing problems in this area are to be chased up including flooding at the bus stop & blocked drains. New reports will be made about the footpath opposite South View as it is overgrown, the Bus Stop on Harpole Turn as it is letting water through the roof & debris left from recent road-works.

### **Planning:**

42 High Street – Change of use from highway land to residential curtilage (Approved)  
86 Larkhall Lane – Demolish existing bungalow, construct dwelling with altered vehicular access (meeting held 20.10.15).  
Land of Larkhall Lane – 3 dwelling houses & associated garages (Approved).

### **Scarecrow Event:**

The two chair ladies of the Scarecrow Committee have asked for ideas on how to proceed with this event next year. How to make it better, what projects to raise money for, ideas for village gift etc. – any ideas should be sent to the Scarecrow Committee or speak to a member of the Parish Council. The AGM was held on October 16<sup>th</sup> & a report will be in next month's newsletter around monies raised.

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**Neighbourhood Plan:**

The first draft of the topic plans have been created & the HAT team will be meeting with Alex Munroe to discuss this further on Wednesday of this week following the PC meeting. Plans will be updated & further input will be sought from the PC & residents as we continue the consultation process.

It is expected Hampton Brook will submit plans for Junction 16 by the end of the year. A booking has been made on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the OSH for an exhibition re commercial development near to the motorway. Further details on this will be displayed on the notice boards.

Recent digging in the fields around the village & on the outskirts are to do with the scoping report for Norwood Farm as there are various reports & surveys which need to be done prior to the applications being made.

**New Homes Bonus:**

The Council supported the application from the Playing Field Committee for repairs to the flat roof on the Pavilion & the clearance of the ditch.

**Website:**

Anyone wishing to add their email addresses to a list, for correspondence to be sent out via email should contact the clerk. Further research is being undertaken as to whether this is viable on the website. Those who have already replied, do not need to reply again.

**Vacancy:**

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council, anyone interested should contact the Clerk. Make your views count, support your village. If you are unsure then speak with another councillor who will be only to happy to help.

**Extraordinary General Meeting:**

Following the decision to approve the 3 dwellings at the Rear of Larkhall Lane on the former Nursery Site, a meeting was called to discuss the procedure of the planning committee of SNC & why Cllr Cooper - District Councillor decided to vote for the application when she has never attended a council meeting in Harpole & gave a poor report on our behalf. And why Cllr Addison –District Councillor had a declaration of interest at the last minute when she had attended planning

meetings or had been sent the comments made by us on the application & yt had never declared an interest. Full minutes of this meeting are on the PC board outside the village hall.

At the PC meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October further discussion took place around replies received from both Cllr Addison & Cllr Cooper, as well as how Cllr Cooper can support us as a village when she is Chair of the PC at Gayton which is held on the same evening as ours.

The Chair & Clerk will draft letters of reply to both of them.

Members of the meeting also issued a vote of no confidence in our district councillors. The Clerk will progress this.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall.

The Highways & Footpath Committee meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 & will be followed by the Finance meeting.

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. Check out the website for more information.

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