



**Present:**

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins, ,  
Mr D. Ballard, Mr C. Wilkinson,  
Mr B. Briscoe, Mr D Starmer, Mrs R.  
Gibbins, Mr S. Drinkwater,  
Clerk G. Ravine, Cllr J. Kirkbride NCC,  
Cllrs A Addison & K Cooper SNC

**Apologies:**

Miss S. Eason (work),  
Mr J. Calderwood (Hol), Mr B. Justice  
& Mr N. Faulkner.

**Public:**

A member of the public thanked Council for their efforts in opposing the proposed development at the former nursery site in Larkhall Lane. It is felt that smaller affordable houses are needed to allow children to stay in their home villages.

Mr J. Gibbins reported that the Allotments Association had been in existence for a year now, & shared concerns about the level of development & its effect on the allotments. Members are keen to resolve the issue of the hedge between the allotments & the School. The Council received a copy of proposals and letters supporting the Association. DB felt more allotment land would be needed with the new buildings. JG asked about green spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan. A Housing needs survey had suggested that 11 new homes were needed in the village & felt that another affordable houses scheme might be mooted.

**Allotments:**

The School hedge which borders the Primary School has been cut, but not well. It is felt a meeting between Council, the Allotments Association & the School was desirable to sort out

the situation. The hay has been cut. Plot holders had been reminded to lock gates during the Scarecrow Weekend. Renewed signage is being looked into. There was disagreement as to whether private signs were appropriate.

Allotments Association had applied to Northampton Community Funding for funds for micro plots and communal fruit trees and bushes. They wish to plant a “Bee World” as part of a national project, this does not involve hives. Friends of the Earth had been approached, but they required a letter of support from the land owners, the Council supported this & will send a letter.

**Footpaths:**

Disabled scooters are unable to pass bollards on jitty entrance between School Lane & High St. The Clerk will inform Highways.

Some complaints about road closures had been received during the Scarecrow Weekend. Coning had caused problems.

Large pothole at entrance to Duck Lane, outside 44 High St.

Drains had been overwhelmed outside No 1, Larkhall Lane during a cloudburst. It was felt that BT had damaged pipes during work on a telegraph pole outside 53 Upper High St.

Jitty between Larkhall Lane & Manor Close is overgrown and in poor condition.

A householder had expressed fears that Sandy lane had become more dangerous due to an increase in traffic since work has started on building at Harlestone. Clerk to contact Helen Howard & ask for a site meeting with a view to asking for a speed reduction.

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A councillor felt that the Council should ask for police training about speed awareness.

Heygates vehicles were still badly driven on Glassthorpe Lane.

#### **Lighting:**

The Northampton Road light has been moved and the new Garners Way light has been installed.

#### **Planning:**

A meeting was held concerning an application received to buy the plot of land at the end of Duck Lane in front of 42 High Street. The following comments were raised:

Harpole PC do not think highways have the right to sell this land when it is not owned by them, but is Parish Land. There are many services running directly underneath this plot of land, i.e. electricity & more recently the new BT fibre optic has been put in. Should the application go ahead then permission would be needed to access the land for maintenance to services - this needs putting in the conditions.

Other cars use this to park apart from the householder & so there is a concern that these vehicles would then have to park on the main road.

The area is not properly maintained by highways, it is overgrown & unpleasing to the eye, and would the applicant be responsible for the tidying up of the site? Should the application go ahead then this should be written into the conditions.

SNC reported back that the ownership does not come into the planning application.

#### **South View:**

The drainage on the roundabout is still poor & Clerk will report it again.

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#### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

DB referred to a process to get land registered as a country park. Clerk to investigate as there were fears that the land between the village and Sandy Lane would be swallowed up by development.

#### **Website:**

A facility is to be investigated so that emails can be sent out automatically from the site for various events etc.

#### **Vacancy:**

A vacancy has arisen on the Council. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk. Make your views count, support the village. Unsure then speak with another councillor who will be only too happy to help.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall.

The next Public Highways meetings is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

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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