

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held
on 19th December 2011
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Mr D Ballard (in the chair)	Mr J Eason	Mr B Gibbins	Mr J Calderwood
Mr J L Green	Mrs J Jenkinson	Mr B Justice	Mrs S Roberts
Mr D Starmer	Mrs R Gibbins.	Mrs M Burt	Miss S Eason
		Clerk, G Ravine	1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mr E J Church. Apology accepted by Council.
Cllr J Kirkbride NCC, Cllr A Addison SNC Cllr J Eliot SNC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; JC and MB as Trustees of the Charity and Youth Club. DB JC SR regarding the Harpole Action Team. DS regarding the allotments and OSH and PFA. MB regarding the PFA. JC declared a personal interest regarding the Churchyard.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION. David Walker – Collins gave an overview of the Scarecrow weekend and had produced an information sheet with some financial details. He apologised for not having done this earlier, but explained that both he and the treasurer had been extremely busy and often away. MB felt that details should have come out earlier. JC expressed disappointment that there was only one Parish Councillor on the committee rather than the three stipulated in the constitution. He also felt that some organisational details could have been better. With EC already a committee member, JJ and MB volunteered, and it was hoped to have a meeting before the next Council meeting.

Mr Williams thanked the council and the Clerk for their efforts on behalf of the village and wished all a Happy Christmas.

Alan Munn from South Northants Council introduced the Conservation Area Appraisal. The document having been produced the next stage was to get the views of Councillors and Parishioners, all of whom can comment. JC made some suggestions regarding further inclusions, and would forward further comments to AM. Some houses had been removed as it was felt that they had insufficient merit to be included.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 21st November 2011. It was proposed, and seconded that the minutes were accepted as a true record. Unanimous. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;

Light outside 1 Glassthorpe Lane. – DB had met householder who had agreed to keep the light, with a new fitting.

Jubilee Tree. BG felt that if planted in the vicinity of the Coronation Tree, it would cause overcrowding. He suggested the Council owned area in front of the Old Peoples bungalows.

Larkhall Way. SDC still say that the hedge is not their responsibility. Councillors insist that they removed it and should replace it no matter who it belongs to. Clerk to write again.

Cars in South View. SNC had investigated and are satisfied that this is a hobby rather than a Planning Matter. The area seemed to have been cleared up somewhat. BJ reported that the cars were also worked on elsewhere and returned.

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Allotments. RG had revised the forms, and terms and conditions. She asked permission to purchase a book of duplicate forms at a cost of approx. £25. DB thanked RG for her efforts.

*Resolved. Duplicate book to be purchased.

Churchyard. JC reported that the clearing up session had been a success. Further quotes for the spoil heap were still awaited. Steve Todd would be quoting for the East Gate shortly.

Finance. No further report.

Roads and Footpaths. BG reported that the field footpaths were clear. He felt litter and dog mess were becoming a problem and should be highlighted in the newsletter. The Red Lion layby was felt to be particularly bad and should be reported. Mr Mabbutt had complained that the egress from Carrs Way onto High Street could be very difficult because of parked cars and the general increase in traffic. Clerk had contacted Helen Howard of NCC who had agreed to inspect it in the New Year. It was reported that some work had been done in Glassthorpe Lane, but Council disagreed with the Streetdoctor assessment that no further work is needed. Clerk to write to request a site visit with DB.

Lighting. Light 41 needs to be inspected.

7. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

No Planning items.

8	<p>Precept. It was decided to add £500 to the precept to pay for Jubilee related expenditure.</p> <p>*Resolved. Precept to be £38,000 to be paid in equal parts in April and September 2012.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>EXPENDITURE</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>precept</i> 2012 - 13</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General Administration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audit Fees .NCAC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website</td> <td style="text-align: right;">250</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Public Lighting</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Energy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repairs& Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Lights</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jubilee Celebration costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 137 Payments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus shelters, benches, etc.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog Bins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flagpole maint</td> <td style="text-align: right;">300</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<i>precept</i> 2012 - 13	General Administration	1800	Salaries	7500	Insurance	900	Audit Fees .NCAC	750	Website	250	<u>Public Lighting</u>		Energy	4500	Repairs& Maintenance	1600	New Lights	3000	Jubilee Celebration costs	500	Section 137 Payments	1100	Bus shelters, benches, etc.	700	Dog Bins	700	Flagpole maint	300		
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	Income was anticipated to be approximately £3000. Any shortfall to be made up from reserves. This represents a rise of approximately 7%, but it should be remembered that the precept was lowered last year.		
9	Neighbourhood Plan – SR reported a 70% response to the questionnaire. An evidence based plan was being worked towards, and close contact being kept with SNC as things were changing all the time. An open meeting would be held in March. SR to represent Council at an SNC meeting on Jan 9 th .		SR
10	Neighbourhood Plan and CIL Levy. Conservation Area – Consultations. Neighbourhood Plan. DB felt most does not concern us, but two points regarding “Community Right to Buy” and the New Homes Bonus were agreed. Clerk to forward. CIL Levy. This was felt to concern larger councils and no reply was felt necessary. Conservation Area. – this would be addressed at the next meeting		Clerk
11	Lighting – no further information had been received.		
12	Website. - JJ reported that work had slowed, but it was hoped to be online in March. *Resolved To accept the working documents as presented.		
13	Scarecrow Committee - Despite problems it was felt that the event contributed to the village and should be supported.		
14	Harpole Charities –The purchase of the house in Duck Lane has been completed and Paul Judge has replaced Nic Paul as a trustee.		

15. Correspondence

Acre – subs renewal. – noted.

Di Ballard – proposing planting of trees. Clerk to ask NRHA if trees could be planted to replace those which have died around the new houses.

Giles Barber – SDC re Larkhall Way. – noted.

NCC re Sandy Lane. – noted.
 Police re Sandy Lane. – noted.
 SNC – re job clubs. – noted.
 – Re Conservation Area Doc. – noted and distributed.
 Re Neighbourhood Plan Meeting. -. – noted.
 Re South View. - . – noted.
 SNH – November works -. – noted.
 Streetdoctor re Glassthorpe Lane. – noted.
Mail from Chris Heaton Harris-noted and circulated.
Letter from Bob Mabbutt – noted.

SNC – South Northants Council NCC– Northamptonshire County Council OSHMC – Old
 School Hall Management Committee EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly. NCALC – Northants County Association of Local Councils.
 CLASP – Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project. WNJPU – West Northants Joint Planning Unit. SNH –South Northants homes

16. Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 795	£432.69		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 796	£108.17		LGA 1972 s 112
G.Ravine – expenses, stationary etc.	Chq. 797	£113.55		LG (FP)A 1963 s5
R Howey – Bus shelters.	Chq. 798	£20.00		LG(MP)A 1953 s4
A+H Contracts Dog Bins	Chq. 799	£60.00	10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
Eon – lights quarterly maint.	Chq. 800	436.10	72.68	
Acre –renew subs	Chq. 801	34.00		LGA 1972 s 137

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £45,353.15 16/10/2011 Scottish Widows. £29271.24 1/7/2011
 Income- R Starmer – smallholding rent. £140.

*** Resolved.** Payments to be made.

17. Items for next agenda. Scarecrow Committee reports.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Jan 16th 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.18.