

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on 20th
February 2012
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	Mr E J Church
Mr D Starmer	Mrs R Gibbins.	Mrs M Burt	Mrs S Roberts
		Clerk, G Ravine	Cllr J Kirkbride NCC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Miss S Eason (Work). Apology accepted by Council. Cllr A Addison SNC Cllr J Eliot SNC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; JC and MB as Trustees of the Charity and Youth Club. DB, SR and JC 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. Mr Williams apologised to Council as it now seemed that an accident he reported in Sandy Lane may not have been fatal. He felt that the Scarecrow weekend accounts needed to be completed and published. He also thanked Roger Elliot for cutting back the hedges around the Sandy Lane/Larkhall Lane Junction. Council echoed the sentiment and thanked all those who cut hedges around the village.

John Gibbins expressed dismay about the amount of litter around the Parish, and was appalled at the state of the Red Lion layby. Clerk to contact NCC and SNC Councillors, and SNC regarding this issue. He asked what the situation was regarding the Sandy Lane Relief road, (Chair replied there have been no new developments) and felt that the situation regarding Rights of Way needed clarification.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 16th January 2012. 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;

Larkhall Way. No further reply yet regarding hedge. Clerk to write again and write to Heygates asking whether they are aware of this situation. Ownership will become apparent when the handover takes place. The bench in Sandy Lane has been removed.

Litter around the substation is worse. Police informed. Clerk to contact Electricity supplier.

Anglian Water had first acknowledged ownership of the area at the bottom of Sandy Lane, but then said they were not sure.

Glassthorpe Lane had had significant surface work done.

Chair to meet Helen Howard of NCC regarding junction of Carrs Way/High St.

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.

Allotments. Rent night had been held on 31st Jan and £775.00 collected thus far and banked.

Resolved. 50 "Quicks" to be purchased at £34.20 for the hedge.

Trevor Spokes had cut hedges, but one area was problematic because of horses; it was hoped that it might be possible to co-ordinate cutting with temporary moving of the horses.

Churchyard. Quotes for spoil heap removal still awaited.

*Resolved. Quote from Louis Gibbins for £60 to cut North side hedges accepted.

JG to ask him to cut as soon as possible.

Finance. SNC had acknowledged request for precept.

Roads and Footpaths. Jubilee Tree. DB and JG to assess siting. Parish Council to co-ordinate and inform village regarding events for the Jubilee.

*Resolved £25 prize to be offered for best decorated house for the Jubilee.

Undergrowth on the A4500 was still impeding the view for pedestrians crossing the road from the bus stop to the Turnpike, the road curvature and the vegetation made it difficult for drivers to see. Clerk to report.

BG reported that the field footpaths were all passable.

Red Lion layby felt to be a health hazard. It appears that someone is living there again and getting electricity from the pub.

Water running out of Carr House entrance suggests a drainage problem.

EC felt the bench on Larkhall Way should have been repaired by now. Mr Howey had this on his list. He complained of litter between the village and Northampton. Residents in Larkhall Lane were complaining about inconsiderate parking which made it difficult for vehicles especially buses to pass, resulting in some

residents cars being damaged. Clerk to write to School and PFA (Mr Paul) to ask for requests for more considerate parking from parents and at football games.

Lighting. Eon had written again pointing out that they were still offering a service, and that the PFI scheme was not compulsory. Clerk to seek clarification of what has become a very confusing issue.

South View. Clerk to ask Helen Howard about bollard. Situation regarding car repairs had become worse, with apparently 9 cars being repaired now. Clerk to report.

Bus shelter had lost guttering, BJ felt that it should be replaced, but on the front.

7. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2012/0026/FUL	Heath Farm Nobottle Road Nr Duston	Variation of condition 2 on planning permission S/2010/1590/FUL (prop conversion of existing stone barn & existing single storey games room with glazed link to existing dwelling to be used as annex) for the addition of 1 no roof light to rear 3 no. roof lights to front, Removal of barn doors to rear & addition of flue to front.	We support this application, although make the one comment – we hope that the removal of the barn doors will be sympathetic to the age of the building. (It is not stated on the plans about what will be used to replace
S/2012/0014/FUL	3, Larkhall Ln. Harpole	Extension over garage and balcony	We support this application.

***Resolved.** Council endorsed the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

JC felt that details regarding the appeal on the land behind Hall Close should be distributed. Clerk had had not received. He also reported that initial plans for the Hall farm site had been drawn up.

Action

8 Website. SR reported that instruction sessions for using the website had been held, with more to come. Hosting still required. It is hoped to be up and running in June.

9 Meeting dates. It was decided to keep meeting dates the same.

10 Review of Investments.- Clerk had taken steps to close the Scottish Widows account, and gave a brief review of available higher interest deposit accounts. An account to be chosen when the money was received from Scottish Widows.

11 Neighbourhood Plan. The questionnaire had had a good response rate and was being analysed. SNC is moving very slowly, but it is still hoped that Harpole will secure £20,000 funding as a front runner. HAT has received funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

12 Light no 48. *Resolved. Light no 48 to be replaced at a cost of £266 plus VAT.

13 Risk Assessments. Clerk introduced a new style Health and Safety Risk Assessment document, which could be completed next month.

14 To Review the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit. – Deferred until next meeting.

15 Scarecrow Committee - An AGM had been held on Feb 7th and a new committee installed. 4 Parish Councillors were now on the committee. BG felt the meeting had ben shambolic and insisted audited accounts should be published. EC said they would be produced as soon as possible. JJ felt that the criticisms of people who had given a lot of their time were not helpful. JC opined that meeting should not have taken place as no secretary was in situ and no minutes were taken.

16 Harpole Charities -no reports

17. Correspondence

Anglian Water – noted.
 Eon re Light 48 – noted.
 Re Lights – noted.
 Harpole Heritage – re plaque for Wellington Bomber crew. – noted.
 HMRC –Clerk tax code. – noted.
 C Heaton Harris re CPSOs – noted.
 Cllr Kirkbride - re CPSOs – noted.
 NCALC Magazine – noted.
 NCC re speed Limit South View – noted.
 NCC County Connect Service – noted.
 SNC – Kevin Lane –re Localism and standards. – noted.
 -Acknowledge Precept request. – noted.
 Village networks – 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

18. Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 810	£382.83		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 811	£95.45		LGA 1972 s 112
G.Ravine – expenses, stationary etc	Chq. 812	£97.83		LG (FP)A 1963 s5
R Howey – Bus shelters.	Chq. 813	£20.00		LG(MP)A 1953 s4
A+H Contracts Dog Bins	Chq. 814	£75.00	£12.50	Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
Anglia Water - allots water.	Chq. 815	£238.23		Allotments Act 1950
T. Spokes - allots hedge	Chq. 816	£192.00	£32.00	Allotments Act 1950
S. Dunlop – Website expenses	Chq. 817	£24.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
Spinney Nurseries- allots hedge	Chq. 818	£34.20	£5.70	Allotments Act 1950
A+H Contracts Dog Bins	Chq. 819	£60.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005

Income. Allotments rent night income. £775.00.

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £35,387.72 16/1/2012 Scottish Widows. £29271.24 1/10/2011

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

15. Items for next agenda. Risk Assessments. To Review the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit, Jubilee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. March 19th 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.38.