

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on
18th July 2011
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.45 pm.

PRESENT:

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| Mr D Ballard (in the chair) | Mrs M Burt | Mr J Calderwood | Mr E J Church |
| Mr J Eason | Miss S Eason | Mr B Gibbins | Mrs R Gibbins |
| Mr J L Green | Mrs J Jenkinson | Mrs S Roberts | Mr D Starmer |
| | | Clerk, G Ravine | 6 members of the public |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr A. Addison, Cllr J Eliot SNC, Cllr J Kirkbride NCC.

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

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION. Mrs Grant complained about the state of the grass verges in South View, feeling that the grass looked even more of a mess now it had been cut. She also pointed out that the drains and gullies were neglected, and she had cleared a section herself. She also felt that the road surface was very poor.

It was reported that separate Council personnel had maked potholes in the Carrs Lane /Larkhall Lane area, but had still missed the worst pothole. MB reported that Highways had promised all potholes would be done, but not clear when.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 13th June 2011. After two small changes were made, it was then 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;

Shed outside 1 Glassthorpe Lane. – still in place. Clerk to make enquiries.

Regarding people and dogs using the Playing Field as a footpath. BG reported undesirable people using the playing field as access to a field to the north.

State of the roads around Larkhall Way. NRHA had replied that the developers SDC would do remedial works when site clear. Clerk had contacted NCC who would now request SDC did this. Clerk to ask NHRA for photographs so that comparisons can be made with roads before the development.

New Village Hall EC reported that the Old School Hall Management Committee would like the Parish Council to take a bigger role in the exploratory work, it was felt that there was little point in doing a lot of the work unless a site had been identified. JC felt that as 6 Councillors were on the OSHMC that the PC was adequately involved. OSHMC to meet again and report to next PC meeting.

NCALC Courses – RG and DB had both attended courses, and both gave positive reports as to the quality of presentation and information. Amongst the many hints were the suggestion that apologies should be by letter, reserves should be annotated with their pupose, Facebook and Twitter might be used to enhance community engagement,, and that Standing Orders might be changed to allow delegation regarding consultations.

Power Action

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Allotments. RG reported that stakes had been purchased, but not yet put in position, she had asked for a plot to be cleared and rotavated at a cost of £20.

* **Resolved** Council endorsed the chair of the Allotment Committees decision.

Churchyard. – Kerbing and Wall work were now in hand. Nothing had been done about the hedge. Clerk to write again.

Finance. – Accounts had been sent in.

Footpaths. – DS stated that the grass verges on South View had not been cut after residents had requested this at a meeting. This was a separate issue to the state of the road and guttering.

* **Resolved** Mr Warden to be asked to cut the whole area, and (if possible clear up cut grass). Also to be asked to trim around trees and bus shelter. BG reported loose bollards in Carrs Way, which were being pushed around. They were thought to be used during the installation of water meters. Clerk to contact Anglian Water.

Clerk

Black posts had appeared outside the school, these were thought to be for the installation of 20mph signs.

Clerk had received photographs of the Larkhall Way/ Garners Way area prior to the Affordable Housing works. Working party to consider these photographs, and take more to compare. DB, BG, SE and MB to form working party. Clerk to write to Helen Howard at Highways regarding this area. A letter had been received from Mr Walker complaining of problems here.

Clerk

Lighting. DS reported that the light nearest the turnpike was affected by the nearby tree growth. It was felt that the light should be switched off until the leaves were gone. Clerk to instruct Eon accordingly, and also ask how much it might cost to move the light.

Clerk

7. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2011/0584/FUL & S/2011/0585/LBC - Conversion of barn to garden room with pitched roof. New front porch, boundary wall and gates to 20 Upper High Street – Cedar Cottage. Also internal works to relocate ensuite and convert bathroom to additional ensuite.

The meeting supported the application.

S/2011/0604/FUL – Two storey extension and single storey front infill extension to 9 Orchard Way.

The meeting had no objections to the application.

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

Outstanding planning:

APPROVED

A/2011/1279/FUL - 8 Garners Way - side extension went to appeal and approval now granted.

- 20 High Street – S/2011/0269/FUL – Single storey rear extension including link into outbuilding to be converted to ancillary accommodation (17th March)

- Red Lion Café – S/2010/1425/FUL – Demolition of existing rear extension and replacement with a single storey rear extension (17th Dec) -
- Heath Farm Nobottle – S/2010/1590/FUL – Proposed conv. of existing stone barn and existing single storey games room with glazed link to existing dwelling to be used as annexe (29th Dec)

REFUSED

- Land to rear of Hall Close – S/2011/0188/FUL – Replacement of existing building, erection of pair of fishing/ leisure lodges including timber fishing jetty. (2nd March) -

8. Co-option of Councillors. – there were two candidates, both from South View. Co-option panel to meet and consider the applications.

9. SLCC Regional seminar. Daventry July 12th. Clerk gave a report on this conference, which he felt was very useful in keeping him and Council up to date with developments in the sector, and giving valuable advice on specific issues.

10. Pocket parks. –JJ distributed illustrations . the area around Manning Watts house was discussed, as well as the Council land in Garners Way. It was felt that this area was underused and bland to look at. MB to investigate possibility of meeting residents. MB wondered if village associations might adopt a flower bed.

11. Neighbourhood Plan. – HAT to have a meeting with SNC officers to try and fit in with the Local Development Plan. It was felt vital that SNC should give a clear lead, but that this was problematic as they are not yet clear as to what they should be doing.

12. Website.- Sue Burt distribute documents which were to be considered for the next meeting. DB thanked JJ and SB for their work.

13. CORRESPONDENCE. –

Fields in trust – noted and circulated.
 Mrs Grant –re Grasscutting.- tel
 Harpole Heritage Group – Thank you letter. – noted and circulated
 NCC – Library times – noted and circulated
 – Prevention Consultation – noted and circulated
 SNC – Splat – children’s sports events. – noted and circulated
 Sovereign – play equipment free quotes. – noted and circulated
 Steve Todd re church wall – noted and circulated
 J Walker – re Larkhall Way/ Garners Way area – noted and circulated

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

22. Accounts for payment.

| Name | Chq no. | Amount | Incl VAT | Power used |
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| G. Ravine – salary | Chq. 746 | £519.71 | | LGA 1972 s 112 |
| Inland revenue Tax rebate of £264.57 - | | 0.00 | | £97.01 due is refunded. |
| G.Ravine – expenses, stationary etc | Chq. 747 | £96.36 | | LG (FP)A 1963 s5 |
| R Howey – Bus shelter cleaning | Chq. 748 | £20.00 | | LG(MP)A 1953 s4 |
| P Warden - Grass | Chq. 749 | £765.60 | 127.60 | Highways Act 1980s96 |
| A+H Contracts Dog Bins | Chq. 750 | £60.00 | 10.00 | Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005 |
| NCALC – training courses | Chq 751 | 58.00 | | |

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| Nether Heyford PC – half cost of Daventry SLCC conference. | Chq 752 | £39.00 | | |
| Eon Electricity -Streetlighting | Chq 753 | £1255.30 | 209.30 | |
| Late additions -Eon – Quarterly maint. | Chq 754 | £436.10 | 72.68 | |
| J Waterfield – allotment preparation | Chq 755 | £20.00 | | |

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £39,547.23 16/6/2011 Scottish Widows. £29271.24 1/1/2011
Income-

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

23. Items for next agenda. Standing Orders, Website, Neighbourhood Plan, South View.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. July 18th 2011

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.12