

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held
on
21st November 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	Mr E J Church	Mrs M Burt	Miss S Eason
	Cllr J Eliot SNC	Clerk, G Ravine	1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mrs R Gibbins. Apology accepted by Council. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC, Cllr A Addison SNC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; EC 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 OSH and PFA. MB regarding the PFA. JC declared a personal interest regarding the Churchyard.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 17th Oct 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;

Shed outside 1 Glassthorpe Lane. – Now moved, but bins still in place.

Regarding people and dogs using the Playing Field as a footpath. – Paul Heygate had replied, saying that Heygates were aware of the problems and were in regular contact with the police. They felt it pointless to repair gaps in the hedge as they would rapidly re-appear because of footballers retrieving overhit balls.

Roads. Clerk had received acknowledgement to letters but no formal replies.

Norwood Farm. No firm news of what was to happen, other than it would be considered by WNDC this month.

Larkhall Way. SDC say that the hedge is not their responsibility. Councillors insist that the hedge went up to no. 8 and that the land was part of the development plot, and was previously continuous and do not therefore agree with SDCs comments, and feel that it should be replaced. Clerk to write again, and copy in NHRA.

Gravel on Footpaths. This is considered to give rise to danger, and should be highlighted in the newsletter.

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Allotments. No reports, all in order.

Churchyard. The edging has been done, 1 quote has been obtained for the removal of the spoil heap, another is expected. Clerk to contact Jeremy leading, and to chase up Steve Todd regarding the East gate. There will be a clearing up session on 28th November. The Sleep out night raised £500. The signs on the gates had been put there by the police, some feel they are obtrusive.

Finance. Precept meeting had been held.

Footpaths. BG reported that the field footpaths were clear. The steps leading up to the gages had been painted. Clerk to send thanks to Sarah McLaughlin at SNH. The recent roadworks had been carried out to a high standard. Clerk to send thanks. Clerk to report road surfaces on Glassthorpe Lane. Flytipping on Road Hill to be reported to SNC. Concerns were expressed about an increasing number of scrap cars at 11 South View. Clerk to ask SNC for advice.

***Resolved.** It was agreed in principle that the Mills family could build their own memorial bench provided it was inspected prior to installation.

Lighting. Light 63 needs to be inspected. No 85 in Manor Park had been reported as being out.

Householder at 1 Glassthorpe lane had requested that he wanted the light on the side of his house removed. It seems likely that he has the right to rescind permission. Eon had quoted £1178 to remove the light and replace with a column. It was agreed that DB should approach Mr Whittingham and discuss the situation.

The remaining lights to be replaced needed to be identified.

7. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2011/1108/FUL	3 Larkhall Lane	First Floor Extension over garage to include a balcony	Planning Committee supported Refusal by SNC
S/2011/0933/FUL	Land rear of Hall Close	Replacement of existing storage building, erection of pair of fishing/leisure lodges including timber fishing jetty (holiday lets).	Refusal by SNC
S/2011/1060/FUL	Depot at Kislingbury Turn	Refurbishment & alterations	Approved by SNC <i>Clerk to write to SNC asking why this was permitted despite objections from Harpole and Kislingbury PCs.</i>
S/2011/1069/FUL	Harpole Water tower	Microwave Dish	Approved by SNC
S/2011/1342/FUL	7 Park Lane, Harpole	Single & 2 Storey extensions to rear, replace flat roof on porch with slate.	<i>We support this application - it will be an improvement to the existing property & will give it a better appearance at the front.</i>
S/2011/1356/LBC	6 Park Lane, Harpole	New Floors are to be fixed over the existing defective ones in the roofspace & new rooflight	<i>We support this application – the ongoing works to this property are restoring a part of the villages history.</i>
A/2011/0933/FUL	Land to rear of Hall Close	Replacement of existing storage building, erection of pair of fishing lodges including timber fishing jetty (holiday lets)	Appeal under section 78
*Resolved.	Council endorsed	the recommendations of the planning	Committee.

- 8 Neighbourhood Plan** – SR reported that the questionnaire had been distributed two weeks ago. 150 had been returned. An assessment of what was needed to progress the project was needed. DB and SR thanked all those involved for their efforts.
- 9 Precept.** The Finance Committee recommended that the Precept be set at £37,500. Council deferred the decision in order to consider and discuss funding for Jubilee Celebrations. It was decided that a jubilee tree should be planted.
***Resolved.** A suitable “Jubilee” tree to be planted near the Coronation Tree.
 BG to take advice. SR raised the question of whether the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan could be precepted for or taken from reserves. Clerk advised that it could, but did not feel that it should be. It was generally felt that it should not be precepted for, and that funding should be got from government or other sources.
- 10 Lighting** –
***Resolved.** Council agreed in principle to joining with other villages to

reduce costs.

- 11 Website-** It was reported that work was progressing, but more slowly than before.
- 12 Course and conference.** Clerk reported on the recent NCALC AGM, where the major topic had been Neighbourhood Plans and the confusion surrounding the topic. He had also attended a course on Risk Assessment and would be liaising with SE to make sure everything necessary was done.
- 13 Scarecrow Committee** - Deferred until next month. EC reported that there had been some problems in sorting out the details of this year's event. There would be an AGM in February. DB would contact the chair. JC felt that the constitution would be required, and felt that Council needed to ensure that 3 Council members were appointed to the Scarecrow Committee at the AGM. MB felt a report was overdue.
- 14 Harpole Charities** – MB and JC reported that Nic Paul had resigned as clerk. As this had occurred during negotiations with Age Concern over the purchase of one of the Duck Lane houses, some difficulties had been encountered. Paul Judge had come forward as a candidate to be a trustee.
- *Resolved.** Paul Judge appointed as a trustee. Clerk
- BG referred to the inappropriate nature of the plaque on the Duck Lane houses.

15 CORRESPONDENCE. –

15. Correspondence

AH Contracts. – It was not felt appropriate to take on an 8 year contract.

Came and co – Parish Matters - noted

EON – re I Glassthorpe Lane. - noted

Giles Barber – SDC re Larkhall Way - Clerk to reply.

Heygates - noted

NBC – Central Area Development plan - noted

NCALC Update - noted

NCC Community Action Grants - noted

SNC – re Job Clubs - noted

SNH recent works - noted

WNDC – re Upton - 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 of	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 784	£415.77		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 785	£103.94		LGA 1972 s 112
G.Ravine – expenses, stationary etc.	Chq. 786	£127.12		LG (FP)A 1963 s5
R Howey – Bus shelters.	Chq. 787	£20.00		LG(MP)A 1953 s4
P Warden - Grass	Chq. 788	£382.80	63.80	Highways Act 1980s96
A+H Contracts Dog Bins	Chq. 789	£75.00	12.50	Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005

J Nickolls – Flagpole Maint.	Chq 790	£85.00		
Anglian Water	Chq 791	£412.01		
VOID – made out incorrectly	Chq 792			
Old School Hall	Chq 793	£1500.00		
JJC Stonemason – churchyd path works	Chq 794	£522.37		

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. Website, Neighbourhood Plan, Scarecrow Committee reports. Jubilee/Precept. Neighbourhood Plan and CIL consultations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Nov 21st 2011

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15.