

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on
17th October 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	Mrs R Gibbins
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
Mr J Calderwood	Cllr A. Addison SNC	Clerk, G Ravine	1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC, Cllr J Eliot 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.

Mr Williams drew attention to accidents on Sandy lane and the A4500, and felt that the opening of part of the new road was a contributory factor. He felt it should not have been opened in part, but only as a whole. The final part of the road seems dependent on the new development, the land for which would appear to belong to the Home and Communities Agency. Clerk to write to highways and the Police. Cllr Addison ad heard nothing further about the Norwood Farm development. She reported that the three tiers of joint officers (with Cherwell) were now in place as part of the money saving exercise; and that the Boundary commission changes would move Harpole from the Daventry electoral seat to South Northants. The new homes bonus would now apparently be paid to NCC and the Districts and would probably not be passed on to parishes as it was understood that it would be.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 19th Sept 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. – Still in place.

Regarding people and dogs using the Playing Field as a footpath. BG reported people were still using the playing field as access to a field to the north and that there was regular antisocial behaviour as well as litter. DB said that this should be reported to the police. Clerk to write to Paul Heygate that Council would support making good fences and hedging against these intrusions.

Larkhall Way. Clerk to write to SDC that since it was they who tore out the hedge , they should replace it. With regard to the turf, Councillors had been assured at a site meeting that this situation would be rectified and expected SDC to keep to their word.

Clerk to clarify ownership of land, and the situation regarding the two empty houses, which were to be the shared ownership units.

Deeds. All deeds in possession of Mr Hardman had been collected for examination by the Clerk.

Power Action

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Allotments. MB gave a report of the recent committee meeting. RG reported

that available plots had been allocated and that a new waiting list had been started. A neighbour had asked for help with removing roots in order to erect a fence. It was felt that this was the responsibility of the householder, but that permission to remove the roots was given. Clerk to write.

Churchyard. The edging is being done, and broken kerbstones replaced. As Mr Faulkner was now unwilling to remove the spoil heap, there was now a problem in that no grave spaces were available. Clerk to seek quotes for this and the digging of foundations for the boundary wall, and liase with JC. Spoil would have to be taken through Patrick Greens land, and the fence taken down and reinstated.

Finance. – Finance meeting to be held on November 14th at 7.30 in The Old School Hall. MB wondered whether the precept should include funding for The Diamond Jubilee. The planting of a tree would be considered.

Footpaths. BG had attended a meeting at Brixworth, and reported that it was hoped that Councils and landowners could co-operate to keep footpaths clear and carry out minor maintenance works. There was as yet no scheme for the preservation of trees. The overall theme had been financial constraint.

The Mills family would like to install a memorial seat by the Green Tree.

Clerk to write and thank them. DB asked that parishioners with gravel should take care to keep it within their boundaries.

Lighting. Light 68 to be left switched off for the time being.

7. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2011/1108/FUL First Floor Extension over garage to include a balcony to 3 Larkhall Lane, Harpole. - Planning Committee supported.

*Resolved Council endorsed the decision of the Planning Committee.

S/2011/0933/FUL Land rear of Hall Close Harpole Replacement of existing storage building, erection of pair of fishing/leisure lodges including timber fishing jetty (holiday lets). Refusal

Planning New Landscape. DB had put in a response emphasising fears about the advantage being given to developers.

8. Annual General Return.. Accounts had been returned by BDO with only one comment, regarding the erroneous changing of the value of assets. The Clerk felt that the auditors had misread the figures.

*Resolved Council accepted the Annual Return.

9. Neighbourhood Planning. Clerk to try and get paper copies of the new booklet relating to this or to print for those without computers, so that all Councillors can consider it before the next meeting.

Letters concerning the Plan had been distributed (**but not to the Clerk!**) to the village. SR went through the latest developments and showed the poster.

10. Planning Committee – Terms of Reference.

*Resolved Council adopted the Terms of Reference.

11. Lighting. Discussion deferred.

12. Website. Progress is being made; SR thanked RG for her efforts, and would re circulate the editorial policy.

13. Course reports. Clerk had attended a course on Budgets and Precepts. He

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had found it useful, especially with regard to budgeting and documentation. He felt that Councillors would benefit from this course if it were to be held next year.

14. Standing Orders. DB wished to consider changing Standing Orders to allow clerk to answer consultations in conjunction with 4 councillors.

***Resolved** Council adopted the following paragraph which would be inserted in the Standing orders.

Urgent matters arising between Ordinary Meetings of the Council shall be considered by the Chairman and at least three other members (one of which shall, if possible, be the Vice-Chairman), and recommendations made to the Proper Officer of the Council. The Proper Officer shall have regard to these recommendations, and make the appropriate decision(s), on the basis of authority, which is hereby delegated in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Proper Officer shall report details of the decision(s) made to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

15. CORRESPONDENCE. –

BDO Accts – noted.
 Came and co – Parish Matters - noted.
 Giles Barber – SDC re Larkhall Way Clerk to reply.
 Mrs Grant –re Grasscutting.- Clerk had contacted Mr Warden.
 Harpole Heritage Group – noted.
 Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons - noted.
 N Faulkner – re spoil heap. - noted.
 NCALC Update- noted.
 NCC – Flood Fair - noted.
 SEEM – lottery bid help - noted.
 SNC – re Job Clubs - noted.
 SNH recent works - noted.
 S Shaw – re democracy - noted.
 Sovereign – play equipment free quotes. - 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. 772	£392.66		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 773	£98.17		LGA 1972 s 112
G.Ravine – expenses, stationary etc	Chq. 774	£97.70		LG (FP)A 1963 s5
R Howey – Bus shelters, bench preservative.	Chq. 775	£150.00		LG(MP)A 1953 s4
P Warden - Grass	Chq. 776	£607.20	101.20	Highways Act 1980s96
A+H Contracts Dog Bins	Chq. 777	£62.50	12.50	Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
BDO – external Auditors	Chq 778	£342.00	57.00	
Eon Electricity -Streetlighting	Chq 779	£1255.80	209.30	
-Eon – Quarterly maint.	Chq 780	£436.10	72.68	
Old School Hall – i/2 year grant	Chq 781	£1000.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
Playing Field – ½ year grant.	Chq 782	£1000.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
Harpole Heritage	Chq 783	£500.00		LGA 1972 s 137

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £39,547.23 16/9/2011 Scottish Widows. £29271.24 1/7/2011
 Income-

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

17. Items for next agenda. Website, Neighbourhood Plan, Scarecrow Committee reports.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Nov 21st 2011

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15.