

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on  
20<sup>th</sup> August 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
Miss S Eason	Mr J Green	Mr B Justice	Mrs J Jenkinson
Mr D Starmer	Mrs R Gibbins.	Mrs S. Roberts	Clerk, G Ravine
3 members of the Public		Cllr A Addison	Cllr J Kirkbride NCC.

**Council stood and held a minutes silence in memory of former Councillor Les Cory, who had passed away the previous week.**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mr E Church (work commitments). Apologies accepted.  
**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;** JC as Trustee of the Charity and Youth Club. DB, SR and JC regarding the Harpole Action Team. DS regarding the allotments and OSH and PFA. JC declared a personal interest regarding the Churchyard. SE regarding Scarecrow. DB regarding payments.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.**

Mr Williams referred to problems with visibility due to foliage at the junction of Sandy Lane and Larkhall Lane. DB thanked John Gibbins for removing it. DB confirmed that the Council owned the ditch between the Bowls Club and houses, and JW thanked the Bowls Club for clearing it.

John Gibbins asked who should cut vegetation at the junction of Road hill and Nobottle Rd. Cllr JK would remind Highways. He asked when "Road to nowhere" would be completed. Best guess is 2014, but this is dependent on Development. The flagpole Area requires attention. Mr Nicholls to be reminded.

Mr Morgan of Carter Jonas appraised Council of the fact that the owner of the former nursery behind the Bowls Club would like to sell the land for development. The number of houses that could be built would be increased if a strip of land leased by the Bowls Club from the Parish Council, could be purchased. Council to consider the subject at the next meeting. The developer would prefer a smaller number of larger houses. DB pointed out that this was outside the confines of the village and that traffic would be an issue, given proximity to the school. DB wondered whether an affordable housing development would be possible.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012. With one minor change. It was proposed, and seconded that the minutes were accepted as a true record. Unanimous. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**5. Casual Vacancy:** No nominations to fill the vacancy created by the Resignation of Cllr Burt:

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;**

The removal of the bus shelter seat was felt to have been effective in dispersing youths.

**7. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

**Allotments.** RG Thanked George Wilson and John Gibbins for help with the allotments recently. Waiting list - 7 Harpole residents, 5 outside village. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Richard Starmer has given notice on the smallholding. A resident has complained that the hedge between the allotments and school is a fire hazard.

**Churchyard.** It has been too wet to remove the spoil heap; Mr Manning would probably be unable to do the work until October.

Hedge needed cutting. **\*Resolved.** Louis Gibbins to be asked to do at a cost of £60.00.

**Finance.** Bank Account signatories to be GR, BG, DS, JG, JE and EC.

Clerk had been advised that he should initiate a dedicated Council e-mail account that could be transferable, rather than use one that he owns. It was also considered good practice that a council own its own computer rather than share.

**Roads and Footpaths.**

BG reported claim that footpaths KP15 between new road and Kislingbury was overgrown, he would investigate.

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Pavement opposite 14 High St, outside Antiques shop, was uneven and had a dropped curve. Unconfirmed report of a mobility scooter overturning here. Cllr JK to report to Helen Howard. Flagpole Green needs attention, Mr Nicholls to be asked to look at trees too.

Neighbourhood Watch signs removed from lampposts in Sandy Lane. DB has asked Western Power to return them.

Someone living in a lorry at Red Lion again. Clerk to report.

Pothole on junction of Larkhall Way and Garners Way.

**Lighting.** Lights no 35 and 68, I Glassthorpe Lane reported. Latter had been repaired. Light 41 on Glassthorpe Lane to be reported. The PFI Lighting Scheme proposal had been received from Balfour Beatty, and seemed excessively complicated. If the parish were expected to bring the lighting up to a required standard before it could be adopted by NCC, the expenditure incurred in doing so would be such that any savings made would take a generation to effect. Lighting advisory group to consider.

**South View.** Standing water still a problem by Bus stop. Some strimming has been done. A4500 road surface improved. Although Council vehicle had been round kerbs, it had been impeded by parked cars – an ongoing problem. Clerk asked to contact Anglian Water again about overgrown pumping station. Clerk reported that on previous occasion they had at first acknowledged ownership then partly retracted.

## 8 REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2012/0891/FUL	9 South View Kislingbury	To erect a conservatory	tbc
S/2012/0832/NMA	Red Lion Cafe Weedon Road Upper Heyford	Non-material amendment to alter size of proposed extension to retain boiler room/wc and alter position of window/door. To planning permission S/2010/1425/FUL Demolition of existing rear extensions and replacement with a single storey rear extension	tbc
S/2012/0784/FUL	14, High Street, Harpole	Two & Single storey rear extension	No objections
S/2012/0772/FUL	16, Sandy Lane	Single Storey & two storey rear extensions	No objections
S/2012/0779/FUL	7, Park Lane	Replace flat roof over porch with pitched roof. Part two storey, part single storey rear extension	No objections

**\*Resolved.** Recommendations of Planning committee approved

**9 Scarecrow Event** – All was felt to be proceeding well.

**10 Neighbourhood Plan** – SR reported that there is now a consultation on the designation of our area. 750 houses were planned North of the Nobottle Rd including the Charity land. SNC had been in contact again regarding housing needs survey. SR liaising.

**SR**

Reporting on the Joint Core Strategy. There is now a consultation on the amendments; it was not felt useful to comment. Recommendations would be brought to the next meeting.

Harpole's Neighbourhood Plan would have to follow the strategy, which will not be adopted until 2014. SNC will consider the village confines in September. SR will prepare a timetable.

**11 Website.** - Streetdoctor added.

**12 Waste and minerals.** – DB reported that he was broadly in agreement with the document and felt a reply was unnecessary as the questions asked were only about emphasis.

**13 Churchyard walls.** – Clerk to ask Mr Bruce to quote for repairs to East Gate area of wall. It had been recommended that whole wall needed pointing, but it was felt that some areas were more vulnerable, and especially lower courses. Clerk to seek quotes for section between East and Main gate.

**14 Boundary Commission** – No further report.

**15 Joint Core strategy** – DB reported that it seems that the Norwood farm site will be built, as will much else. Harpole may well become an infill only site, and should be buffered by the new road, and a strip from Nobottle Road to the village.

## 16 CORRESPONDENCE. –

Balfour Beatty – PFI Lighting. Noted.  
Carter Jonas - - noted

EMASA – re swimming. Put on website. - noted

Mrs E Mayne – re Playing Field. Reported an encounter with a Parish Councillor. Clerk to reply that this was primarily the business of the Playing Field Committee. Clerk to reply.

MGWSP – re bus stops. –poster to be put up canvassing opinion.

C Oliver re OSH – proposal that management of OSH be passed to Pre School Group. - noted

SNC re Conservation Area WNJPU – re Joint Core Strategy – noted

- Re Housing needs survey. - noted

Mr R Starmer – giving notice on the Smallholding. - 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

## 17. Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 867	£438.11		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 868	£111.58		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 869	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
P Warden Grasscutting	Chq. 870	£541.20	£90.20	LG(MP)A 1953 s4
AH Contracts	Chq. 871	£75.00	£12.50	
Anglian Water	Chq. 872	£217.91		
NCALC Training	Chq. 873	£40.00		
SNAST - <i>Neighbourhood Watch subs</i>	Chq. 874	£10.00		

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £74,259.64. 16/6/2012

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

**18. Items for next agenda.** White lines. Hedge between School and Allotments.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 2012

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.24.*

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