

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on
17th December 2012
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT:

Mr D Ballard (in the chair)	Miss S Eason	Mr B Gibbins	Mr J Calderwood
Mr E Church	Mr B Justice	Mrs J Jenkinson	Mr D Starmer
	Mr B Briscoe		Mrs R Gibbins.
Cllr J Kirkbride NCC	3 members of the Public		Clerk, G Ravine

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mr J Green, Mrs S. Roberts (Family commitments) J. Eason (illness) Apologies accepted. Cllr A Addison. SNC. Cllr J.Eliot. SNC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; JC as Trustee of the Charity and Youth Club, and as member of Heritage Group. DB and JC regarding the Harpole Action Team. DS regarding the allotments, OSH and PFA. JC declared a personal interest regarding the Churchyard. EC regarding Scarecrow. JC and BB re Hall Farm.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Mr Hart of South View reported that his house and car had been flooded in the recent flooding episode. He was disappointed that nobody seemed to take responsibility, and that NCC said the landowner on the west side of sandy Lane needed to provide adequate ditching. disappeared. Cllr JK sympathised. JC was concerned that parishioners had been told that drains had been cleared when it was clear that they hadn't. Mr Hart quoted report no 644008 where a Mr Evans had signed off a report claiming that the drains had been cleared when they manifestly had not. It was suggested that NCC be approached and asked to clear all the village drains, and especially South View. It was also felt that the "Grips" needed re-establishing.

Mr Williams complained of cars parking inappropriately during football matches at the Playing Field. Suggestions that the school or bowls club car parks could be used were felt impractical. Mr Williams felt additional areas of hardstanding could be provided.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 19th Oct. 2012. The minutes were accepted as a true record ,approved and signed

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;

BG reported that it was proving difficult to secure a tree pack.

DB felt that

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.

Allotments. RG reported that Hedgecutting delayed by the weather. Stakes had been obtained. Agreements will be ready for January, rent night provisionally agreed as Jan 28th. Ditch to be dug out in the new year. An additional drainage ditch had been suggested.

Churchyard. Mr Bruce would not be able to repair the East gate area until spring, as frost would undo any work he did now as it would damage the lime mortar.

Finance. Another Finance Meeting arranged for 10th December at 7.30 at the Old School Hall, as precept could not be set until central government had made a decision on capping; and several other considerations need to be taken into account.

Roads and Footpaths. BG reported that a farmer who had not been cropmarking had agreed to do so next year. He then highlighted numerous examples of vehicles parking on or mounting grass verges and causing considerable damage, exacerbated by the recent wet weather.

Lighting. DB and DS to survey lights on telegraph poles and houses with a view to replacing.

South View. BJ reported that 3 fire engines had pumped water across the A4500 into an empty ditch, which had previously been reached by a drain which had now disappeared. He had been disappointed by the lack of response and felt it due to lack of maintenance.

7.REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2012/123 0/MAF	Hall Farm Yard Glassthorpe Lane Harpole	Redevelopment of Hall Farm 11 no. dwellings consisting of 8 new dwellings, change of use and alterations to 2 traditional stone buildings to form 2 dwellings and the retention and incorporation of the north projecting gable to the s Glassthorpe Lane to 1 no. dwelling
	Comments	Parish Council Planning Committee has no objections to the development; however do make the following comments: As this site is no longer adequate for agriculture, this development will be a great improvement to an historical site. These highlighted the access issues and parking difficulties faced in Glassthorpe Lane already before construction begins and urges SNC to address the situation. One solution is to provide parking facilities for the last two houses on the Lane which are still 'council owned and have no front parking area. At present their vehicles are parked on the pavement in front of their houses, an area rarely used by pedestrians. The suggestion is that the area is redesignated to an official parking space for them as they will need to park off of the road to allow the HGV delivery lorries access, not only to the construction site, but also to outlying farms and Heygate's grain dryer.

		<p>Highways need to look at traffic management within this area i.e. calming priorities – the Parish Council will work with Highways on this existing problem.</p> <p>Much experience has been gained from difficulties experienced in Larkhall Way and a written commitment to restore the highway and its environs from Hall Close entrance to the end of the development is requested. This included the repair of pavements and replacement of damaged kerbstones.</p> <p>In recent weeks flooding has occurred across Glassthorpe Lane at its junction with Hall Close and there is an urgent need to explore the escape route for flood water as the underground pipe in this area does not seem to be able to take the volume of water now experienced.</p> <p>If the Joint Core Strategy had already been in place there would be a requirement to contribute towards or provide affordable housing for developments of 5 or over.</p> <p>The council requests that a condition be put in around delivery times and all deliveries to be made within the site and not outside as this would block the road.</p> <p>This is a sensitive site with a wealth of interesting old buildings constructed to exacting standards and finish. This needs to be reflected in the way the new buildings are reconstructed. Every attempt should be made to use the dressed stone, the quoins, and the stone lintels as evident in the farmhouse, in the reconstruction of the new build, especially the ones facing Glassthorpe Lane. It is important that as this was one of the earliest dwellings in Harpole that the ancient ‘squints’ should be restored in order to preserve their link to the past.</p>
S/2012/14 64/FUL	32 Sandy Lane	First floor side extension over existing garage and two storey rear extension. Single storey rear extension and new front porch - No information as yet

- 8 Dispensation to set precept. – *Resolved.** Council resolved not to seek a dispensation to set the budget.
- 9 Precept Meeting.** – Deferred until after the additional finance meeting.
- 10 Flooding at Larkhall Way.** – It was reported that a shallow ditch would be dug. Opinions differed as to its likely effect.
- 11 Neighbourhood Plan** – DB read a report from SR. A budget had been developed. Parish Councillors were asked to give help towards the project. The Housing Survey would take place in Jan/Feb. JC reported that the Charities had been approached by a developer asking them for an option on purchasing the land. This had been agreed. JC had not agreed. A working Party had been set up to consider the options for a new village hall, and had asked for £2500 to progress their activities. Concerns were expressed about this
- 12 Insurance.** –A representative of Came had toured the village with the Clerk and DB. He had stressed the importance of a programme of checks on Council assets and responsibilities. The only major point of contention was whether the church boundary walls were covered under the present policy.
- 13 Code of Conduct.** – ***Resolved.** Council resolved to adopt the revised SNC Code of Conduct.
- 14 Village Newsletter** – JC felt that it was a step too far at this stage to try and replace/revise Church Newsletter. An unresolved debate continues about advisability of producing a separate Parish Council newsheet.
- 15. Correspondence.**

Andy Harper – voluntary work. - noted
Howard – re path A4500 -noted
NCC – Re parking restriction requests. Clerk to reply complaining that the timescale proposed is ridiculous, not giving sufficient time to respond properly.
NCALC – Update. . - noted
Police –re speed watch . – noted – Councillors to consider the offer to train and equip a volunteer group.
SNC Job Club . - noted
Laura Welch . - 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

Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 901	£446.30		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 902	£111.58		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 903	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 904	£50.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
Wooden Supplies allots posts	Chq. 905	£41.24		
J Nickolls – flagpole maintenance.	Chq. 906	£85.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
Eon ¼ ly maint	Chq. 907	£371.06	61.84	
Ncc – Grasscutting grant		£682.34		

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £80,337.18. 16/11/2012

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

18. Items for next agenda. Newsletter, Flooding update, New Village Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Finance, , Full Council Jan 21st 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.23.

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