

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held
on 16th July 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
Mr E J Church	Mr J Green	Mr B Justice	Mrs S. Roberts
Mr D Starmer	Mrs R Gibbins.		Miss S Eason
5 members of the Public		Clerk, G Ravine	Cllr J Kirkbride NCC.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mrs J Jenkinson (illness). 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 drew attention to parking situation outside school and suggested a voluntary one way scheme would relieve congestion. He also reported that rabbits had been painted onto a sign.

Cllr JK reminded Council that under boundary commission plans NCC will lose several Councillors. Main effect on Harpole will be that the county Councillor will add two more villages to their "patch". SR, DB, RG, SE, JC, and BG will consider proposals and report findings to clerk before consultation ends on Aug 13th.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 18th June 2012. 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: Clerk to put up a notice. To be put in newsletter. Former applicants to be contacted.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;

Baptist Church Youth Club. Had closed for summer, but Friday night problems and antisocial behaviour persisted and were being monitored by BG.

7. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.

Allotments. Weather had been a major problem, with a lot of standing water ruining planted crops.

Drainage remained a concern and no map had been found. Meter readings are being monitored.

Thanks had been given to those plot holders who carried out work for the general benefit of all.

Monthly meetings would be held on first Thursday of the month. Waiting list - 5 Harpole residents, 3 outside village.

Churchyard. Grass has been fairly well cut. JC expressed sympathy for grasscutters working in difficult conditions. It has been too wet to remove the spoil heap, Mr Manning is awaiting permission to proceed, but would be unable to do the work until October if the weather did not soon relent. A quinquennial report was in progress which may recommend pointing the perimeter wall.

Finance. *Resolved. Bank Account to be switched to Co-op Bank.

Clerk to circulate figures for allocation of reserves to Finance Committee for consideration.

Roads and Footpaths. Bus Shelter. ***Resolved.** Seat to be removed.

DB to contact Martin Farley

BG had walked all footpaths, most overhanging foliage and nettles had been cleared. 2 footpaths had not been cropmarked adequately, but the weather was an issue.

BG reported ditches full of water on east side of Road Hill at top. JG felt there was no danger of flooding.

Regarding water coming from wall between Carr House and Azalea House on High St. BG feels this worse than ever before. Clerk to ask Anglian Water to check whether it is a leak from their pipes.

The new Affordable Housing Estate is suffering from water run-off from the fields, as predicted by Councillors. NRHA to be informed that landowners name is Mrs Weiss, and asked to attend site meeting to discuss problems.

BG reported a very large tanker had attempted and failed to gain access to the tank, which had not been necessary.

Lighting. Light no 68 still on.

South View. Standing water still a problem by Bus stop. Some strimming has been done. A4500 road surface so poor, because of potholes and break up of anti-skid surface on crossing, that some residents could both hear and feel traffic at night. Drains still blocked. Vehicles still accessing road through crossing. Cllr JK would try and arrange a site meeting.

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2012/0549/FUL	24 Glassthorpe Lane Harpole	Installation of external platform and metal ramp	Do not think we have any objections as there is one in existence already
S/2012/0547/FUL	14 High Street	Two and single storey rear extension	Withdrawn and resubmitted
S/2012/0553/FUL	48 Manor Cl.	Single storey extension forming enlarged kitchen /dining room.	No objections
S/2012/0632/FUL	27 South View Kislingbury	Replace existing kitchen/dining room extension with two storey side & rear extension	No objections
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	No information yet
S/2012/0772/FUL	16 Sandy Lane Harpole	Single storey and two storey rear extensions	tbc

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

DB referred to the need to comment on the Minerals and Waste plan before 23rd Aug.

There was also a consultation on the Flore bypass plan, that Cllr JK recommended Council and individuals participate in.

- 9 **Scarecrow Event** – EC reported that next year’s preparations are progressing well. It had been decided that there would henceforth be no estimated figures given prior to the disclosure of official accounts.
- 10 **Neighbourhood Plan** – SR had attended a 2 day camp, and reported that SNC are being very supportive of parishes compared to many district councils. An 18 month timescale is likely to achieve the desired result; and it is felt that paid help must soon be sought. There had been liaison with other front runners (Yardley Gobion and Middleton Cheney). Referenda will confirm to a set standard. SR and DB will attend SNC and NCALC events.
- 11 **Website.** Progress ongoing. EC suggested a link to Streetdoctor. An old website continues to cause confusion, creator apparently unable to access and remove.
- 12 **SLCC – Conference** – Nottingham 12th Sept.
***Resolved.** Clerk to attend and claim appropriate overtime and expenses.
- 13 **Standing Orders** – ***Resolved.** Standing orders to be readopted.
- 14 **Financial Standing Orders.** - ***Resolved.** Financial Standing orders to be readopted.
- 15 **Disclosure of Financial interests-** Forms distributed and filled in. it was felt that this was a rushed exercise and that forms were poorly formulated and barely comprehensible.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

<p>A Darcy re Joint Core Strategy – SR and DB to attend. Bill Dunn – MEP Bulletin – noted. Clerks and Councils – noted. Boundary commission re Electoral review Harpole heritage – noted. NHRA re flooding – noted above.</p>
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NCC – Minerals and Waste – noted.
 NCC re Bus stops – JC expressed concern that raising pavements may be problematic for wheelchairs.
 NCALC – re **Training** – noted.
 Police – noted.
 SNH – briefing – noted.
 SNC = re Code of Conduct -- noted.
 SNC _Jobs club – noted.
 -Re Litter pick – noted.
 -Re electoral registration – noted.
 Re Tree planting – DB had explained that writer had misunderstood situation.

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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. DB withdrew.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 855	£438.11		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 856	£119.77		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches. Surround for jubilee tree	Chq. 857	£390.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
P Warden Grasscutting	Chq. 858	765.60	£127.60	LG(MP)A 1953 s4
AH Contracts	Chq. 859	£60.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
EON Electricity	Chq. 860	£1,255.80	£209.30	Parish Councils Act 1957
void	Chq. 861	void		
Broker Network Ltd – insurance correction	Chq. 862	£35.84		LGA 1972 s111 &140
P Betts – Poppy Wreath	Chq. 863	£18.50		LGA 1972 s137
Eon _ light maint	Chq. 864	£436.10	£72.68	Parish Councils Act 1957
R Powell – Jubilee decoration prize	Chq. 865	£25.00		LGA 1972 s137
D Ballard – Jubilee tree expenses.	Chq. 866			LGA 1972 s137

With reference to 857 EC wondered whether in future materials could be purchased separately so that VAT could be recovered if user non rated.

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

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

18. Items for next agenda. Waste and minerals. Churchyard walls.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

August 20th 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.23.

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