

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held  
on 18<sup>th</sup> June 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.	Mrs J Jenkinson	Cllr J Kirkbride NCC.
5 members of the Public		Clerk, G Ravine	

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Miss S Eason –meeting clash. Apologies accepted .

Cllr Addison SNC. Cllr Eliot SNC,

**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.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Williams drew attention to 2 accidents in Sandy Lane, (one involving 2 cars), in April and May. It is not known if there were any injuries.

Cllr JK reminded Council about her Councillors Empowering grant, which needs to be applied for soon. All village organisations are eligible.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012. After small changes had been made, 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;**

**Larkhall Way hedge.** NRHA have replaced the hedge. Clerk to thank them.

**Co-option.** Permission not yet granted.

**Baptist Church Youth Club.** DB attended meeting with Police and Mr Worth, who said that if the problems continue, the club will close.

**Bus Shelter.** DB had asked Youths what facilities might encourage them to go elsewhere. They are considering. Other sites for a shelter were suggested.

**Parish Meeting.** Clerk needs one more report to complete minutes.

**Village Walk.** Took place on June 14<sup>th</sup>, with 4 participants. No major problems, though footpath through Pony Field felt to be a mess. It was wondered whether the owner might be willing to donate it as a pocket park. The steps by the garages had been repainted.

**6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

**Allotments.** Weather had been a major problem, with a lot of standing water ruining planted crops. Mr Clark had asked that ditches be re-dug. To be discussed at Allotments meeting.

**Churchyard.** Grass has been fairly well cut. Edging now needs spraying. It has been too wet to remove the spoil heap.

**Finance.** Finance committee had decided to stay with Came and co. Clerk distributed details of current and deposit account rates. Clerk to investigate Co-op rates and bring to next meeting. Clerk read out Internal Auditors report. It was noted that reserves need to be allocated; Assets need to be checked for land registry numbers and whereabouts of deeds. VAT refunds, legal powers in minutes and signatures on Agendae need to be checked. The report and checklist were distributed.

**Roads and Footpaths.** Handrail on footpath to Harpole cover repaired. Access to KP13 blocked by nettles. Clerk to check what action Streetdoctor had taken re water coming from wall by Carr house. Weeds a problem everywhere. Cllr JK to ask what action might be pending.

**Lighting.** Clerk to check up on Light no 68.

**South View.** Standing water still a problem by Bus stop. Clerk has reported. Some strimming has been done. DS reported 2 residents had complained that they had not been consulted about planting schemes. BJ reported that opinions did vary and would report on enquiries that were being made.

**7. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

S/2012/0549/FUL	24 Glassthorpe Lane Harpole	Installation of external platform and metal ramp	
S/2012/0547/FUL	14 High Street	Two and single storey rear extension	
S/2012/0553/FUL	48 Manor Cl.	Single storey extension forming enlarged kitchen /dining room.	
S/2012/0632/FUL	27 South View Kislingbury	Replace existing kitchen/dining room extension with two storey side & rear extension	

Deferred until next planning meeting.

Action

- 8 Dog Walking.** – It was felt that it was not within the council’s remit to provide dog walking facilities, and that ample opportunities would exist when the proposed country parks opened. JG referred to toxicarea casualties due to dog faeces, and the problem farmers had with dogs in general. DB felt that if dog owners wanted facilities specifically for dog exercising, that they would have to investigate and finance it themselves. BG felt that dogs should always be under control.
- 9 Neighbourhood Plan** – SR reported that SNC had responded to the proposed amendments, and were now consulting about the proposed area. Co-operation with another regional Front Runner (Middleton Cheney) was taking place. SR would be attending a residential course shortly. The process would take 4-6 months. DB thanked SR for all her hard work and stressed that much work remained to be done.
- 10 Website.** - Progress continued to be made, and problems ironed out. Clerk to put website address on literature.
- 11 To consider Assets.** Internal auditor requested that land registry numbers and whereabouts of deeds be ascertained. Clerk to liaise with JC who held the documents at present.
- 12 Standing Orders** – Clerk to ensure all members had up to date documents so that this could be discussed next month.
- 13 Financial Standing Orders.** - Clerk to ensure all members had up to date documents so that this could be discussed next month.
- 14 Village Organisations** – Clerk to clarify relationships with the Parish Council. The trustees of the **Harpole Charity** were chosen by Council, but do not have to be councillors, and had been since the inception of the Parish Council. The Scarecrow committee has to have 4 Parish Councillors according to its constitution, but is otherwise separate from the Parish Council.
- 15 Jubilee** – Robin Powell of Cory Gardens had been awarded the prize for best decorated house. The Jubilee tree had been planted, and would shortly be fenced in. A plaque had been provided free of charge by Andy Wright. Clerk to thank him.
- 16. Code of Conduct.**  
\*Resolution. The Code of Conduct annexed and expected to be adopted by South Northamptonshire Council be adopted as the code for members and co-opted members of the Harpole Parish Council with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to replace the current Code of Conduct; and that the Clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of South Northamptonshire Council of the passing of the above resolution.

### 17. Correspondence

D Moody – re Code of conduct –noted  
 J Martin NRHA– re Larkhall Way fence - noted  
 SNH – briefing -noted  
 SNC = re Code of Conduct -noted  
 SNC \_Jobs club -noted  
 Re Tree planting – DB to meet with Mr Granville.

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

### 18. Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 848	£477.88		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 849	£111.58		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches	Chq. 850	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005
P Warden Grasscutting	Chq. 851	£765.60	£127.60	LG(MP)A 1953 s4
J Nickolls – Flagpole Maint	Chq. 852	£85.00		LG(MP)A 1953 s4
NCALC Course costs	Chq. 853	£15.00		LGA 1972 s 112
Broker Network Ltd – insurance.	Chq. 854	£680.97		LGA 1972 s111 &140
Income - SNC Precept		£19,000.00		

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £79,510.78 16/5/2012

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

**19. Items for next agenda.** Scarecrow. Standing Orders. Financial Regs.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

July 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.37.*