

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr J Eliot(SNC).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;** JC as Trustee of the Charity and Youth Club, and as member of Heritage Group, and regarding Peter Drinkwater. DB, SR and JC regarding the Harpole Action Team. DS regarding the allotments, OSH and PFA. JC declared a personal interest regarding the Churchyard, and Mr Drinkwater. SE Regarding payments.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Williams thanked whoever had cut the playing field hedge, but pointed out that there was still overhanging foliage on Heygates land.

Cllr JK was pleased to hear that the drainage situation in Glassthorpe lane had been dealt with, as had the drains in High St outside the farm.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February. The minutes were accepted as a true record with two minor changes, approved and signed.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** None raised.

**6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

**Allotments.** RG reported that most rents were now paid, a further £185 collected. Hedge to be cut as soon as practical, which would now be later in the year, given the wet state of the ground.

**Churchyard.** Mr Manning to liaise with JC a quote for refurbishing the paths. Clerk pursuing quotations for cleaning of war memorial.

**Finance.** Changes in the Council Tax regime were probably responsible for the apparently inaccurate figure given regarding the rise in the Parish Council precept that is shown in the Council Tax documents recently distributed. Clerk to ask for an explanation from SNC, as the published figures reflect badly on Council.

**Roads and Footpaths.** BG reported that the footpath across Knight's Close is extremely muddy, but no clear solution is apparent, as access is not restricted. Other paths are impassable because of the weather. Clerk to ask Helen Howard about work on the kerb at the High St end of Cars Way.

Work on the pavement outside the Antique shop has taken place. Concern was raised about the state of the pavement and kerb outside 38 Carrs Way. This has been damaged by vehicles. People had slipped here and felt that the kerb should be dropped. Clerk to report to Cllr JK.

**Lighting.** Lights nos 40 (Chester Avenue) and 50 (High St) still to be replaced.

**South View.** No report.

**7.REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

SE reported that a Planning committee meeting had taken place on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

S/2013/0238/FUL	96 Larkhall Lane	2 storey rear extension, raise roof height to create additional living space	To be discussed.
S/2013/0054/LDP	87 Manor Close	Extension to flat roof rear dormer	Refused
S/2013/0116/FUL	32 Sandy Lane	1 <sup>st</sup> floor side extension over garage, 2 storey rear ext. Single storey rear extension and new front porch	No Objections, and subsequently approved.
S/2012/1230/MAF	Hall Farm Harpole	Redevelopment of Hall Farm	Application supported but assurances about drainage and road improvements requested. SNC had deferred decision until 11 <sup>th</sup> April

**Resolved.** The comments of the Planning Committee were endorsed.

**8 Flood Warden.** Deferred – no volunteers as yet.

**9 Neighbourhood Plan** – SR gave a report on progress. There had been meetings with CPRE and work is continuing on the policies wanted in the plan, and on the required “evidence”. The Community Infrastructure Levy needs to be studied, as does the New Homes Bonus. The application for the designation of the area has been deferred until April. JC expressed concern about this, but SR felt it was only an administrative hiccup.

**10 New Village hall** – SR gave a report on the working party deliberations and distributed documents. She

thanked the volunteers. There were four main options. Closure and sale. Continue as at present. Continue and install paid management. Build a new hall and install paid management. The working party recommended option 4 and asked Council to support them in continuing to research this option. **\*Resolved.** To support the working party's recommendation to progress with option 4. Unanimous. SR to circulate working party's views in key issues with option 4 for discussion at April meeting.

**11 Meeting with the Police.** April 26<sup>th</sup> Towcester Police Station. BG and DB would go.

**12 Risk Assessments.-** Risk Assessments. Financial, and Health and Safety risk assessments had been distributed. Health and safety assessment amended to ensure regular checks on assets and responsibility. **\*Resolved.** Council accepted the Risk Assessments. Which were signed.

**13 Review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit.** Clerk had prepared a report which he felt contained all the relevant information for the review. Clerk to provide chair with a second cheque book, and e-mail and computer passwords so that business could be continued if clerk incapacitated. This was considered and accepted by Council.

**\*Resolved.** Council accepted the Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit. Which was signed.

**14 Clerks forum with SNC.** Clerk gave a report of this forum on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Towcester, it was felt to have been an useful exercise, helping to give an understanding of planning issues.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE. –**

BDO – briefing – noted and distributed.

Came and co – re insurance. – noted and distributed.

NCC – Nobottle rd resurfacing – noted and distributed.

Re Flood risk consultation . – noted and distributed.

Openline Playgrounds – cat . – noted and distributed.

PFA re Accts . – noted and distributed.

Plantscape catalogue . – noted and distributed.

Pottersbury PC re NHB . – noted and distributed.

Police –re meeting . – noted and distributed.

Sovereign plat equpt . – noted and distributed.

SNC re New homes Bonus . – noted and distributed.

-Planning . – noted and distributed.

WNJPU – notice of meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> . JC was concerned that nobody would speak for Harpole PC at this meeting, he had been asked to go by various persons, but disagreed with the stance of the charities who had accepted the development. DB felt that all the comments that could usefully have been made had been sent in, and speaking at the meeting would serve no purpose, unless further technical objections to the development could be found

-Community Infrastructure levy . – noted and distributed.

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.** SE had declared an interest and did not vote.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Inc.VAT	Power used
Void – incorrect amount	921			
G. Ravine – salary incl holiday pay and overtime.	Chq. 923	£1184.76		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue Gr Tax304.90, GR NIC 34.84 Emp NIC 56.21	Chq. 924	£395.95		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 925	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 926	£60.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
S Eason for Newsletter printing	Chq. 927	£52.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
S Burt - Website Hosting	Chq. 928	£39.47		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 929	£60.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
Income – allots		£185.00		

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £78,414.33 16/2/2013

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

**17. Items for next agenda.** Flood Warden, State of Drainage grips. Village hall.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 Annual Parish Meeting 7pm Ordinary meeting follows at 8pm..

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10.*

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