

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on
19th November 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 J Green	Mr B Briscoe	Mrs S. Roberts	Mrs R Gibbins.
	16 members of the Public	Cllr J.Eliot. SNC	Clerk, G Ravine

DB welcomed Mr Briscoe to the Parish Council.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mr J Eason (illness) Apology accepted. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC. Cllr A Addison. SNC.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; JC as Trustee of the Charity and Youth Club, and as member of Heritage Group. DB,SR 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.

Nick Jackson gave a short presentation on the proposed Hall Farm development. He explained that “Traditional” meant that stone, bricks, and tiles were used in a vernacular style to try and fit into the village style. At least 2 car spaces would be allocated to each house. BG expressed concerns as to whether drainage had been properly considered, in the light of “experts ignoring local knowledge” and the consequences at Larkhall Way. Mr Jackson felt that drainage was properly catered for, but conceded that drainage systems were not as well cared for in these times of cutbacks, as they might be.

Mr Williams referred to overgrown verges on Larkhall Lane and Sandy lane.

John Gibbins referred to the near flooding of Larkhall Way on November 4th, and asked whether anything would be done about it. DB replied that NRHA were negotiating with the adjacent landowner with a view to installing anti-flooding ditches.

JG felt that any work regarding Neighbourhood Plans was wasted in light of the government’s latest comments on planning. DB and SR both felt that the plan was a valid means of showing opposition to over development, influencing planning, and giving the village view.

JG complained of cars parking on pavements and causing obstructions, and asked that something go in the newsletter.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting of 15th Oct. 2012. The minutes were accepted as a true record ,approved and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES;

20mph limit Helen Howard had replied that there is a white paper on traffic calming measures that may make their introduction easier. She says the Bugbrooke set up is not perceived as a success.

Tree Packs. BG to liase with Clerk.

6. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.

Allotments. RG reported that 70 pole would come vacant, and that it was hoped that ditch digging and hedge cutting could be carried out at the same time. RG wondered whether pedestrian access by school should be closed, in view of recent thefts. Smallholding rent to remain the same (£140) as no new plots had been created.

Churchyard. JC reported that Mr Manning had completed the removal of the spoil heap, and built a retaining wall, all in very poor weather conditions. He had been asked to quote for path renovation. The grass mowers had inadvertently caused some undulations on new graves by mowing over them. Mr Bruce would carry out the East gate work when weather conditions allowed, as lime work is weather sensitive. Clerk still looking into the possibility of restoring both leaded and carved lettering on the war memorial.

Finance. Finance Meeting arranged for 10th December at 7.30 at the Old School Hall.

Roads and Footpaths. BG had heard from the Rights of Way team that intended work is being held up by financial constraints. Landowners had been asked to crop mark, which had not been done last year in some cases. He expressed concern about lack of shelter at the new bus stop, and about the quantity of

puddles (in the vicinity of nos. 49 and 51 High St, some caused by spring water and some by a sunken manhole cover) which can result in those at the bus stop getting splashed. BJ also made this point. Potholes in Garners Way outside Mount Pleasant.

He reported that parked cars in Garners Way had made it difficult for a fire engine to attend a fire in one of the old peoples bungalows. The pavement outside the Antique shop is still sloping. The throwing out of gravel and earth from driveways was highlighted, and an attempt would be made to identify which driveways needed kerbs dropping. JJ pointed out that rubbish including pins (which could penetrate childrens shoes and pets paws) was accumulating under notice boards, and felt an appeal to avoid this should be put in the Newsletter.

Lighting. No response regarding the PFI scheme. Clerk to ask them again to come to meeting and translate.

South View. BG reported further car repair related activities, and suspected it was a business avoiding the proper licensing/rates. BJ felt the situation was no worse and all cars were now inside. Sandy Lane residents asked that water gulleys (grips) be re-dug on the west side of Sandy Lane. Drains on A4500 at Sandy lane and Bus Stop still blocked.

7.REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S/2012/1166/FUL	Red Lion Cafe Weedon Road Harpole	Variation of condition 2 on planning permission S/2010/1425/FUL (Demolition of existing rear extensions & replacement with a single storey rear extension) to make various alterations to the approved plans (Retrospective)	Approval
S/2012/1312/TCA	49 High Street Harpole	Remove two conifer trees	Info only
S/2012/1296/TCA	53 High Street Harpole	T1 & T2 Lombardy Poplar - Section fell to ground level and poison stumps to prevent regrowth	Info only
S/2012/1230/MAF	Hall Farm Yard Glassthorpe Lane Harpole	Redevelopment of Hall Farm to provide 11 dwellings consisting of 8 new dwellings, change of use and alterations to 2 traditional stone buildings to form 2 no. dwellings and the retention and incorporation of north projecting gable to south of Glassthorpe Lane to 1 no. dwelling	Deferred.
S/2012/1157/FUL	Land to rear of Hall Close Harpole	Variation of condition 5 (all existing structures to be fully demolished & removed) on S/2009/0215/P (Equestrian storage shelter) for existing caravan to be retained.	Withdrawn

Hall farm application to be considered at a separate planning meeting on Nov 27th

- 8 **Flooding at Larkhall Way.** Clerk asked to ask for clarification regarding the proposed remedial work. Working party of BG, RG and JJ would look into drainage generally.
- 9 **Neighbourhood Plan – SR** report that HAT members had recently been to three Neighbourhood Plan (NP) related sessions at SNC, one on timetabling and one networking with other groups in Northamptonshire. The area that the NP will cover is out for formal consultation. HAT is considering how best to publicise developments.
- 10 **Dignity at Work. Resolved.** Policy as distributed to Councillors adopted in its entirety.
- 11 **Old School Hall.** Management of the hall is becoming increasingly problematic, with older volunteers wishing to stand down, and no younger replacements coming forward, and bookings falling. Fears that the village might lose the facility were expressed. It was felt that an assessment of ALL options was necessary and hoped that someone might come forward to help with this. Options include looking at the possibility of a new hall, installing a paid manager, investigating finance. SR to ask Simon Cordingley if he might help.
- 12 **Village newsletter – JJ** distributed a possible template for a PC newsletter. It was felt there was scope for such a publication, although it was stressed that there was no intent to upset the church, and there might be possibilities to link up and distribute in the same way.
- 13 **Insurance.** – DB and Clerk would accompany a representative from Came and co. to assess Council insurance situation.
- 14 **CORRESPONDENCE.** –

SNC Consultation – Interim Affordable Housing Policy – DB and SR to provide Clerk with a response.

Boundary Commission – re electoral Review -noted.

D Moody – various -noted.

NCALC -noted.

H Howard – re 20mph scheme -noted.

NCC – Bus stop. Burkhill/Winter. -noted.
 R Fountain -Re Church newsletter – clerk to reply.
 Old School hall – various –noted.
 SNC – Re Red Lion (A Haisman) –noted.
 -Re Insulation grants (Displayed) –noted.
 - re code of Conduct –noted.
 Re setting precepts. –noted.
 Laura Welch –noted.
 SNC –Local Plan –noted.
 - Re Rats –noted.
 Preservation. - -noted.
 SNH Homes – works –noted.
 Tree felling.-noted.
 N Gillver – HRHA re flood measures –noted.

SNC – South Northants Council NCC– Northamptonshire County Council OSHMC – Old School Hall Management Committee EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly. NALC – 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. 892	£446.30		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue	Chq. 893	£111.58		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 894	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
P Warden – Grasscutting - replacement	Chq. 895	£765.60	£127.60	LG(MP)A 1953 s4
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 896	£75.00	£12.50	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
Eon _ light maint	Chq. 897	£436.10	£72.68	Parish Councils Act 1957
F Manning – <i>Churchyard spoil heap removal, and building of retaining wall.</i>	Chq. 898	£2860.00		Local Government Act 1972, s.215
P Warden – Grasscutting	Chq.899	£158.40	£26.40	LG(MP)A 1953 s4
Merland Copy – allots stationary	Chq.900	£34.32	£5.72	

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £88,323.20. 16/10/2012

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

18. Items for next agenda. Code of Conduct.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Finance Dec 10th, Dec 17th 2012, Jan 21st 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.24.

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