

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on Dec 16th 2013
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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| Miss S Eason (in the chair) | Mr B Briscoe | Mr D Ballard | Mr J Calderwood |
| Mr E. Church | Mr J. Eason | Mr B Gibbins | Mrs R Gibbins |
| | Mr J Green | Mr B Justice | Mr D Starmer |
| Cllr J Kirkbride. NCC | | 8 members of the Public | Clerk, G Ravine |

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mrs J Jenkinson(Recovering from operation) Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr J Eliot SNC. Cllr A Addison SNC
 - 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;** JC re Churchyard, as Trustee of the Charity, Playing Fields, and Youth Club, and member of Heritage Group. DB and JC regarding the Harpole Action Team. DS regarding land on Manor farm, Allotments, OSH and PFA. JJ regarding.BG and RG re allotments.
 - 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
 - 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Bransby introduced himself as Highway Warden. He will be meeting Highways shortly for induction. The warden is the link between highways and the Parish Council.
There was no news about the relief Road.
Mr Williams thanked Council for their efforts and wished them a happy Christmas. He would deliver newsletters to houses on Norwood Hill.
Cllr JK would continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the road works that had affected the Open gardens scheme and would try to make sure this sort of thing would not happen again. It was said that £500 had been lost to the scheme as a result of this.
 - 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 17th November 2013. The minutes were accepted as a true record, with two small changes, and signed.
 - 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**
The painting on the A45000 bus shelter was applauded, however, less acceptable graffiti had been appearing inside shelters in the village.
There had been a negative response to the request to install a roundabout at Harpole turn, but a 50mph limit was being considered.
 - 7 **To Consider candidates for Co-option to the vacancy created by Cllr Roberts resignation.**
There had been 2 enquiries, but only one had filled out the form. Deadline of end of the year imposed.
 - 8 **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**
Allotments. Allotments hedges had at last been cut. RG reported that the language in the leasing agreements was now all in order. She had researched the situation regarding the sale of produce and felt that the law supported the use of the former smallholding as a commercial venture. EC felt that clarification was required as to exactly what was intended, wondered what provisions might be made for the supply and cost of water, and questioned whether the land should be tied up at a time when it was possible this land would be needed if a new village hall were required.
BG stated that the land had been used commercially in the past, and that Council owed Mr Starmer a debt of gratitude. He felt that unnecessary obstacles were being raised.
Churchyard. No report.
Finance. No report.
Footpaths. On 11th December an articulated lorry had been observed U-turn at the turnpike and creating a potentially dangerous situation.
Landowners had been asked to restore footpaths after ploughing. Larkhall Way potholes had been repaired.
Lighting. No Report.
South View. The bin had been emptied this week, and should be emptied weekly. BJ reported problems with puddles in front of the bus stop again. Mud reported still on the path between Kislingbury and Harpole turns. Inspection cover outside 20 Sandy lane damaged.
 - 9 **PLANNING**
Application for Northampton Rd development, including provision for a Village hall imminent.
The Nursery site may be sold on for commercial use, raising concerns about traffic. It is not a brownfield site, but an agricultural site. Mr Howard has said he will sell it as a factory site. It is thought that Mr Lines still owns the site, and that he would be responsible for clearing the rubbish that has been illegally tipped there over the years.
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| S/2013/1574/FUL | Red Lion Cafe Weedon Road Harpole | Erection of canopy to front, render blockwork infill, single storey extension to side to relocate security kiosk. Replace existing sheds with smoking shelter to rear. Retained wall and steps to rear. | |
| S/2013/1573/FUL | 5 High Street Harpole | First floor side extension | |
- To be considered at next Planning meeting.
- 10 **Flagpole Green** – The lock has been removed, and Doug Wright is looking into replacing it. He has also put up an Union Flag. Flag costs to be considered in precept meeting.
 - 11 **War memorial** No report.
 - 12 **Neighbourhood Plan** – progress still dependent on Joint Core Strategy (JCS). DB had attended a meeting on the JCS and reported that the proposed amendments had been passed and would go to consultation. However they had only been passed on the Chair's casting vote, and that both NCC and NBC felt that it was an inadequate proposal The industrial site at J16 was now back on the agenda. DB felt that Harpole was a convenient dumping ground for both Daventry and SNC to put their new development

as close to Northampton as possible. NCC apparently feels this development should be taking place round Moulton. It was felt that a substantial response was needed, and a working party was formed to consider this. DB, SE, JC and BJ volunteered. JG left the meeting at 20.52.

- 13 **New Village hall** – Results of interaction still being considered. SR’s report to be distributed.
 14 **New Homes bonus** – Parish clock bid still in progress. PFA are considering a bid, as are the OSH management Committee.
 15 **To consider a response to the Planning Inspectorate.** – referred to in Item 12.
 16 **New Model Standing Orders – Resolved.** Standing Orders adopted, and signed by Chair and Clerk.
 17 **Open Gardens/ Road Surfacing.** – Cllr JK would continue to enquire as to what had happened. It was disputed that signs had actually been put up, and NCC had accepted that the PC had not been informed.
 18 **CORRESPONDENCE.** –

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| A Kent – re casual vacancy -noted Harpole Assoc for the welfare of the elderly – report. noted H Howard – various - noted R Mabbutt - Re Village hall - noted | Highways – re mowing grants - noted NCC Adult learning- noted R Miller AMS survey - noted S Roberts - Re Village hall – noted C Wilkinson – re casual vacancy - noted |
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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

22. Accounts for payment.

| Name | Chq no. | Amount | Incl VAT | Power used | Remaining Budget |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|--|------------------|
| G. Ravine – salary | Chq. 1016 | £491.28 | | <i>LGA 1972 s 112</i> | 3543/8800 |
| Inland revenue £133.52 Nis 3.68 | Chq. 1017 | £122.82 | | <i>LGA 1972 s 112</i> | 3543/8800 |
| R Howey – Bus shelters, benches. | Chq. 1018 | £62.00 | | <i>Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005</i> | 740/2100 |
| AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing. | Chq. 1019 | £60.00 | £10.00 | <i>Highways Act 1980 S96</i> | 256/2500 |
| Hampton Print – Newsletter | Chq. 1020 | £63.00 | | <i>Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005</i> | 740/2100 |
| Nickolls landscaping – Flagpole maint | Chq. 1021 | £85.00 | | <i>Local Gov’t Act 1972 S111</i> | 189/2000 |
| Harpole Rangers - grant | Chq. 1022 | £100.00 | | <i>LGA 1972 s 137</i> | 47/200 |
| L. Gibbins – hedge cutting | Chq. 1022 | £60.00 | | | |
| Income. Bowls Club Water £262.16. | | | | | |

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £91,725.39. 16/11/2013

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

23. **Items for next agenda.** Allotment lands.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Finance Meeting Jan 13th 2014. Ordinary Meeting Jan 20th .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.54.

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