

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Mrs S Roberts (Holiday) Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr Addison SNC.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;** JC re Churchyard, as Trustee of the Charity and Youth Club, and member of Heritage Group. DB, SR and JC regarding the Harpole Action Team. DS regarding allotments, OSH and PFA.
- 3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
- 4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** A resident in Sandy Lane has complained of the difficulty of getting her vehicle off the drive at peak hours. Cllr JK reported that she is striving to progress the completion of the Sandy Lane relief road, and that efforts were being made to improve visibility at the Larkhall Lane junction. Concerns were raised about the accuracy of the minutes, and public posting of the minutes, as the account of the meeting in the Newsletter different in the amount of detail in the official minutes. It was explained that Parish Council minutes are intended primarily to be a record of Council decisions, and not a verbatim account of everything that had been said. It was normal that a newsletter account would include more material.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The minutes were accepted as a true record, with one small change, and signed.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** Garners Way potholes were reported to be worse. Mr Drinkwater's bungalow had still not been refurbished and let, and while bags of rubbish had been removed, another bag had appeared. Clerk to express Council's dissatisfaction to SNH.
- 7. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

**Allotments.** RG expressed disappointment that Council had not backed the Allotment committee regarding Mr Priest's allotment. Nothing had been done, and Raybell had quoted £160 to supply an appropriate skip, and £145 a day to remove rubbish. It was established that Council could legally give notice.

**Resolved.** Mr Priest to be given notice to quit, and informed that if the plot was not cleared, then he would be liable for the cost of clearing the plot.

Further clearance work had been carried out and a hosepipe replaced at a cost of £24.99. The free plots had been advertised, but no firm applications received as yet. RG reported access problems had occurred and felt an appropriate sign was required.

A Lottery grant application would be made for an intergenerational oral history project, and laney Holland sought partnership involvement with Council. Various related plans were outlined. Councillors felt that a number of the proposed actions were already being carried out by village organisations and individuals.

**Churchyard.** Mr Manning has completed installation of the new path. Mr Bruce will commence work on the walls in August.

Clerk reported that forms for a grant application for the Parish Clock would be passed on as soon as they were available.

**Resolved.** Harpole Heritage permitted to put "Wellington Bomber" plaque on war memorial.

**Finance.** Clerk has forwarded Annual Return to BDO and has answered questions regarding the accounts to their satisfaction. Clerk to liaise with Mr Cordingley to arrange a meeting with the Finance Committee.

**Footpaths.** SNH had been contacted regarding overgrown paths behind 36 and 38 Glassthorpe Lane. SE distributed a report of the Village Walk and an action plan. It was reported that clearance work on the Jitties had taken place, and around the Pony field.

Clerk to ask SNH about their terms of letting for garages. It was reported that kissing gates had been installed on the Brington footpath.

Large category 1 potholes reported near the farm on Glassthorpe lane. 97m from the 30 mph road sign.

**Lighting.** Lights 60 (High St), 98 (Sandy Lane) reported.

**South View.** BJ reported that flooding around the bus stop was still a problem. Clerk to ask SNC for a larger litter bin at the bus stop. It was reported that a resident went to considerable trouble to remove and recycle cans and bottles.

**8. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Naming of road in Hall Farm development. – JC gave a number of suggestions, and would liaise with SE to bring ideas to the next meeting. A naming competition was suggested.

S/2013/0691/FUL	24 Manor Close	Removal of garage, new single storey side/rear extension	No Objections
S/2013/0649/LDP	4 Sandy Lane (Harpole Parish)	Conversion of attic space into living space to include flat roof dormer, 2 roof lights, replace hip end roof with gable	Deferred
S/2013/0578/FUL	96 Larkhall Ln	Two storey extension to rear of property	Approved

**Resolved.** Comments to be passed to SNC.

- 9 Neighbourhood Plan** – DB reported that SNC had warned that the Joint Core Strategy had been delayed.
- 10 New Village hall** – A Questionnaire would be sent out this month. JC felt that a letter from Andy D’Arcy regarding the proposed developments, should have been included in the June agenda and discussed as he felt that it was very important. By implication it questioned the necessity of using greenfield sites for development that was not needed. He referred to the sale of the charity lands, and felt that Harpole’s heritage needed protecting. Clerk to distribute copies of letter. DB felt no response was required.
- 11 Smallholding** – No report.
- 12 New Homes bonus** – deferred, to receive updated reports next month.
- 13 Committees** – to re-state and confirm membership.

**Advisory Groups**

<b>Allotments</b>	<i>J Eason J Green R Gibbins D Ballard S Eason</i>
<b>Churchyard</b>	<i>J Calderwood J Green B Gibbins</i>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<i>J Calderwood E Church D Starmer R Gibbins B Gibbins S Eason</i>
<b>Footpaths</b>	<i>B Gibbins</i>
<b>Lighting</b>	<i>D Starmer D Ballard</i>
<b>Planning Committee</b>	<i>S Eason (Chair) J Calderwood E Church J Jenkinson S Roberts J Eason</i>

\* **Resolved** that these appointments be made.

**6. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

<b>Old School Hall Management Committee</b>	S Eason E Church R Gibbins B Gibbins J Jenkinson
<b>Youth Club</b>	(JCalderwood is a trustees) D Ballard, E Church
<b>Old Peoples Welfare</b>	R Gibbins B Justice
<b>Playing Fields</b>	J Green D Starmer B Briscoe (J Calderwood is a trustees)
<b>School Governors</b>	S Eason
<b>Free School Charity</b>	C Briscoe.( J Calderwood is a trustees)
<b>Harpole Charity</b>	J Calderwood P.Bateman, Mr R Starmer M Burt (Clerk)
<b>Road Safety Officer</b>	J Eason
<b>Field Footpath Warden</b>	B Gibbins
<b>Bus Services Liaison</b>	Mrs J Tilley
<b>Tree Warden</b>	B Gibbins
<b>Scarecrow Committee</b>	S Eason J Jenkinson D Ballard
<b>New Village Hall Steering Committee</b>	<i>E Church D Ballard J Jenkinson S Roberts</i>
<b>Harpole Action Team</b>	<i>D Ballard J Calderwood S Roberts</i>
<b>Mid Northants Parishes</b>	<i>D Ballard</i>

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- 14 Playing Field Accounts** – Clerk to ask for completed accounts to be distributed prior to Finance Committee meeting.
- 15 Correspondence**

Eon – re lights - *noted*.  
 Highways – re salt bags - *noted*.  
 IMI – re War Memorial Cleaning. - *noted*.  
 L Holland re Lottery. - *noted*.  
 P Judd – re grants - *noted*.  
 NCALC Training Courses. - *noted*. **Resolved.** Clerk to attend Planning Course on Weds 17<sup>th</sup>, and to claim appropriate overtime and mileage.  
 SNC Adult learning - *noted*.

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.**

	Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 958	£469.89		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue	Chq. 959	£117.47		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 960	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
4	P Warden – grass cutting	Chq. 961	£765.60	£127.60	Highways Act 1980 S96
5	AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 962	£60.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
6	Hampton Print - Newsletter	Chq. 963	tbc		Local Gov’t Act 1972 S111
7	NCALC – Training course S Eason.	Chq. 964	£35.00		S.111 (misc powers) LGA 1972
8	Eon - Lighting maint	Chq. 965	£436.10	72.68	Parish Councils Act 1957

9	Eon - Streetlighting	Chq. 966	£1257.95	£209.66	Parish Councils Act 1957
10	SNC – for OSH Outline Planning permission	Chq. 967	£192.50		Local Gov't Act 1972 S111
11	J Nickolls – Flagpole maint.	Chq. 968	£85.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
12	F Manning path installation	Chq. 969	£550.00		Open Spaces Act 1906, S 9 /10; Local Govnt Act 72, s. 214
13	Petty Cash	Chq. 970	£250.00		LGA 1972 s 112

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £91,042.20. 16/5/2013

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

**17. Items for next agenda.** Awards, NHB, Street names.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.** July 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.29.*

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