

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on 21st October 2013
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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	Mrs J Jenkinson	Mr B Justice	Mr D Starmer
		6 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs A Addison and J Eliot SNC. Cllr J Kirkbride. NCC.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;** JC re Churchyard, as Trustee of the Charity 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 Northampton Rd proposal. BG and RG re allotments.
3. **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Concerns were raised that Glassthorpe Lane has a 60mph speed limit, when it is not suitable for this and vehicles travelling at this speed endanger dog walkers. Clerk to contact Highways. Development of the Nursery site was asked about. Full plans were not available yet but would be considered at a planning meeting on 4th November at the Old School Hall at 7.45pm. Concerns were also raised about the Northampton Rd development.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 16th September 2013. The minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 7 **To Consider candidates for Co-option to the vacancy created by Cllr Roberts resignation.** No candidates had come forward.
8. **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

Allotments. RG reported on a meeting on Oct 7th. 30 plottolders attended and heard the latest news about the discussions about the possible new village hall. Mr Priest's plot was mostly clear. Letters to be sent to 2 plottolders. Smallholding to be let in line with Allotments. RG pointed out that Council is responsible for ditches and hedges. The Bowls Club had been clearing the ditch, but this was now overgrown. There was no reference to responsibility in the lease. The Village Hall working party has approached the Bowls Club about parking, but has had no reply. New water taps were required and a standpipe damaged.

Resolved. Repairs to be carried out.

RG suggested that 3 plottolders be asked to join the committee. There is also a move towards an Allotments Association. DB raised concerns about the sale of produce from the allotments, as this is not legal. Debate about whether the "Smallholding" should be treated as an allotment or given an agricultural agreement. There was no paperwork extant concerning previous lettings.

DB stressed that care needed to be taken over letting land in case a new Village Hall needed the reclaim of land.

Churchyard. JC reported that the churchyard was being well looked after and asked that its care be separated from the grasscutting as a whole.

Finance. The Precept meeting was deferred. Clerk had attended a Finance Course and found that a Council could only reclaim £7500 VAT p/a, which would be relevant if a new Hall be built.

Footpaths. Concerns were raised about the leaving of dustbins on narrow pavement opposite the Antique Shop. Should be highlighted in the newsletter. Clerk asked to establish whether it is illegal to put dustbins out overnight.

Resolved. Maltings bench to be restored at a cost of £160.

Overhanging brambles at 32 Glassthorpe Lane were obstructing the pavement. Road Hill was not on the gritting rota. The field at Park lane was being used as a dog toilet. To be highlighted in the Newsletter, and monitored. CCTV was not felt to be an appropriate response.

Cycle path on A4500 still felt to be overgrown.

Lighting. Light no 35 repaired.

South View. The "redundant" drainage ditch and overgrown path had been reported to Streetdoctor, but the person sent to investigate had been unable to locate the ditch. BJ reported that a post had been put into the pedestrian crossing but drivers were no accessing the a4500 further down. Problems with puddles in front of the bus stop and noise due to missing tarmac were reported. Complaints about car repairs were reported, but not confirmed.
- 9 **PLANNING.** To consider proposal to build 50 houses and Village Hall on Northampton Road incl. 20 Affordable Houses. DS had declared an interest and left the room. SE reported that the proposal only allotted land for a village hall, not the building itself. Council felt it should be very cautious about the proposed development.

S/2013/1054/NMA	96 Larkhall Lane	Non Material Amendment to S/2013/0578/FUL	Approval
S/2013/0986/FUL	9 The Motts Harpole	Single storey extension to side/rear	Approval
S/2013/0886/FUL	Red Lion Cafe	Single storey side ext. for security kiosk and install staircase, 1 st and 2 nd floor side ext. and install stairs to create caretakers flat to east elevation	Approval
- 10 **Flagpole Green** – deferred.
- 11 **War memorial** –The clerk had obtained three quotes, each using different cleaning methods. IMI – steam clean and microcrystalline wax £2100 plus VAT. M Beesley £1795 plus VAT. AR £945 plus vat. Eco – cleaning. Opinions as to effectiveness and safety of cleaning were expressed. Clerk to take further advice.
- 12 **Neighbourhood Plan** – No further report on progress due to SNC failure to establish Joint Core Strategy (JCS). DB expressed fears that Council and the village generally were not showing sufficient concerns regarding the situation regarding the JCS. He felt that a delegation should be going to SNC and asking for clarification regarding those issues which had apparently been removed from the JCS, but which were now finding their way back into it, apparently without discussion. With no JCS in place developers are apparently trying to get applications in quickly to avoid possible future restrictions. A working party to be formed to approach SNC with these concerns.
- 13 **New Village hall** – Questionnaires had gone out. 60 replies had come back with a majority in favour of a Village Hall. A public

meeting would be held on 30th November

- 14 **New Homes bonus** – No reports. Clerk had alerted PFA to situation. DB suggested the War Memorial cleaning was a candidate.
- 15 **U Turns at Turnpike Junction** – No further reports. It was felt that a roundabout would solve the issues.
- 16 **Illuminated road signs** – Balfour Beattie denied responsibility, as did Streetdoctor. Complaints continued about the brightness.
- 17 **Finance Course** – Clerk reported that this was an useful course and that he felt he was up to date with new regulations and requirements, but was disappointed that expected new developments had not yet been introduced. .
- 18 **Newsletter** – There were sometimes difficulties with collecting the copies. DB volunteered to collect if available. SE outlined the increased costs, but felt them worthwhile as newsletter is now widely read. .
- 19 **NCALC AGM** – Clerk reported that the new Highways warden scheme was introduced and a lot of Highways information was given.- changes that would come in (due to funding cuts), might include the downgrading of certain minor roads..
- 20 **To appoint a Highway warden.** Highways would like the warden to be their “eyes and ears” SE would volunteer if nobody else stepped forward.
- 21 **Tree Pack – Woodland Trust** – Clerk reported that he could allocate around 50 trees from Nether Heyford’s pack, which would be Oaks, Birch, Cherry and Rowan.
- 22 **New Model Standing Orders** – have been circulated. Clerk suggested 2 Councillors examine his revised version for adoption at the next meeting. SE and JJ would consider. Decisions would have to be made about the figure at which tenders should be sought.

S Bennet re Hall farm - noted Don Foster MP – Our Place.- noted S. Jobbins re N’hood Plan - noted	NCALC Update- noted Police - Speed Prog 2013 - noted SLCC Conf - Hinckley - noted SNC- re planning responses. - 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

19. Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 992	£534.07		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue £133.52 Nis 3.68	Chq. 993	£137.20		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 994	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
P Warden – grass cutting	Chq. 995	£765.60	£127.60	Highways Act 1980 S96
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 996	£75.00	£12.50	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
Hampton Print – Newsletter	Chq. 997	£63.00		Local Gov’t Act 1972 S111
NCALC – Finance Course	Chq. 998	£29.50		LGA 1972 s 112
Old School Hall – 1/2 year grant	Chq. 999	£1750.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
Playing Field – ½ year grant.	Chq. 1000	£1500.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
J Nickolls – Tree work	Chq. 1001	£620.00		Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
Eon - Lighting maint	Chq. 1002	£436.10	72.68	Parish Councils Act 1957
EON Streetlights Electric	Chq. 1003	£1,271.77	211.96	Parish Councils Act 1957
Raybell – skip hire.	Chq. 1004	£135.00		Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
EON Streetlights Maint	Chq. 1005	£37.52	6.25	Parish Councils Act 1957

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £96,091.54. 16/10/2013

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

20. Items for next agenda. Flagpole Green, War Memorial, Response to the Planning Inspectorate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Nov 17th 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.31.

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