

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on 16th September 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 J. Eason	Mr B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins	Mrs J Jenkinson
Mr B Justice	Mr D Starmer	6 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** E. Church (Working). Mr J Green (Holiday). Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr A Addison. 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.** Mr Wilbraham introduced a plan to build 50 houses on land between the Turnpike and the village, to include 20 affordable houses and a Village hall to be passed into parish Council ownership. DB explained that this fell outside the Neighbourhood Plan, and as the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) was not yet adopted, it was not yet known whether Harpole village would be required to accept further development. BG stressed the importance of proper drainage measures, in the light of recent experience of flooding around the village, and DB felt the existing culvert under the A4500 was inadequate. Assurances were given that a full survey was in progress. DB felt that the Council should be represented at the next JCS meetings on 17 -19th Dec.
Mr Paske made the point that planning is in chaos at present, but that he welcomed the opportunity to engage with the parish Council on this proposal, and that they may be putting in an application before the JCS is in place.
Jim Williams asked that Cllr JK be thanked for getting visibility improved at the Sandy Lane/Larkhall Lane junction. He also asked about the possibility of housing on the Nursery site. SE replied that she was aware of speculation, but that no application had yet been received. She would alert householders when there was one.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 19th August 2013. With one small change the minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** Clerk again to express Council's dissatisfaction to SNH regarding Mr Drinkwater's, to ask that the sign in the window be removed, and that Council was not satisfied with the state of the service boxes sticking out at the front of the property.
The Illuminated sign has not yet been sorted out.
7. **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**
Allotments. RG reported on a meeting on Sept 5th. Mr Priest had not cleared his plot, and as his extended notice would expire on Sept 18th and it was not expected that the plot be cleared it was **Resolved** that Raybell be asked to clear the plot and Mr Priest be charged for the clearance work.
RG suggested that the next Allotment meeting should be held at the OSH and plot holders encouraged to ask questions about the "Allotment Association" and proposed new Village Hall. Members of Village Hall working party to be present.
Hedge to be cut in October, ditch still needs clearing, this being an obligation. John Gibbins and have asked to rent the former smallholding. **Resolved** Council agreed to let the land.
An annual tenancy agreement to be prepared.
The Clerk was instructed not to reply to any unsigned communications regarding the Allotments Association. JC reported that all the deeds are either in the Record Office or with the Law Society.
Churchyard. Mr Bruce has completed work on the wall around the East gate. Clerk to thank the subcontractor who actually carried out the work. Foliage on the right hand side of this gate was felt to be overhanging.
Finance. The Precept meeting was arranged for Mon Oct 28th at 7pm.
Footpaths. SE reported that Jez Nickolls had done an excellent job pruning the trees on the Flagpole green and on a damaged tree in garners Way, and felt a letter of thanks should be sent. BG reported that all the field footpaths were passable. He commented on the excellence of the bench to commemorate Roly Mills. Clerk to write expressing appreciation of Council. Several signs were reported as being badly worn and or faded. High St/Northampton Rd, Larkhall Lane opposite Church Farm, Larkhall Lane/Sandy Lane.
Bench at the Maltings needs to be repaired, Richard Howey to be asked to look at it.
Cycle path on A4500 felt to be overgrown.
Lighting. Light no 35 reported out.
South View. The further request for a new bin had been acknowledged, but not replied to. Cllr JK had suggested clerk put comments re the "redundant" drainage ditch and overgrown path on Streetdoctor.

8. PLANNING

S/2013/0986/FUL	9 The Motts	Single storey extension to side/rear	No Objection
S/2013/1054/NMA	96 Larkhall Lane	Non Material Amendment S/2013/0578/FUL - (2 storey rear extension), substitute white UPVC s cladding rear dormer, render to front dormer window	Information only.

Resolved. Comments to be passed to SNC.

Several Councillors had visited the Red lion and were shown around by Ali Sadruddhin. They were assured that sewage was being properly treated, and that every effort was being made to keep on top of litter. SNC were supposed to do regular litter picks, but apparently did not do them very often. The visit was felt to be a useful exercise.

- 9 **Scarecrow Festival** – JJ reported that the Event had gone well apart from the weather which had affected attendance of both visitors and stall holders. .One negative comment had been received, most were positive. It was acknowledged that there

were fewer scarecrows this year. Money raised had fallen, but in excess of £10,000 was expected, which was still a substantial amount as regards village fundraising.

- 10 War memorial** – Clerk to seek further quotes, and contact British Legion. No decision made as to best timing, and heritage group to be asked to engage.
- 11 Neighbourhood Plan** –Progress stalled because of the failure to adopt JCS. A response to forthcoming SNC consultations will be required.
- 12 New Village hall** – A meeting on Sept 23rd will be held to discuss responses to the ideas put forward. BG felt that a lot of upset had been caused. DB stressed that no official proposal had been made.
- 13 New Homes bonus** – Clerk reported that the severe time limitations had been lifted. At present the only Council proposal was regarding the Parish Clock. If Council had no further ideas, then village organisations should be encouraged to apply, with Council's support.
- 14 U Turns at Turnpike Junction** – Clerk had spoken to Matthew Clarke at Highways, who felt that to put up signs might be to cause more problems in that cars would enter Northampton Rd and U-turn, and suggested best course of action might be to ask for speed limit to be lowered. This was felt to be unenforceable, and a roundabout was suggested.
- 15 Illuminated road signs** – Clerk had spoken to Matthew Clarke at Highways, The sign was supposed to show 20MPH during school hours, and 30 MPH at other times. It does not – it just shows people walking.
- 16 Clerk's forum** – SNC Nov 8th. **Resolved.** Clerk to attend forum and claim appropriate overtime.
- 17 Accounts** –BDO reported that no matters had come to their attention.
Resolved. To accept the External Auditors report.
- 18 CORRESPONDENCE.** –

Allots Assoc – Info request noted. Clerk was instructed not to reply to any unsigned communications. BDO External Audit - noted Clerks and Councils direct CPRE – Planning Conf Nov 6 th M Oliver – re tractors/trailers speed – noted Heygates have spoken to drivers.	NCC re Minerals and Waste Review - noted/distributed. SNC – Planning. - noted/distributed. - CIL timings - noted/distributed. SNH – re Bungalow.- Noted Police – notice of Oct 18 th meeting – DB will attend. Trasport Strategy consultation - 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. 982	£557.16		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue £141.12 Nis 7.31	Chq. 983	£148.43		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, benches.	Chq. 984	£20.00		Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
P Warden – grass cutting	Chq. 985	£765.60	£127.60	Highways Act 1980 S96
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 986	£60.00	£10.00	Clean Neighborhoods and Environ/ Act 2005
Hampton Print – Newsletter	Chq. 987	£63.00		Local Gov't Act 1972 S111
NCALC – Planning Course	Chq. 988	£40.00		LGA 1972 s 112
Broker network Ltd – insurance renewal	Chq. 989	708.21		LGA 1972 s111 &140
BDO – External Audit Fee	Chq. 990	360.00	60.00	Acct and Audit regs 2003
R Bruce – churchyard walls repair.	Chq. 991	£3178.80	£529.80	Local Government Act 1972, s.215

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £84,680.57. 16/8/2013

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

20. Items for next agenda. Wilbraham/Northampton Rd Scheme. War Memorial, Illuminated and Turnpike Signs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Oct 21st 2013. Finance Oct 28th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.31.

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