

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on Aug 18th 2014 at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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| Mr J Jenkinson (in the chair) | Mr B Briscoe | Mr D Ballard | Mr B Gibbins | Mrs R Gibbins |
| Mr J Green | Mr B Justice | Mr D Starmer | Mr C Wilkinson | |
| | | Cllr J Kirkbride. NCC | 8 members of the Public | Clerk, G Ravine |

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Miss S Eason. Mrs M Jones (Holidays) E Church. (work). Mr J Calderwood (family illness). Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr A Addison SNC.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** DB Harpole Action Team. DS regarding land on Manor farm and PFA. RG re allotments and payments. JJ, DB re allotments.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Williams felt the hedge between the school and allotments needed attention. Mrs Roberts gave a report from the Village hall working party. " PC supported Recommendation that feasibility of new village hall being built on some of the allotments behind the Youth Club building be progressed Recommendation that options for new management arrangements be considered The project group had met several of the main users or key potential users to discuss the the project and get their initial input and views, including Pre School and the Primary School. All were supportive at that point The Pre school subsequently wrote to the PC to say they were not prepared to move if the new village hall is built. As a result it was agreed to review financial viability of project. To do this I Met with Jane Green(OSHC treasurer) to look at accounts – it is clear that the current funding model could not be maintained at a new hall without the pre-school, who account for approx 80%-90% of income. Met with Nicola Farmer and Sharon Matthews from pre school – who explained that their current position had not changed, but that they would be willing to be involved in the project if it went to the next stage, and would be prepared to ask the pre school committee to change their position if they felt it was in the best interests of pre school Met with a member of the Harpole Charities Trust – who explained that there is a strong possibility that funding would available to support the project if the Northampton West SUE get approval as part of the WNJCS. Note - Grants from Harpole Charity should be mainly, but not exclusively, for the benefit of young people in the village and their education – so even if the VillageHall does not progress there is a strong chance that there would be a request to use the proposed PC land for a school building project. **Recommendation** It is therefore recommended that the Village Hall project is put on hold until the outcome from the WNJCS inspection is known. This is expected to be late Sept/ early Oct. If the Northampton West SUE is going ahead it is strongly recommended that the project feasibility phase is continued. It is also recommended that the project team includes reps from the PC, OSH committee, Pre school, the primary school, the allotments, the bowls club and other key stakeholders." BG concerned that there was reference to Council supporting building on the allotments. (It was established that there was reference to this in the April 2013 minutes) and felt that there was no support for or demand for a new hall. SR felt that the additional facilities that a new hall could offer would mean new uses and users would be found.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 21st July 2014. **Resolved.** The minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** None.
- 7 **GRASSCUTTING.** There had been no further contact with Allseasons, despite the threat of legal action to force the payment of the full contract. Mr Warden would cut the grass for the remainder of the season.
- 8 **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

Allotments. RG reported hay cut, and thanked Patrick Green. A water leak needed fixing. Discussions about the formation of an allotment association were ongoing.

Churchyard. Grasscutting was felt to be very good, and the contractor now in control of the situation.

Finance. Clerk reported that there were a number of questions that BDO required answers for before completing the audit.

Footpaths. Jitty opposite OSH had been reported overgrown. Now cut back. BG reported field footpaths in good order. Sign at bottom of Sandy Lane obscured and broken. Clerk to report. Water leak continuing on High St, it was felt the water, from a spring, needed piping into a drain further down the road. Litter bin not being emptied at junction of Manor Close and Carrs Way. BT manhole cover on Glassthorpe Lane damaged. BT had inspected and would repair ASAP. Cycleway on a4500 not being maintained. Hedge at bottom of Chester Ave overgrown. Buddleia in Carrs Way

overgrown.

Clerk to obtain report and quote for reshaping on tree at entry to Glassthorpe Lane.

CW reported that compensation had been paid re dispute arising with NCC during Open Gardens 2013.

Lighting. Several lights had been repaired, light in Hall Close reported out of order.

South View. BJ reported bin not being cleared as promised. Bus Stop on Sandy Lane difficult to see and obscured. Road sign on A4500 broken. Path to Kislingbury overgrown. Clerk to report.

9 Planning.

Appeal by Bowbridge Land Ltd Site at Land West Of Northampton Road, Harpole, NN7 4DD now Oct 28th.

Howden's development at J 15. CW wondered if Council should support this as an alternative to possible development at J16. It wasn't felt appropriate for Council to comment.

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| S/2014/0731/FUL | 42 Manor Close Harpole | 1st floor dormer ext front elevation, first floor rear extension | Approved |
| S/2014/1147/TLN | Hall Farm Glassthorpe Lane Harpole | Notification of installation of electronic communications for removal of RBS2016 cabinet, replace with FCOA cabinet, install 1 600 mm transmission dish | information |
| S/2014/0731/FUL | 42 Manor Close Harpole | 1 st floor dormer extension to front elevation, & 1 st floor rear extension | Approved |

Resolved. Council endorsed the decisions of the Planning Committee

10 War Memorial –Moira Morriss would begin work on the memorial in mid-September.

11 Neighbourhood Plan – No new report on progress.

12 New Village Hall – BB felt that the village both needed and deserved new Village hall facilities, and felt that the village was losing out to other villages in terms of income from events and weddings. DS and DB both supported this. BG felt that there was no need for and no demand for such facilities. DB quoted statistics from the surveys which he felt showed a clear majority in favour. BG refused to accept the figures. DB felt that as the Harpole Charities were likely to receive money if development took place, then there was a great opportunity for enhanced facilities

13 Heavy vehicles on Glassthorpe Lane –Marion Oliver had reported heavy vehicles belonging to Heygates causing unnecessary danger and potential damage to kerbs and cars in Glassthorpe Lane. Clerk to contact Heygates. It was felt that Tom Fromant had been at pains to keep vehicles out of the village.

14 New Homes bonus – DS reported that Wicksteads would install the new slide, but that funds needed to be got from SNC before work could commence.

15 Staff Assessment – report and recommendation. Deferred in the absence of SE.

16 Dog Bin in Northampton Road. No progress.

17 Email accounts for Parish Councillors. Clerk reported that there pressure for him to establish a .gov.uk e-mail address for both Council and himself. It was up to Councillors as to whether they establish an e-mail address purely for Council business, but was recommended as any investigation might lead to examination of personal e-mail accounts.

18 Allotment Committee terms of reference.- Deferred until deliberations about an Allotment Association were complete.

19 Financial Regulations.- JJ recommended re-adoption but deferred in the absence of MJ.

20 Planning Committee terms of reference.- JJ recommended amendments, but decided to defer in the absence of SE.

21 Correspondence

A D'Arcy – re appeal on land to w of Npton Rd - noted
CPRE membership docs.- noted
HMRC – Agent Authorisation code. - noted
Mobile Library times- noted
Glasdon Catalogue - noted
Highways re motorway etc - noted
M Oliver – re Heygates vehicles - noted
NCC - various - noted

SNC – South Northants Council NCC– Northamptonshire County Council OSHMC – Old School Hall Management Committee . 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 |
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| G. Ravine – salary. | Chq. 1093 | £536.45 | | LGA 1972 s 112 |
| Inland revenue Tax 134.40 NI 0.96, Emp Nis 1.10 | Chq. 1094 | £136.46 | | LGA 1972 s 112 |
| R Howey – Bus shelters, bench & N board repairs, varnishing, | Chq. 1095 | £480.00 | | Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005 |
| AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing. | Chq. 1096 | £60.00 | £10.00 | Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005 |
| Hampton Print – Newsletter | Chq. 1097 | £63.00 | | Local Gv't Act 1972 S111 |
| P Warden - Grasscutting | Chq. 1098 | £448.80 | £74.80 | Highways Act 1980 S96 |
| D Gamble – churchyard grass. ? x invoices | Chq. 1099 | £612.00 | £102.00 | LGA1972, s. 214(6) |
| R Gibbins – for wood for Allotments. | Chq. 1100 | £86.95 | | Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, |
| Autela – for tax submissions for 13/14 | Chq. 0601 | £108.00 | | LGA 1972 s 112 |
| NCALC Training course | Chq. 0602 | £39.00 | | LGA 1972 S.111 (misc powers) |
| J Nickolls – Flagpole Maintenance | Chq. 0603 | £85.00 | | Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005 |

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| Autela – for tax April/May/June | Chq. 0604 | £27.00 | | <i>LGA 1972 s 112</i> |
| Autela – for tax submissions for 13/14 | Chq. 0605 | £27.00 | | <i>LGA 1972 s 112</i> |
| Petty Cash – replaces 970 and 1014 –out of date. | Chq. 0606 | £500.00 | | <i>LGA 1972 s 112</i> |

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £94,546.73 16/7/2014

23. Items for next agenda. *Scarecrow Event. Red Lion Layby – people living there.*

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Sept 15th 2014
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.57.

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