

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on July 21st 2014
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 B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins	Mr J Green	Mrs M Jones	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.** Mrs J Jenkinson (Bereavement) Mr E. Church. Apologies accepted by Council. 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 and PFA. RG re allotments. DB re allotments. SE as Trustee of the Charity.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Williams repeated his objections to the Nursery site proposal, regarding access and sewage. A representative of Barry Howard homes spoke about the nursery site on Larkhall Lane. The site had apparently been offered for sale for commercial purposes, but was unsold. Mr Howard was seeking support for a residential development, and had warned that Commercial/Agricultural use might well involve more, and heavier, traffic than a residential development. Councillors expressed opposition to any residential scheme on grounds of poor access, waste disposal difficulties, and because it was outside the village envelope. DS stated that the village did not need more large houses, but needed more affordable housing.
Highway Warden unwell.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 16th June 2014. With one small change the minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed. The minutes of the EGM of July 11th 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** Mosaic seat felt to be in poor and dangerous condition, and should be removed.
- 7 **GRASSCUTTING. Resolved.** Harpole Parish Council consider that Allseasons failure to attend mediation meetings, or offer alternatives; constitute a termination of the contract.
This was unanimously agreed.
It was felt that work after the first cut, had been unsatisfactory, that the grass was uncut for nearly a month, and that comments about a Councillor on e-mail were unacceptable.
It was also felt that Council must learn from this and ensure that a watertight contract is in place in future. MJ suggested a probationary period.
Resolved. Returned cheque and last cut to be paid, but not other invoices for cuts not made or the residue of the contract.
Resolved. Clerk to ask Mr Warden to continue for the remainder of this year.
Contract to be put out to tender again this autumn. Map to be checked and reproduced for councillors who wish to have a copy.
- 8 **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**
Allotments. RG reported that there had been a meeting on July 7th. Hay cut had been arranged. School hedge was a cause for concern. Friends of Harpole School (FOSH) had requested permission to take a plot and erect a larger than standard shed to house the Rose Cart. FOSH would accept liability and think their insurance would cover them.
Resolved. FOSH to be allocated a plot and allowed to build storage shed.
DB reported masses of thistles seeding at present. RG has in hand.
Churchyard. Grass now felt to be under control. JC reported that Parish Clock had been stopped, and would be restarted when new mechanism installed.
Finance. RESOLVED. Clerk to use Autela agency for tax submissions
Footpaths. Field footpaths in reasonable condition despite heavy growth. Drains outside Carrs House still causing problems. Jitty between School Lane and High St is overgrown. Clerk to report. The turn from High St into Carr's Way has not been improved. Clerk to contact Helen Howard.
Large potholes reported on Upper High St from 59 upwards.
Jitty from High St to pony field covered in Moss. To be reported. BG reported more dangerous U – turns at Harpole Turn.
Lighting. No 8 in Garners way is reported still not working. No 42 on Glassthorpe Lane out.
South View. Bin still overflowing and not being emptied more often. Drainage at Bus stop still a problem, overflows every time rain occurs. Clerk to enquire whether there is a culvert under the A4500 which needs clearing. On South side of A45000 vegetation overhangs the path. Drain outside nos 11 and 15 overflows badly

after rain.

9 Planning. The chair intended to attend the public enquiry

S/2014/0731/FUL	42 Manor Close Harpole	1st floor dormer ext front elevation, first floor rear extension	No objections.
S/2014/0662/FUL	8 High Street Harpole	First floor rear extension	Approved
S/2014/0444/FUL	5 School Lane Harpole	Single storey rear/side extension	Approved
S/2014/0397/TPO	Meadows 78 Larkhall Lane	TPO tree Blue Cedar crown thin/clean, crown reduce lateral growth	Approved
S/2014/0392/FUL	Land at 44 Upper High St.	Two storey dwelling	Approved

Resolved. Council endorsed the decisions of the Planning Committee

10 War Memorial – Council considered three quotes for work on the War memorial.

Resolved. Council chose quote from Moira Morriss to clean war memorial at a cost of £1650, with letters restored at a cost of £150.

11 Neighbourhood Plan – DB reported that there would be no progress until Joint Core Strategy was in place. He hoped that the situation would clarify soon.

12 New Village Hall – No report on progress of working party. DB had hoped Sonja Roberts would have given a report. BG proposed that the process be stopped. RG Seconded. No other support for proposal.

13 Probation service – The possible use of local offenders to do local work had been raised. Enquiries had been made and it had been established that a scheme must be put forward to the Probation service, who would then make appropriate arrangements if they accepted it.

14 New Homes bonus – DS reported that the PFA bid for money for a new slide had been accepted.

15 Staff Assessment – deferred.

16 Speeding on Sandy Lane. – Clerk to ask for more information on Police initiative.

17 Dog Bin in Northampton Road – deferred.

18 Email accounts for Parish Councillors – Councillors were encouraged to open e-mail accounts specifically for Parish Council business.

19 Road improvement work at Carrs Way/High Street. Clerk had enquired but no reply, would enquire again.

20 Allotment Committee terms of reference. - Deferred.

21 Financial Regulations. - Deferred.

22 Planning Committee terms of reference.- Deferred

23 Correspondence

A Ash re Larkhall Lane- noted.

Allseasons – various - noted.

FOSH – re Rose Cart - noted.

Autela re tax submissions - noted.

P Betts re poppy appeal - noted.

R Inman – rural Housing survey

A Jones re South View bin. - noted.

Highways 30mph speed limit Glassthorpe Lane – re Lights on New Rd - both noted.

Snc Haismann re Npton Rd Clerk to respond

SNC Brochures – tourist link – re Play Rangers- noted.

NCALC Brochures. Distributed.

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

Accounts for payment.

Name	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
G. Ravine – salary.	Chq. 1080	£554.84		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue Tax 139.76 NI 4.29, Emp Nis 4.94	Chq. 1081	£148.79		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, bench repairs, graffiti removal.	Chq. 1082	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
AH Contracts – Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 1083	£75.00	£12.50	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
Hampton Print – Newsletter	Chq. 1084	£63.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
Allseasons Grass – replaces returned cheque.	Chq. 1085	£306.00	£51.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
D Gamble – churchyard grass. 2 x invoices	Chq. 1086	£384.00	£64.00	LGA1972, s. 214(6)
Eon – Light Maintenance	Chq. 1087	£436.10	72.68	Parish Councils Act 1957
P Warden - Grasscutting	Chq. 1088	£224.00	£37.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
Eon - Electricity	Chq. 1089	£1260.38	£210.06	Parish Councils Act 1957
Allseasons	Chq. 1090	£306.00	£51.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
NCALC – councillor Courses	Chq. 1091	£78.00		LGA 1972 s 114
P. Betts – Poppy Wreath	Chq. 1090	£18.50		LGA 1972 s 137

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £99,774.60 16/5/2014

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. July 21st

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.56.

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