

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on Sept 15th 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 B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins
Mr J Calderwood	Mr B Justice	Mr D Starmer	Mr C Wilkinson	Mrs M Jones
Mrs J Jenkinson		Cllr J Kirkbride. NCC	8 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mr J Green (Holiday) E Church. (work). Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr A Addison SNC.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT. DB Harpole Action Team. DS regarding land on Manor farm and PFA. RG re allotments. JJ, DB re allotments.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Williams thanked Council for getting a hedge cut at the school, and reported rubbish collected at the unofficial layby. He also reported a large bush that needed cutting back opposite the school. Cllr JK reported that the County now had an official flag.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of 18th Aug 2014. **Resolved.** The minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** JC referred to SR's report feeling that it should read "Grants from Harpole Freeschool Foundation Charity" rather than "Harpole Charity". BG asked JC to clarify details concerning the charities. No further news had been heard regarding the threat of legal action over grasscutting.
- 7 **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**

Allotments. RG reported that an Allotment Association was in the process of being formed. The school would give up its allotment.

Churchyard. Clock being repaired. War memorial is being cleaned and will be re-pointed. Cremation boards to be renewed.

Finance. The date for the Precept meeting was set for Tuesday December 9th. No news on the annual return.

Footpaths. Pony Field padlock broken, BG to investigate and replace if necessary. The hole/leak in the road outside OSH continues to be a problem. SE liaising with Mrs Powell. Water in High St continues to be a problem. Ash tree outside 48 Larkhall Lane is ailing and potentially dangerous, Clerk to check responsibility. MJ reported that the surface on the north bound side of Sandy lane is unsafe for cyclists anywhere near the kerb/verge. Clerk to report. Cllr JK reported that Flore bypass should commence next year, and that the sandy lane relief road is till dependent on development. SE reported rubbish build up at garages on Larkhall lane, Clerk to report to SNH. BB reported the path outside hall Farm, on Glassthorpe Lane is collapsing.

Lighting. Light in Hall Close would cost £975 to replace.
Resolved. Light to be replaced and letters sent to residents asking for £21 per household contribution This being to cover the difference in price between a standard light and the special design used in hall Close. .

South View. BJ reported the usual problems. The pathway to the crossing on the south side of the A4500 is inadequate for pushchairs etc, Cllr JK suggested Clerk report to Michael Clark, the NCC Cabinet member for Highways.
- 8 **Planning.**

S/2014/1577/FUL	43 Larkhall Ln	Rear conservatory	
S/2014/1147/TLN	Hall Farm	Notification of the installation of electronic communications for the removal of existing RBS2016 cabinet, replace with FCOA cabinet, installation 600 mm transmission dish	Case Officer Allocated

Planning meeting to be arranged. SE to attend planning appeal for Npton Rd proposal on Oct 28th. CW and MJ to attend appeal re Nursery site Oct 14th.
- 9 **Scarecrow** – It was reported that the weekend was busy and well attended. Approx. £12000 has been counted thus far with more to come.
- 10 **Red Lion Layby** – 3 "residents" are reported, in a truck, a car and a van. They take up quite a lot of the layby and it was felt the police should be contacted. There is also a bus "permanently" parked there which apparently belongs to someone in Larkhall Lane. BG felt that there was a 2 hour limit to parking in a layby. Clerk to contact Police, Highways, and NCC traveller liaison unit.
- 11 **Neighbourhood Plan** – It was reported that the Joint Core Strategy is progressing and the NP can be continued after this has been adopted.
- 12 **Notification of new Internal Auditor from NCALC and NCALC AGM. Oct 18th.** NCALC has informed the Clerk that Mr Goodger has stood down as our internal auditor and has been replaced by John Marshall, another member of their panel of accredited auditors.
Resolved. Clerk to attend NCALC AGM on behalf of Council. Appropriate overtime and mileage to be paid. Costs to be shared with Nether Heyford PC.
- 13 **Standing Orders** – Clerk to revise S/Os regarding recording of meetings for consideration at net meeting
- 14 **Recruitment of Parish Councillors** – NCALC have introduced an initiative to broaden the appeal of Council work to

the public. Harpole is perhaps unusual in present times as there is no difficulty in attracting new Councillors. It was felt that younger people would be useful additions, and notice to be put into newsletter that anyone over 18 is eligible.

15 Staff Assessment – report and recommendation. Deferred.

16 Dog Bin in Northampton Road – no report.

17 Email accounts for Parish Councillors- re iterated that this would be up to individual Councillors.

18 Allotment Committee terms of reference.- Deferred until the situation regarding an Allotment Association had clarified. Clerk stated that if there was to be an allotment Committee it must have Terms of Reference.

19 Financial Regulations. - MJ and JJ had examined the regs and recommended to re-adoption.

Resolved. Financial Regulations re-adopted.

20 Planning Committee terms of reference. - SE and JE had examined and recommended the insertion of the following paragraph, “The Chair of the Planning Committee will receive, and respond to all communications regarding Planning matters. Responses will be sent to South Northants Council by the Chair of the Planning Committee with the Parish Clerk copied in on each response, this will ensure timely responses to applications and that these letters are sent within the timescale for each application, and that a copy is retained for 3 years (36 months) from the decision date.”

Resolved. Planning Committee terms of reference adopted with additional wording, as above.

21 Correspondence

Glasdon Catalogue - noted

Highways re motorway - noted

Keep Britain Tidy – big tidy up. - noted

Came & co ins info- noted

Zara re 20 Carrs way. Clerk to write to resident.

A Jones SNC re waste bin - noted

Eon quote for Hall Close light - noted

Highways re Salt bags for sale – noted. DS reported that this salt is much cheaper at Wickes.

NCALC Change of Auditor .Councillor recruitment - noted

H Olaafson re light in Hall Close. - 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.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Chq no.</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Incl VAT</i>	<i>Power used</i>
G. Ravine – salary.	Chq. 607	£541.01		LGA 1972 s 112
Inland revenue Tax 130.80	Chq. 608	£130.80		LGA 1972 s 112
R Howey – Bus shelters, bench repairs, varnishing.	Chq. 609	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
AH Contracts –Dog bin clearing.	Chq. 610	£50.00	£10.00	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
Hampton Print – Newsletter	Chq. 611	£63.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
P Warden - Grasscutting	Chq. 612	£448.00	£74.00	Highways Act 1980 S96
D Gamble – churchyard grass. 2 x invoices	Chq. 613	£384.00	£64.00	LGA1972, s. 214(6)
Anglian Water - allots and bowls club	Chq. 614	£190.95		Allotments Act (1950),
Broker Network Insurance renewal	Chq. 615	£729.46		LGA 1972 s111 &140

Resolved Payments to be made.

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

23. Items for next agenda. Scarecrow, Road safety.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Oct 20th 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at.20.51.

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