

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 2015  
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**

Mrs M Jones (in the chair)	Mr D Ballard	Mr J Calderwood	Mr B Briscoe	Miss S Eason
Mr N Faulkner	Mr B Gibbins	Mrs J Jenkinson	Mr. B. Justice	Mr D Starmer
Mr C Wilkinson		3 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine	

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mr S Drinkwater (Holiday) Mrs R Gibbins (Illness) Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr J Kirkbride. NCC Cllr A Addison SNC  
Mrs J Jenkinson had resigned, as she was moving. MJ thanked her for her service and wished her well.
  - 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT. DB Harpole Action Team. DS regarding PFA, land on Manor farm and near J16. RG re allotments. JJ, DS, DB re allotments. SE HAT, Harpole Charities, School. CW regarding Larkhall Lane.
  - 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
  - 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Williams thanked Council for effecting the rapid repair of a light, and reported surveying work being undertaken in fields between Sandy Lane and the village. He asked whether it was known how buses would deal with the forthcoming road closures.
  - 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. **Resolved.** The minutes and agenda were accepted as a true record, (with one small change) and signed.
  - 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** Clerk reminded to check that all contractors have public liability insurance.
  - 7 **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**  
**Allotments.** School hedge not yet cut. Communication problem with the school, as contractors would need key to get into school grounds.  
**Churchyard.** JC asked whether the Clerk had received a letter from the Rector about the War Memorial. Clerk had not yet received a letter. Clerk asked to contact Highways about Church steps.  
**Finance.** Clerk would have to send more details about the Annual General return. It had been previously resolved that Council should switch bank accounts to the Co-op bank, JC wished to stand down as a signatory. New signatories would be BG, RG, SE, MJ, DS and the Clerk.  
**Footpaths/Highways.** Bus Shelter rebuilding. Quotations had been received for the work. A quote for £1350 was accepted with the proviso that he had suitable insurance. Clerk to advise Highways.  
BB complained that Heygates vehicles were not being driven responsibly in the village and on Glassthorpe Lane. Verges were being damaged. Clerk to write to Heygates and Gary Crouch at Harpole Hill Farm.  
Mr Mabbutt had complained about parking at the nursery. MJ to monitor, and CPSO to be informed.  
SE reported poor visibility at junction of Road Hill and Nobottle Road.  
SE reported weeds and rubbish in the Larkhall Lane garages, Clerk to report to SNH.  
BG proposed that Council demand an official response to questions about regulations concerning parking times allowed in lay-bys. No seconder. MJ felt that this had been answered, and there were no regulations unless stated on signs at the site.  
**Lighting.** Work had begun on light by garages. Light no 4 apparently has no power supply, so EON contacting Western Power. Light in Hall Close now fitted.  
**South View.** BJ drew attention to the poor state of the yellow lines at the bus stop, this had been inspected and was said not to meet intervention level.
  - 8 **Planning.** Norwood Farm, SE had not received the report in time to call another Planning meeting before the comments had to be in for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. HAT had produced a response that included all points the PC would make. SE to use this as a basis for a PC reply.  
42 High Street. Cllr AA asked for PC views. It was felt that there would be access issues and potential danger for vehicles reversing out.  
School Lane Harpole.  
School Lane. Cllr AA wanted to call this in, but missed the deadline. It will be taken to committee if felt controversial. Access, Parking, sewage pipes, ditches and trees are all potential issues.
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| S/2015/1691/FUL | 42 High Street          | Change of use from highway land to residential garden.              | See above         |
| S/2015/1550/SCO | Norwood Farm            | Scoping opinion for proposed residential led mix use development    | See above         |
| S/2015/1068/FUL | Land off Larkhall Lane, | 3 No. dwelling houses and associated garages.                       | No further report |
| S/2015/1578/FUL | School Lane Harpole     | Demolition of existing wooden workshop and erection of new dwelling | See above         |
- Resolved.** Comments of Planning Committee to be passed to SNC.
9. **Parish Special Constables** – Clerk reported that July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting had been positive, and he felt that this could be a beneficial scheme, if the right volunteer could be found. He was satisfied that the training and selection would be adequate, but concerned as to the practicality of only working four hours a week.
  - 10 **Neighbourhood Plan** – DB reported that contact had been made with Alex Munro, who would help HAT with the way forward. The developers concerned with Junction 16 would be contacting clerk with a view to attending a

meeting.

- 11 Church Clock.** Mrs Lane had written to council requesting a copy of the letter canvassing opinions, and accusing Council of underhand behaviour, by not including her in the survey. MJ responded that the survey had been undertaken because of the Lanes' complaint, and it was therefore felt unnecessary to further ask their opinion. It was also stated that Mrs Lane had been invited to attend meetings. Clerk advised that letter must be forwarded if requested.

**Resolved.** MJ and JC to visit Mrs Lane and try and resolve situation.

- 12 New homes Bonus.** JJ would be obtaining quotes for the floor in the Jubilee Room, in the Old School Hall. DS reported that the Playing Field Committee were working on a plan based on funds that should be forthcoming with the new development.

**13 Correspondence**

*Acre – magazine -noted*

*A Addison- various-noted*

*A Church – re Website. -noted*

*S Lane re church Clock -noted*

*SNC re 106 Planning Issues –stating only 2 Parish Councillors allowed at site meetings in future.*

*HAT – Harpole Action Team. 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.	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 1126	£624.87		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue. Tax 154.80 Nis 12.00. Emp Nis 13.25	Chq. 1127	£180.05		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq. 1128	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq. 1129	£72.00	£12.00	Local Gv't Act 1972 S112
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq. 1130	£63.00		Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
6	P Warden - grasscutting	Chq. 1131	£448.80	£74.80	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
7	D Gamble – Churchyard grass	Chq. 1132	£192.00	£32.00	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
8	Eon	Chq. 1133	£28.16	£4.69	Parish Councils Act 1957
9	Petty Cash	Chq. 1134	£355.36		LGA 1972 s 112
10	P Betts – poppy wreath.	Chq. 1135	£18.50		LGA 1972 s 137
11	Anglian Water	Chq. 1136	£215.17		Allotment Act
12	Leander Architectural – Finger post	Chq. 1137		Held back	
13	CK Services RCE Ltd – Fingerpost fitting	Chq. 1138		Held back	

**Resolved.** Payments 1- 11 to be made. 12 and 13 to be held back until next month.

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £95,244.70 16/7/2015

**21. Items for next agenda.** War memorial, Church Clock, Staff Assessment, Casual Vacancy.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.**

Full Council Sept 14<sup>th</sup> .

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.48*

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