

HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Parish Council, held at the Old School Hall, Harpole, on Monday 11th May 2015, at 7.30pm,

Mrs M Jones (in the chair)	Mr D Ballard	Mr B Briscoe	Mr J Calderwood	Mr B Gibbins
Mr S Drinkwater	Miss S Eason	Mr N Faulkner	Mrs R Gibbins	Mrs J Jenkinson
Mr B Justice	Mr C Wilkinson		2 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine

- ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** Maxine Jones proposed, seconded and elected unanimously as chair, and signed the declaration of office.
- ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** Janet Jenkinson proposed, seconded and elected unanimously as vice - chair, and signed the declaration of office.
- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE .** D Starmer (Holiday). Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr A Addison SNC.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT. DB Harpole Action Team. RG re allotments. JJ, DS, DB re allotments.
- TO APPOINT COMMITTEES - (MEMBERS & CHAIRS)**

<u>Advisory Groups and Committees 2015</u>	
Council representative to Allotments Association	R Gibbins
Highways and Footpaths Committee.	S Eason J Jenkinson B Gibbins R Gibbins M Jones B Briscoe
Churchyard	J Calderwood B Justice S Drinkwater
Finance	J Calderwood D Starmer B Gibbins R Gibbins
Lighting	D Starmer D Ballard
Newsletter	J Jenkinson
<u>Planning Committee</u>	J Calderwood S Eason J Jenkinson B Gibbins M Jones B Briscoe C Wilkinson

Resolved. Appointments to be made.

6. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Old School Hall Management Committee	D Starmer J Jenkinson R Gibbins N Faulkner S Drinkwater
Youth Club	C Wilkinson D Ballard S Drinkwater JC is a trustee
Playing Fields	D Starmer B Briscoe JC is a trustee
School Governors	S Eason
Free School Charity	Cathy Briscoe
Harpole Charity	J Calderwood M Burt P Bateman S Eason
Road Safety Officer	M Jones
Field Footpath Warden	B Gibbins
Bus Services Liaison	Mrs J Tilley
Tree Warden	B Gibbins
Scarecrow	S Eason D Ballard M Jones
Harpole Action Team	B Justice D Ballard J Calderwood S Eason C Wilkinson

Resolved. Appointments to be made.

7.	<u>To confirm the Clerk's appointment as Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer . Resolved.</u> Clerk G. Ravine confirmed as proper officer and Responsible Financial Officer
8.	<u>REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCES.</u> Deferred as insurance not renewed until October.
9.	<u>PUBLIC DISCUSSION.</u> None
10	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> of April 13 th 2015. Resolved. The minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.
11	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</u> The situation regarding the bus in the Red Lion layby was felt unsatisfactory. The police had responded that the bus was taxed and insured and in roadworthy condition. Councillors failed to see how it could be with a broken windscreen. Cllr JK felt that there were no restrictions on parking in laybys. BG felt this must be clarified. It was felt that the environmental problems with litter and rats should be pursued.
12	<u>REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS</u>
	Allotments. RG reported a meeting had taken place on May 2 nd . Plot letting was almost complete. £20 more rent had been collected. John Gibbins was thanked for effecting repairs. A complaint about inhumane mousetraps had been received. Resolved. David Starmer's offer to mow 2 acre plot and make donation was accepted. Churchyard. A plan for the steps had been commissioned and would be considered by the PCC and passed to Highways. Resolved. L Gibbins quote for x for work on the Yew trees was accepted. Finance. Clerk would shortly be meeting the internal auditor.

<p>Highways/ Footpaths. Field footpaths in reasonable condition. New kissing gates had been installed, and BG thanked Rights of Way for this.</p> <p>Lighting. Meeting re new and lights to be moved still had not taken place. Light nearest 54 High St not working. NCALC had discovered that there was little opportunity of saving money by switching contracts concerning supply of unmetered electricity, despite the large price increase.</p> <p>Resolved. Council to maintain contract with Eon for unmetered electricity.</p> <p>South View. Recent rain had caused return of large puddle. Litter building up again between roundabout and bridge.</p>

13. REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

S/2015/0907/COND	24 Glassthorpe Lane	Condition 3 [Details of materials] - Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to condition 3 of S/2014/0382/FUL [Disabled access to the front, side and rear, including access ramps and handrail]	Info only
S/2015/0734/FUL	7 Carrs Way	Single storey extension to rear	To be considered
S/2015/0792/COND	22 School Lane	Condition 4 [render details] – Application for approval details submitted pursuant to condition 4 of planning permission S/2014/1748/FUL [2 storey rear ext, single storey side ext, new entrance porch, detached double garage and render to exterior walls of the property].	Info only

14	Neighbourhood Plan. DB reported that 5 working groups were looking into all aspects of the plan and would be reporting. A public meeting was planned.
15	Annual Parish Meeting –The meeting felt to have gone well and minutes would be distributed at a later time.
16	Clerks appraisal. Deferred.
17	Old School Hall windows. Quote for £4,938 for the replacement of windows shown. Council were minded to pay for repairs as there is a duty to maintain assets. However this level of expenditure required 3 quotes.
18	Village walk. Arranged for June 15 th at 6.30 to start at the allotments.
19	Rats. –current problems reported in the Motts, Park lane and Chester Avenue. Newsletter to stress that Parishioners should report rats on their property to Environmental Health, The onus is on individuals to do this.
20	Dogs on/off footpaths- Mr Manning had asked for information about newsletter references to dogs in fields around the village, informing council that he had been involved in exchanges on Church farm land. Clerk to reply and refer him to Dogs (protection of livestock) Act 1953.
21	Church Clock. – It was reported that a noise abatement order had been served on the Rev Stephen French with regard to the church clock striking through the night. Council reluctantly agreed that the clock chimes should be turned off during the night despite the fact that only one complaint had been received and that the decibel levels recorded are only equivalent to normal conversation or gentle rainfall. Clerk would contact the relevant person to make the change and would inform SNC that this be done and inform them that an appeal was being considered.
22	CORRESPONDENCE

AON – insurance quote. Noted

D Manning re dog walking noted

G Bransby – rats- noted

Police re Red Lion noted

Moody/NCALC re Eon noted

OSH – re windows. Noted

C Winters – re football club aspirations.- to be added to Neighbourhood plan

23. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

1	G. Ravine – salary	691	£654.53		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue. Tax 163.40. Nis 17.28. Emp Nis 19.32	692	£200.00		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	693	£20.00		Clean Nhoods & Env/ Act 2005
64	AH Contracts- Dog bins & new bin	694	£204.00	£34.00	Clean Nhoods & Env/ Act 2005
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	695	£63.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
6	P Warden - grasscutting	696	£448.80	£74.80	Highways Act 1980 S96
7	D Gamble – Churchyard grass	697	£384.00	£64.00	LGA 1972, s. 214
8	Old School Hall 1/2 year grant	698	£1750.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
9	Playing Field – ½ year grant.	699	£1500.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
10	Harpole Heritage – ½ year grant.	700	£500.00		LGA 1972 s 137
11	NCALC Training Def Map and ROW course	1101	£34.00		LGA 1972 s 114
12	P Green – mowing of allotment land	1102	£50.00		Allotment Act

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £87,712.78. 16/4/2015

24	Items for the next Agenda. Tree on Larkhall Lane, OSH Windows, Parish Clock,
25	Dates of forthcoming meetings. June 8 th . Mon. July 13 th 2015

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.32