

**MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on July 13th 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	M S Drinkwater	Mrs S Eason
Mr N Faulkner	Mr B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins	Mr. B. Justice	Mr D Starmer
Mr C Wilkinson		4 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine	

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mrs J Jenkinson (Hospital), Mr B Briscoe (Holiday) Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr J Kirkbride. NCC Cllr A Addison SNC
- 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 Sadruddhin thanked the parish Council for their support and showed his trophy for “Truckstop of the Year”. He expressed his concern that the layby might be altered and affect his business, and felt that there might be safety implications if it were, with the possibility of trucks “stacking” back on to the road. The forthcoming industrial estate will require a 2 hectare lorry park, and he already has 1.3, so he hopes to be able to purchase additional land and provide this extra capacity. He assured Council that he has sufficient capacity to cope with additional trucks.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of June 8th 2015. **Resolved.** The minutes (with one small change) and agenda were accepted as a true record, and signed.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** None.
- 7 **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**
Allotments. RG gave a report. School hedge should be cut shortly. Taps had been repaired, and maintenance up to date, thanks to John Gibbins. There had been attempted break-ins and these would be referred to in the newsletter along with warnings to be considerate about lighting bonfires.
 DS objected to being targeted on Facebook and stressed that he had had no intention of “making money” out of the hay crop; that he and his family would have used it, and pointed out that cutting the grass would now cost Council money, rather than gaining a contribution.
Churchyard. JC reported that the yews had been trimmed, and one grave restored, as per quotes previously agreed. JC produced estimates for work on path edgings, and a further grave restoration. It was felt further quotes were required.
Finance. No news about Annual General return as yet. It had been previously resolved that Council should switch bank accounts to the Co-op bank, but there had been concerns about its stability. This was not felt to be an issue any more, so Clerk to begin the transfer process.
Footpaths. BG felt that pothole repairs in Garners Way were inadequate. Many hedges were overgrown; and it was felt that reminders to keep growth in check should be put in the newsletter. The “Nursery” hedge caused concern, Se to talk to householder. BG thanked Mick and Celia Frost, the WI, and Mrs Powell for all their efforts regarding the jitties. It was reported that the rubbish bin on the corner of Larkhall Lane and High Street was on the list of works SNC would carry out.
Lighting. DB had met Eon rep Dave Mooney and quotes had been received for 3 lights.
Resolved. Light on Northampton Rd to be moved at a cost of £851.00 plus VAT
Resolved. Light on Glassthorpe Lane to be installed at a cost of £1240 plus VAT
Resolved. New light to be installed on Garners Way near garages to be installed at a cost of £1240 plus VAT, plus £40 per metre trenching cost.
 Light in Hall Close to be fitted later this month. Clerk to distribute letters to residents with an apology for delay.
South View. No report, other than to highlight a pile of debris on the centre reservation opposite South View.
- 8 **Planning.**

<u>S/2015/1550/SCO</u>	Norwood Farm	Scoping opinion for proposed residential led mix use dev'ment	Info only
<u>S/2015/1449/LDP</u>	45 School Lane	Replace existing garage with new brick built garage	
<u>S/2015/1309/LDP</u>	42 High Street	Replace existing fence increasing the height to 1.4 metres	
<u>S/2015/1311/FUL</u>	9 Shepherds Walk	Extension to side	No Objections
<u>S/2015/1068/FUL</u>	Larkhall Lane, Nursery		Delayed

Resolved. Comments to be passed to SNC
9. **Parish Clock.** It was decided to restrict comments to the Newsletter.
- 10 **Old School Hall – Resolved.** Warning signs to be obtained from BACA to try and discourage children from climbing onto the roof.
- 11 **Old School Hall Windows –** 4 quotes were considered.
Resolved. The quote from MG for £3243plus VAT was accepted, as both the lowest and because MG had done such good work previously.
- 12 **Unofficial Layby –** No report from Highways.

- 13 Neighbourhood Plan** – DB gave a report on progress, which is on the website.
- 14 Heritage Group** –had requested grant towards finger Posts. Resolved Council resolved to pay costs of approx. £750 plus installation and Vat.
- 15 Pak Lane - rats** – Council has no powers with regard to rats, and it should be stressed in the newsletter that this is an Environmental Health issue; and that affected individuals needed to report problems.
- 16 Section 106 course report.** – Clerk reported that he had attended a very useful course, and recommended that Councillors considered compiling a detailed list of items they would like to see included in a wish list, that could be given to any developer. With regard to PFA's wish to improve their facilities it was recommended that they set down their requirements and liaise with Bugbrooke FC. It was also recommended that contact be made with developers to discuss requirements.
- 17 Staff Assessment.** Deferred.
- 18 OSH Defibrillator** – Box installed outside Magnus shoes, and machine to be fitted shortly. Council thanked SD for his generosity in allowing this, as the location was much more accessible than the OSH.
- 19 New Homes Bonus** – DS drew attention to the NHB, stressing that it should be claimed, so as not to lose.
- 20 Correspondence**

<i>Clerks and Councils Direct - noted</i> <i>CPRE – litter - noted</i> <i>Hedley Solicitors – Allots deeds.-Returned.</i> <i>A Leroy re Church Clock - noted</i>	<i>Heritage Group- various. - noted</i> <i>Highways re Road closure - noted</i> <i>Western Power – Electricity sub-station cleared of vegetation</i> <i>D&J White re N Plan - noted</i>
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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. 1112	£649.63		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue. Tax 162.00 Nis 16.32. Emp Nis 18.22	Chq. 1113	£196.52		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq. 1114	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq. 1115	£90.00	£15.00	Local Gv't Act 1972 S112
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq. 1116	£63.00		Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
6	P Warden - grasscutting	Chq. 1117	£448.80	£74.80	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
7	D Gamble – Churchyard grass	Chq. 1118	£384.00	£64.00	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
8	Eon Quarterly maint	Chq. 1119	£436.10	£72.68	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
9	Architectural Designs – plans for church steps	Chq. 1120	£200.00		LGA1972, s. 214(6)
10	J Nickolls – Flagpole Green maintenance	Chq. 1121	£95.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
11	Eon Streetlighting electricity	Chq. 1122	£1449.01	£241.50	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
12	Autela – tax agents	Chq. 1123	£30.00		LGA 1972 s 112
13	L Gibbins – Yew trees in churchyard	Chq. 1124	£500.00		Local Government Act 1972, s. 215(6)
14	J Calderwood - Grave restoration	Chq. 1125	£470.00		Local Government Act 1972, s. 215(6)

Resolved. Payments to be made.

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £100,942.52 16/5/2015

21. Items for next agenda. NHB, Staff Assessment

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. Highways/Footpaths Committee July 27th.
Full Council Aug 10th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30

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