

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on Nov 9th 2015
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr K Cooper SNC (Chairing Gayton PC), Cllr J Kirkbride NCC.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** RG re allotments. DS, DB re allotments. CW regarding Larkhall Lane. JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT. DB Harpole Action Team. RG re allotments. DB re allotments. DS re PFA. SE HAT, Harpole Charities, School. SD re Larkhall Lane development. DB re 43 High St.
- 3 REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None
- 4 PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Mr Chapman expressed concern about the possibility of additional access at Larkhall Lane development through the Bowls Club car park. Cllr A Addison entered the meeting at 19.34. Mr Williams asked why a second entrance was needed, and felt this showed the planning application was incorrect. John Gibbins referred to the setting up of a bee world at the allotments and thanked Council for their support.
- 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meetings of Oct. 12th 2015. **Resolved.** The minutes and agenda were accepted as a true record, and signed.
- 6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** The website had been hacked, and was in the process of being rebuilt. Cllr KC had informed Council that she is taking legal advice about comments about her in minutes, and informed Council that she would not be attending any meetings.
- 7. Larkhall lane development.** MJ reported that Bowls Club had met developer Barry Howard (BH) to discuss access from Nursery site across their car park without letting Council, (their landlords), know. She referred to parts of the lease that would militate against action of this sort. BH referred to Health and Safety experts inspecting the site, that the main access was safe, and that his interest in alternatives was to allay concerns of neighbours, such as the safety of their children. RG felt BH should have come to Council rather than Bowls Club. Pritesh Shah said SNC had no concerns about existing access to the site. RG stated this was Allotment land and permission for alternative use would have to be obtained from the Secretary of State. NF asked BH if he still wanted the Bowls Club access: BH replied that he didn't need it and was only showing consideration for neighbours. SE expressed concern about this access causing problems with school traffic; BG referred to similar unsuccessful application in the past. **Resolved.** Access issue be withdrawn as Mr Howard does not need it. (SD did not vote) Cllr A Addison left the meeting at 19.49.
- 8. Co –option of Councillor** – casual vacancy, no application as yet.
- 9 REPORTS FROM ADVISORY GROUPS.**
- Allotments. Meeting held on Nov 2nd.** RG reported a meeting between Council, Allots Assoc, tree surgeon and School about the hedge, and hopes the problems can be sorted out now. Mr Mansell was taking legal advice regarding his hedge. Council was at a loss to understand what else they could do to help him having already gone beyond what they needed to do. DB referred to the Ash trees on the entrance road. Quotes to be sought.
- Churchyard.** Mrs Kennedy to be approached regarding border hedge with former rectory. JC had obtained new plans of steps. Ramp on East gate to have edge painted white for better night time visibility.
- Finance.** No report.
- Footpaths/Highways.** Clerk to report Glassthorpe Lane as a whole, rapidly deteriorating with heavy vehicle use. A letter had gone to the wrong house regarding Buddleias on Carrs Way; this was sent by NCC rather than Council.
- Lighting.** Light opposite blacksmiths reported out, and base wobbly. Light at junction of Chester Ave and Glassthorpe Lane working, but looks unsafe.
- South View.** Bus stop had flooded again after last rain. Signs still in fields alongside road between Kislingbury Turn and bridge. Drain blocked on road to Kislingbury. Drain/Manhole cover missing on verge of land next to garage on W side of roundabout.
- 10 Planning.**

<u>S/2015/2546/COND</u>	Hall Farm Yard Glassthorpe Lane	Condition 5 [contamination] – Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to condition 5 of planning permission S/2012/1230/MAF	Information only
<u>S/2015/2448/LBC</u>	The Old Dairy 43 High St	Replace rear doorway with window	No objection
<u>S/2015/2257/FUL</u>	86 Larkhall Lane	Demolish existing house, construct dwelling with altered vehicular access	No objection

Resolved. Comments of Planning Committee to be passed to SNC.

- 11 Northampton Rd and Carrs Way garages** – SNH had withdrawn plan to develop Northampton Rd garage site. Council were disappointed that Carrs Way site had been sold without their knowledge, as felt it could be a useful site for affordable housing. Mr Winters explained the course of action that had led to him negotiating to buy the land.
- 12 Neighbourhood Plan** – HAT had met with SNC planners, and expressed concerns at 49 new houses being required within villages when hundreds of new houses. SNC accepted this was a valid comment. There was dismay that Barwoods were proposing building between Sandy Lane and Harpole (North of Larkhall Lane) despite this going

against the JCS, and the Inspector stressing the importance of Green Space here in his agreement to the JCS. It was felt that the vast expenditure in time and money on the JCS was pointless if it were to be breached as soon as it was tested. Those working on the Neighbourhood Plan felt their efforts undermined, and if land north of Larkhall lane was to be built on, then it was only a matter of time before the land to the south was built on.

Resolved. Legal advice to be sought as to the practicality of challenging Barwood's plan.

DB to enquire as to costs.

JC felt light and noise pollution would come from a rerouting of the relief road. It was felt that unsuitable ground structure on the designated land was behind the move to the designated green areas.

A further meeting with SNC was to take place on Thursday. 2 Councillors may be able to attend.

Resolved- Clerk to attend meeting with appropriate overtime and mileage.

Harlestone PC clerk had been in touch, hoping to share knowledge, and meetings between SNC, Harlestone, Harpole and Duston PCs have been suggested.

- 13 Precept Meeting :** - the Finance Committee had recommended figures for the 2016/17 precept, but felt that the Clerk's salary needed to be discussed by full Council. The Clerk left the meeting at this point.

Resolved. Clerk's hours to be raised from 46 to 54 hours per month in recognition of the increasing workload.

EXPENDITURE

Precept 2016 17

General Administration	1600	Allotments water	1000
Newsletter	900	maintenance	1000
Salaries	12,800	Churchyard Grass	3000
Insurance	750	Maint -Hedges/Paths	
Audit Fees .NCALC	400	Grants	
Website	200	Old School Hall	3500
Tax Agent	200	Playing Field	3000
Energy		Heritage	0
Repairs& Maintenance	7500	Highways	3000
New Lights	1500	Election	0
Section 137 Payments	500	Training	500
Bus shelters, benches, etc.	1200	Expenditure	44,800
Dog Bins	850	Anticipated income	3000
Flagpole maint	500	Suggested Precept	£41,800

Resolved. Precept to be maintained at **£39,000**, any shortfall to be covered by reserves.

- 14 Scarecrow.** – DB suggested any organisation which got a pay-out should give a report at the parish meeting. Those involved donate their volunteer hours to a project or organisation. BG felt there should be complete transparency to quash rumours. It was also felt that the scarecrow makers should have a say in the allocation of money.

15 Correspondence

<i>Harpole school re hedge – noted.</i>	<i>Police – noted.</i>
<i>B Halliday – re Harlestone PC – noted.</i>	<i>SNH – re garages. – noted.</i>
<i>K Cooper – re minutes/newsletter – noted.</i>	<i>J Smith re Finger post – installation delayed while license is obtained.</i>
<i>Laura Baily – invitation to meeting re SUE-</i>	<i>C Winters- re garages. – noted.</i>

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. JCS – Joint Core Strategy.

16	Accounts for payment.	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary, includes agreed overtime.	Chq. 1166	£713.65		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue. Tax 180.80 Nis 27.84. Emp Nis 31.46	Chq. 1167	£240.10		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq. 1168	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq. 1169	£72.00	£12.00	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq. 1170	£63.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
6	P Warden - grasscutting	Chq. 1171	£448.80	£74.80	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
7	Void	Chq. 1172	0		
8	Anglian Water – allotts/Bowls Club	Chq. 1173	£694.99		Allotment Act
9	D Gamble – Churchyard grass	Chq. 1174	£192.00	£32.00	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3Highways Act 1980 S301

Bank balances HSBC Community Account £95,103.50 16/10/2015

Resolved. Payments to be made.

18. Items for next agenda. Neighbourhood Plan. District Councillors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Nov 30th. H&F committee meeting. Dec. 14th Ordinary Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40

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