

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on February 13th 2017
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Mrs M Jones (in the chair)	Mr B Briscoe	Mr J Calderwood	Mr S Drinkwater	Miss S Eason
Mr B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins	Mr. B. Justice	Mr P Marlow	Mrs. S. Roberts
Mr D Starmer	Mr C Wilkinson	Cllr J Kirkbride NCC	2 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** M. Marketis. Unavoidable absence. Apology accepted by Council. NCC. Cllrs A Addison and K Cooper SNC (previously agreed meetings).
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** RG re allotments. DS re allotments, PFA, J16. DS re green wedges in the Neighbourhood Plan. SR re HAT. JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.** None.
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** John Gibbins complained about the state of litterbins outside the school and garages in Larkhall Lane, citing that the bottoms were damaged and not put back in properly. SNC to be asked when they are due for replacement. Also that building work/extensions had led to damage to verges. Chair responded that builders had been spoken to.
Cllr JK referred to NCCs difficulty in budgeting in times of economic stricture, especially with regard to Social Care. New NCC building nearly ready, late but under budget. She felt that an Unitary Council would save a lot of money, but felt it unlikely existing councils would vote themselves out of existence. She announced that she would not stand at the next election.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of Jan 9th 2017. **Resolved.** The minutes were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** Clerk had been in contact with SNC over a litter bin in Glassthorpe Lane, to inform them that Council would like a black wheelie bin.
- 7 **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES and ADVISORY GROUPS.**
Allotments. RG reported that £640 had been collected at a rent night. There was a small waiting list, and some plots were available.
Churchyard. JC reported that Mrs Kennedy had asked that an Ash tree be removed or its roots cut back as they were felt to be undermining a boundary wall. She also felt that a spoil heap had damaged the wall. JC had replied that as the tree was in a conservation area, that SNC would have to be consulted. Tree warden would visit, and the PCC would consider at its next meeting.
Finance. VAT claim to go in shortly. Clerk to itemise expenditure under Chairman's expenses.
Highways/ Footpaths. Residents had been contacted about the parking situation around the OSH, which is becoming more of a problem. Garners Way is an ongoing problem as regards potholes, as is the road condition around the Kislingbury roundabout. BG complained about potholes being marked repeatedly and the markings washing away. He could not understand why people could not repair the potholes instead of just marking them. There were complaints that U-turns at The Turnpike were a regular event, and that they were causing accidents. Clerk to write to Helen Howard and ask that the Road safety officer be informed. Surface of the Nobottle Road from Road Hill to Sandy Lane was a cause for concern, as was the practice of parking fully on verges and pavements. Council had received a request from Milton Malsor Parish Council to support their Parishes against Pollution policy
Resolved. Council support Parishes against Pollution, regarding environmental impact of traffic growth.
Lighting. Light out by 30 Sandy Lane. WPD had informed Council that they wished to consult about proposed works to put overhead cables underground, this would have cost implications for Council as a number of lights were on the poles concerned. MJ, CW, SR, RG, BG, JC and Clerk would meet a WPD representative at the Church on Feb 27th at 10am.
- South View.** BJ noted that works on the roundabout were scheduled.
- Youth Club.** CW gave an update to matters concerning both parish Council and the Youth Club. Youth Club thanked Council for its recent support regarding finance. Refurbishments had taken place, and chair has decided not to resign.

8 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & Financial Matters.**

	Accounts for payment.	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary	Chq 1342	£856.79		LGA 1972 s 112
2	HMRC Tax £10.80 Nis £24.00 Emp Nis £27.05	Chq 1343	£61.85		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq 1344	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq 1345	£105.00	£17.50	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq 1346	£68.95		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
6	Aylesbury Mains – Lights maintenance	Chq 1347	£109.68	£18.28	Highways Act 1980 S301
7	S. Harris – Builders , bricks for bus shelters	Chq 1348	£100.00		Highways Act 1980 S301
8	R Gibbins – Allots expenses	Chq 1349	£54.50		Allotment Act
9	J Nickolls – Flagpole green maintenance	Chq 1350	£95.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
10	Aylesbury Mains – Lights maintenance	Chq 1351	£96.00	£16.00	Highways Act 1980 S301
11	Harpole PFA – Section 106 money	Chq 1352	£2350.00		Section 106 money
12	G Lawrence – electrical survey OSH	Chq 1353	£153.58		Section 106 money

13	K Sullivan – OSH maintenance	Chq 1354	£1350.00		<i>Section 106 money</i>
	Income. Allots.		£640.00		

Bank Balances HSBC 16/1/2017. £91,383.36

Resolved. Payments to be made. RG did not vote

9. Planning –

S/2016/2948/FUL	4 Orchard Way	Proposed conservatory to side/rear	Approved
S/2016/3184/FUL	15 Upper High St.	Demolish conservatory & replace with rear extension	No Objections
S/2016/3032/FUL	Lavender Cottage Nobottle Nursery Nobottle Road	Change of use of static caravan - mess hut to residential. New static caravan for accomm. Cabin for kitchen/dining, Wood shed for laundry for students March - Sept. Walkway with picket fence. Additional car parking	Concerns re overuse of facilities, pollution, access, safety. *
S/2017/0258/FUL	86 Larkhall Lane	Variation condition 2 (plans) of planning permission S/2015/2257/FUL (Replacement dwelling) to allow inclusion of solar panels on flat roof	Info only
S/2017/0066/MA F	84B Larkhall Lane	Demolish Nissan Hut, new 3m track & stable block & tack room/feed store.	No Objections- but SNC to be informed of presence of bats.
S/2017/0028/FUL	82 Larkhall Lane	Proposed two storey extension to front	No Objections

*The applicant claimed to have contacted the Parish Council, but Council did not have any knowledge or record of this. It was felt that the site was too close to the road, and there were concerns for the safety of young people.

Resolved. Comments to be passed to SNC.

- 10 Neighbourhood Plan** – SR gave a brief update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, and informed Council that the proposed inspector had been accepted. A committee to consider a review of governance would be formed and its terms of reference formulated. MJ and SR had met Danny Moody at NCALC who had advised involvement in the review.
- 11 To review Risk Assessments.** Clerk had revised and distributed Health and Safety, and Financial Risk documents. **Resolved** to accept the documents.
- 12 To Review the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit.** Clerk had revised and distributed a Review document. **Resolved** to accept the document.
- 13 To consider quotes for repainting A4500 Bus Shelters.** Quotes were considered and a quote for £425 per shelter from Superior Garden Services was accepted. Enquiries about the additional cost of anti-graffiti glaze would be made.
- 14 Red Lion lay by** – To consider situation regarding litter, “residents”, rats etc. BG expressed concerns about the disgusting state of the Red Lion layby and about vehicles being parked there long term. He insisted that there were laws concerning the period for which vehicles could be parked, which were being contravened. Councillors, County Councillor and clerk all replied that the Police, Highways, District and County Council had all stated that this was not the case, and there was no time limit, provided that their documentation was in order. **21.08 Cllr JK** left the meeting. JC thanked her for all her help towards Council over the preceding 20 years.
- 15 Churchyard/cemetery situation-** To consider future purchase of additional land by church, or elsewhere. Patrick Green had intimated that he would not wish to discuss selling land for at least 5 years. DS wondered whether graves could be re-used. JC said that they could in some circumstances, but that the subject was emotive. Clerk to ask DC s about grants towards new cemeteries.
- 16 Pathfinder II Community Event** – A public event in Harpole had been suggested, subsequent to the surveying of flooding hotspots.
- 17 CORRESPONDENCE. –**

Mandy Anderson SNC acknowledging Precept demand- noted. Campion re 50 th Anniversary - noted. <i>Clerk had ascertained that Councillor’s empowering grant was spent.</i> D Moody – re new external auditor. - noted. Circulated. Flood investigation School Lane NCC - noted. Circulated.	S Mann re roadworks March 19 th - noted. Circulated. Milton PC re pollution SNC – J Johnson re NP inspector. - noted. Circulated J Boyes re litter in Glassthorpe lane. - noted. Circulated Clerk to respond and request a black wheelie bin.
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SNC – South Northants Council NCC– Northamptonshire County Council NHB – New Homes Bonus, 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. SDF (Strategic Development Framework)

- 18 Items for next agenda.** Hearing Loop. Red Lion layby.

- 19 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.** Mar 13th. 2017. Highways - Feb 27th 2017 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35

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