

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2016  
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 B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins	Mr. B. Justice	Mr D Starmer
Mr C Wilkinson		6 members of the Public	Cllr J Kirkbride NCC	Clerk, G Ravine

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr K Cooper SNC – Chairing Gayton PC. Cllr A Addison SNC.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** RG re allotments. DS, DB re allotments. JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT. DB Harpole Action Team. DS re PFA, J16. SE HAT, Harpole Charities, School. J16. SD and JC re planning at Upper High St. DS re green wedges in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.**
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** John Gibbins wondered whether the grass cutters were struggling in the Churchyard, and volunteered to help. JC thanked him and would meet him. Edward Church felt that those involved with the development of Briscoe's yard should be congratulated. He reported a barrel at the top of Road Hill – this had been reported, but as it was leaking oil would need collecting by a specialist team. To be reported again. He referred to the Barwoods leaflet and wondered why Daventry DC was involved. It was explained that this development spilled into Harlestone parish, which is in Daventry district, and therefore DCC were an automatic consultee. EC voiced concerns as to the deviation from previous plans, and questioned the need for another school.  
Cllr JK was also concerned at the Barwoods plan, but felt another primary school was needed, and another secondary school. No new hospital was planned. She reported that Jim Harker had stood down as NCC leader; replaced by Cllr Helen Smith. Ian Morris was new Highways cabinet member.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meetings of May 11<sup>th</sup> 2016. **Resolved.** The minutes were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** None.
- 7 **Co-option of a Councillor.** There were 2 candidates. Michael Merkatis and Peter Marlow. A co-option committee would meet. MJ, SR and RG.
- 8 **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES and ADVISORY GROUPS.**

**Allotments.** RG reported that the plotholder referred to last month had done nothing, and refused offers of help. It was agreed to send a letter, which could be followed by notice to quit if nothing done in one month. She thanked John Gibbins for repairing the damaged water tap. This had been a difficult job. Mrs Sweeney had asked for her hedge to be cut as it showed above the fence. To be inspected.

**Churchyard.** JC reported that grass cutting was rather untidy and clearing up was not being done. No weedkiller had been applied. A meeting regarding land purchase would be arranged. Yew trees would be trimmed after bird nesting was over. Clerk to pursue quotes for edgings.

**Finance.** A Finance Committee had taken place to discuss the internal audit and had recommended the moving of the Financial Matters section of the meeting to enable cheques to be signed before the meeting end.

**Highways/ Footpaths.** It was felt that very little was being done regarding potholes with major issues in High St, School Lane, and Garner's Way; - and what had been done had been done badly.

BG reported problems with a dog at 54 Garners Way. The owner apparently throws a ball for the dog who rushes after it causing problems for cars, pedestrians and other dogs. Clerk to write, and ask for advice from police.

**Lighting.** Eon had informed Council of a 16% Electricity Charge increase. Clerk to look at options. Hall Close problem not yet resolved.

**South View.** BJ reported nothing had been resolved on any of the problems reported. Stuart Mann at Highways would be contacting landowners and enforcement about ditches in the area, and would be looking at drains – but warned that this would be dependent on the availability of funding.

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

	Accounts for payment.	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary	Chq. 1240	£867.74		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue. Tax £14.20 Nis £26.40 Emp Nis £29.81	Chq. 1241	£70.41		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq. 1242	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq. 1243	£90.00	£15.00	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq. 1244	£68.95		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
6	P Warden – Grasscutting Verges	Chq. 1245	£448.80	£74.80	Highways Act 1980 S96
7	D Gamble – Churchyard mowing	Chq. 1246	£382.00		LGA 1972, s. 214
8	J Nickolls – Flagpole Maintenance – 2 invoices	Chq 1247	£200.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
9	Shoosmiths – underpayment for letter	Chq 1248	£20.00		LGA 1972 s 137
10	SNAST – annual subs	Chq 1249	£10.00		Local Gov't Act 1972 S137
11	Autela Tax Agents	Chq 1250	£30.00		LGA 1972 s 112
12	J Nickolls	Chq 1251	£1040.75		Local Gov't (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976, s. 19
	NCC grass grant £682.34 – bacs June 7 <sup>th</sup> .				

**Bank Balances HSBC 16/5/2016** £107,104.33

**Resolved.** Payments to be made.

- 10 **Planning. Junction 16.** CW and SR attended hearing. District Councillors opposed the development because of the additional land included. CW spoke against the proposal for 3 minutes. Our district councillors spoke well on

our behalf but once again the committee were instructed on how to vote by Robert Fallon who stated that SNC would lose on appeal CW felt that the decision should have been deferred, and that genuine concerns, and the JCS are just ignored when final decisions are made.

**Norwood Farm.** Consultation started by SNC ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>; paperwork due but not yet received. An extension will be sought. The online maps show the density of housing, and the lack of promised green space. HAT will try and get out as much information as possible, and try to co-ordinate meetings with MP and Highways cabinet member, Ian Morris.

There is a need to focus on lack of green space and transport policy; and that the JCS is being ignored. It was also felt that SNC would pass the plan regardless, being concerned about losing an appeal.

**Resolved. To discuss the application with the MP**

It was suggested that NCC head of development control – Judy Shepherd, be contacted, also CEO Paul Blatern, and Tony Du Varras. It is felt that there are valid objections, and legal advice has already been taken.

It was felt that there should be an application for a country park between Larkhall Lane and the A4500, as SNC would have to consider it. CW to initiate.

**Resolved.** To initiate an application for a country park as shown in the JCS.

DS did not vote due to an interest in land in this area.

S/2016/1324/EIA	Norwood Farmhouse Sandy Lane Harpole NN7 4DG	Hybrid planning app. seeking full & outline planning permission for: Part A: Outline planning permission for sustainable urban ext comprising up to 1,900 dwellings (use class C3); Public open space & children's play areas; Landscape areas, new landscape planting & hydrological attenuation features & sustainable drainage systems; Primary school (use class D1); Mixed use local centre which may include residential (use class C3), retail (use classes A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5), health & community facilities (use class D1). Part B: Full planning permission for: Demolition on site buildings; Routing of Sandy Lane Relief Road and assoc. vehicular access points. Application accompanied by Env Impact Assessment.	
S/2016/1033/FUL	38 Garners Way	Garage to side.	Prior Approval Not Required
S/2016/1028/FUL	10 Sandy Lane	Proposed first floor extension to side	No objections.
S/2016/1149/FUL	9 Orchard Way	single storey extension to front	No objections.
S/2016/1256/TLN	Water Tower Nobottle Road	Notification of installation of electronic communications replacing 300mm microwave dish with 600mm dish at 22.9m on existing 22.1m structure	Information only
S/2016/1277/HPD	36 Garners Way	Determine if prior approval required re. impact on adjoining premises of proposed single storey rear ext 4.8m beyond rear wall of original dwelling house, max ht of 3.85m and ht of eaves 2.35m	No info as yet
S/2016/1276/FUL	44 High Street	Erection of a timber framed rear garden room.	To be considered.
S/2016/1111/NA	Upton Lodge Farm , Weedon Rd, Upton,	Neighbouring authority consultation for an Environmental Impact Assessment.	Information only
S/2016/1210/FUL	43 Carrs Way	2 storey side extension and first floor dormer extension to rear.	No info as yet
S/2016/1149/FUL	9 Orchard Way	Proposed single storey extension to front	No info as yet

- 11 **Red Lion** – SNC and the Police are considering revoking the alcohol license for the public house, the owner having been accused of employing illegal immigrants. This was felt to be unfair given that no offence had been proven.  
**Resolved.** Council to ask that the review of the Red Lion's licence should be deferred until it has been established whether any offence has been committed.
- 12 **Annual General Return Part 1. Annual Governance Statement.** The Clerk read through the questions, which were answered in the affirmative by Council, with the exception of Q7. The internal Auditor had pointed out that his recommendations had not been fully carried out. A Finance Committee meeting had been held to address these concerns and a plan of action instituted to comply.  
**Resolved.** Council approved the Annual Governance Statement, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- 13 **Annual General Return Part 2.** - . The figures were distributed and considered.  
**Resolved.** Council approved the Annual Return, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- 14 **Youth Club** – The Youth Club had submitted a grant request for £3,500. DS felt they should be applying for NHB money or applying to the Harpole Charities. It was felt that an up to date statement of accounts was required before any request could be considered.
- 15 **Lighting Contracts.** – There was some dissatisfaction with EON. Clerk gave examples of charges from Aylesbury mains, which seemed to be substantially cheaper as they only charge by the call out rather than charging a quarterly retainer.  
**Resolved.** Clerk to switch contract to Aylesbury mains.
- 16 **Churchyard extension.** – JC would initiate a discussion with the adjacent landowners as soon as practically possible.
- 17 **Village Signs.** – Deferred.
- 18 **Yellow Lines** – Mrs Rixon had reported an incident where a vehicle had mounted the pavement and threatened pedestrians and felt that this was caused by parked vehicles, and that yellow lines should be instituted. Council did not feel that this would be appropriate, and that parked vehicles, although awkward, did feel that parked cars slowed down the traffic.
- 19 **Neighbourhood Plan** – SR reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was in consultation at present. Responses were coming in; these would be collated and passed to SNC.
- 20 **Scarecrow Event** – MJ had collected feedback and ensured that a list of pay outs would be distributed.
- 21 **Composting Dog Waste.** – MJ reported that there was a forthcoming problem with the disposal of dog waste and the contractor had wondered if Harpole could co-operate with other villages in a scheme to compost dog waste. This might be

done in trenches with the application of appropriate worms.

22 **CORRESPONDENCE. –**

<p><i>Eon – re 16% Electric Charge increase. - noted. Clerk action.</i>  <i>Heritage Group – re Information Board- installation imminent.</i>  <i>Library – review and route dates. - Noted.</i>  <i>S Mann – re Flooding - Noted.</i>  <i>NACRE - Neighbourhood Plan surveys had filled in.</i>  <i>Olaafson/Oliver – re hall Close lights - Noted.</i></p>	<p><i>. M Rixon – traffic/yellow lines - Noted.</i>  <i>Sweeney – re allotments - Noted.</i>  <i>D Walker-Collins re abandoned vehicle Clerk had responded.</i>  <i>E.L.V.I.S. – reply to above issue - Noted.</i>  <i>Youth Club – grant request. - Noted.</i></p>
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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)

23 **Items for next agenda.**

24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.** Highways Committee. June 27<sup>th</sup>. Full Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.51*

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