

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on October 10th 2016
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	Mr B Gibbins
Mrs R Gibbins	Mr. B. Justice	Mr P Marlow	Mr M Marketis	Mr D Starmer
Mr C Wilkinson		6 members of the Public		Clerk, G Ravine

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** S. Roberts (Holiday) S. Eason (Personal) Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC. Cllrs A Addison and K Cooper SNC (previously agreed meetings). BG complained that our District Councillors never attended meetings, and felt SNC should be contacted on this issue. Most councillors disagreed.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** RG re allotments. DS re allotments. JC Churchyard, Charities, HAT. DS re PFA, J16. DS re green wedges in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.**
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** Anne Wilson complained that the Red Lion layby was again in a mess; with a number of people living there again. To be reported to SNC, Highways and Police.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of Sept 12th 2016 **Resolved.** The minutes were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** None.
- 7 **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES and ADVISORY GROUPS.**

Allotments. RG reported that clearance work continued on the vacated plot. Work on the school hedge would be taking place during half term. It was suggested that an emergency gateway could be put in. Councillors agreed. The Allotments Association would be asking for a grant of £1000 for maintenance, which would include the hedge cutting. The request would be considered at the Precept meeting.

Churchyard. No report.

Finance. Precept meeting confirmed as Nov 28th. 8pm.

Highways/ Footpaths. Pavements around bungalows in Garners Way in poor condition. A parishioner had complained of the danger of exiting her driveway onto a very busy Sandy Lane. It was noted that Sandy Lane now appeared to be an integral part of the proposed development rather than the anticipated cul-de-sac. It was also noted that reversing onto any road was ill-advised. Clerk to ask that speed checks be carried out. It was noted that there had been no volunteers when a police plus volunteers scheme had been suggested in the past.

NOTE FOR NEWSLETTER – to ask people to keep dogs on leads and to clear up after their dogs. Farmers' fields were being used as dog toilets, and concerns were raised that this could ultimately impact on the human food chain.

Lighting. Light on the corner of Glassthorpe Lane and Chester Avenue still out, as was the one on the junction of School Lane and High St. Hall Close light still out of action.

South View. Stile by bus stop and footpath still overgrown despite hedge being cut, drain collapsing at this location. BJ reported drains around, and to either side of the Kislingbury Turn roundabout on the A4500 were apparently inspected and partially cleared yesterday, but it was felt no attempt was made to clear the seriously blocked drains. Also that HGVs are using South View for overnight parking with consequent noise and disruption, as well as causing further damage to the already poor road surface. Clerk to report appropriately.

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

	Accounts for payment.	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary including approved overtime	Chq 1290	£891.46		LGA 1972 s 112
2	Inland revenue. Tax £21.20 Nis £30.24 Emp Nis £34.22	Chq 1291	£85.66		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq 1292	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq 1293	£84.00	£14.00	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq 1294	£68.95		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
6	P Warden – Grasscutting Verges	Chq 1295	£448.80	£74.80	Highways Act 1980 S96
7	Playing Field Association – ½ yr grant	Chq 1296	£1500.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
8	D Gamble – Churchyard Grass	Chq 1297	£192.00	£32.00	LGA 1972, s. 215
9	Old School Hall - ½ yr grant	Chq 1298	£1750.00		LG(MP)A 1976 s19
10	Harpole Heritage - ½ yr grant	Chq 1299	£500.00		LGA 1972 s 137
11	Aylesbury Mains – Lights maintenance	Chq 1300	£117.72	£19.62	Highways Act 1980 S301
12	NCALC – FOI Course (shared with Heyford)	Chq 1301	£32.50		LGA1972 s143
	Income. SNC refund Planning Appl. – chq 1252	£845.00			
	Precept - £19,500.00 Statement 165				

Bank Balances HSBC 16/9/2016 £79,324.15

Resolved. Payments to be made.

9. Planning – Barwood application. S/2016/1324/EIA Norwood Farm. CW showed a copy of the SDF, which has been created in the absence of a master plan, but which has no legal standing. He felt it had taken account of comments made by Council, particularly in the issue of an increased size of Country Park. He felt that the door was open for Council to discuss the creation of a Country Park, and even to bid to control it. He also felt that it was likely that the developers would have been contacted by SNC on this issue.

Resolved. CW to respond positively to the idea of creating and running a Country Park.

Upton Lodge. Clerk had distributed details of the consultation on this adjacent NBC development, and CW wondered if Council wished to comment. He felt that South View might benefit from access to this development as a safer means of egress onto the A4500. BJ felt most residents would prefer to retain the existing right hand turn across the dual carriageway. Other Councillors felt this exit was already dangerous.

S/2016/2419/CON D	Land off Larkhall Lane	Condition 11 [Details Gas/ Electricity Meters] - Application for approval details submitted re planning permission S/2015/1068/FUL [3 houses & assoc. garages].	Info only
S/2016/2455/FUL	34 Upper High St.	First floor rear extension	tbc
S/2016/2314/FUL	14 High Street	Single & two storey rear extensions	No Objection.
S/2016/2282/NA	Land off Whites Lane Harlestone	Neighbouring authority consultation, planning permission for construction 53 dwellings incl public open space, balancing pond & assoc. infrastructure	Respond that there is no master plan
S/2016/2133/FUL	22 School Lane	Single storey front extension	Pending
S/2016/2176/FUL	28 Garners Way	Single storey front extension, new front porch & front 1 st floor window. 2 x single storey side ext. and single storey rear ext.	Support, but concerned at line of porch.
S/2016/2041/FUL	43 Carrs Way	Two storey side extension and rear first floor dormer extension.	Pending
S/2016/1896/FUL	25 Manor Close	Front and rear extensions	Approved

Resolved. Comments to be passed to SNC.

- 10 Pension** – Clerk to liaise with SE, as nominated pension representative. The Clerk’s gratuity agreement as per contract has been adjudged legal and in order by SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) but he will need to sign up for one of the new pension schemes and then opt out of it every two years.
- 11 Churchyard extension.** – It has not been possible to arrange a meeting as yet. JC to facilitate.
- 12 Neighbourhood Plan** – The plan is on show in the Parish Church inviting comments.
- 13 Website** – David Lawrence has volunteered to create and manage a website at no expense to Council.
Resolved. Mr Lawrence’s offer to be accepted.
Mr Lawrence to liaise with PM and Clerk in order to set up the site.
- 14 Grasscutting contracts.** – Clerk to liaise with DS over mapping. At least 4 contractors would be invited to tender. Tenders would be invited for the verges and for the churchyard.
- 15 To Review the Asset Register** – Clerk to liaise with BG to finalise the register for adoption at the next meeting.
- 16 To Review Financial Regulations.** – MJ and SR had reviewed the new model regulations, and SR felt they could be substantially reduced and re- written in comprehensible English.
- 17 To review Standing Orders.** – MJ and SR had reviewed the existing Standing Orders and were happy with them. Clerk to add revisions concerning recording and filming and distribute with a view to adopting at the November meeting.
- 18 Scarecrow Constitution** – the 3 Councillors required by the Scarecrow Constitution all wished to stand down. MM, CW and JC volunteered to take their places.
- 19 Demolition of Bus Shelters** – Councillors did not now consider this to be a good idea. It was felt that the difficulties associated with work on a Highways related project would be off-putting to builders, this was apparently even the case with those who had tendered for the work. An appeal would be put in the Parish Newsletter for builders to tender.
- 20 Old School Hall** – Considerable work required in the Jubilee Room. Replacing the cupboards and re-decorating would cost c £2,500. It was also felt that the situation regarding electrics should be considered. Advice and quotes to be sought by the Management committee. Clerk advised that quotes should be presented prior to the Precept meeting on Nov 28th.

23 CORRESPONDENCE. –

Acre – notice of AGM Nov 16 th - noted D Ballard re bin on Glassthorpe Lane. – SNC contacted. Situation unclear. L Bailey – SNC – SDF briefing minutes – noted. V Chamberlain – Sandy lane traffic. Noted and replied to. Glasdon – catalogue – noted. H Howard – re South View lights. NCC re Pathfinder 2 project. - meeting arranged for 31 st October in the Bull. R Mabbutt – re yellow lines outside Playing Field – noted.	A Munn SNC – conservation consult- distributed by e-mail. NBC – local plan consultation - distributed by e-mail L Strickland – re newsletter – noted. SNC – Planning dept. info – noted. S Surridge – re goalposts – noted. D Thorpe School headmaster thanking Council for their efforts. WYG – Upton Consultation details - distributed by e-mail Youth Club – re minibuses.- MJ to liaise over minibus.
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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)

- 24** Items for next agenda. Website. Grasscutting, Asset register, Standing Orders, Financial Regs. Churchyard extension. South View egress, Minibus.
- 25 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.** Nov 14th. 2016. Highways - Oct 31st.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.51

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