

MINUTES of the meeting of HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL held on January 9th 2017
at the Old School Hall, School Lane, Harpole at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Mrs M Jones (in the chair)	Mr S Drinkwater	Miss S Eason	Mr B Gibbins	Mrs R Gibbins
Mr. B. Justice	Mr P Marlow	Mr M Marketis	Mrs. S. Roberts	Mr D Starmer
Mr C Wilkinson			4 members of the Public	Clerk, G Ravine

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** B Briscoe, J Calderwood (Meeting Clash) Cllr J Kirkbride NCC. Cllrs A Addison and K Cooper SNC (previously agreed meetings).
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** RG re allotments. DS re PFA, J16, green wedges in the Neighbourhood Plan. SR re HAT. MJ re payments.
- 3 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE.**
- 4 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION.** The Webmaster asked for various documents to put on the website, and would try and set up a Facebook page which he would moderate. A parishioner brought up the issue of overgrown bushes at 36a Manor Close partially blocking the pavement and this being compounded by selfish parking on the kerbs. He also referred to potholes in Garners way, and the general problem of dog mess. A South View resident complained that the Highway lights had been out for many months, and felt that there were various safety issues arising from the resultant darkness. Clerk to contact Helen Howard at Highways.
- 5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the meeting of Dec 12th 2016. **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 regarding a bin, and would ask for a black bin. Hall Close light had been ordered, but there is a 6-8 week waiting period. Granpart had asked for a reason for being denied a grant, this was because they are politically aligned, have no association with the village, and a grant not appropriate. Clerk to reply that Council did not feel it necessary to justify their decision as to how to spend public money.
- 7 **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES and ADVISORY GROUPS.**
Allotments. Lease agreements had been distributed and a rent night would take place on 27th January. The wording had been revised to ask plot holders not to light bonfires during school hours.
Churchyard. No report. The situation as regards burial spaces would be added to the next agenda.
Finance. VAT claim to go in shortly.
Highways/ Footpaths. Large pothole outside 8 Garners Way. Maps for the Pathfinder 2 project were circulated for Councillors to mark historic flooding episodes. A visit to the village to report for the project would take place on Feb 3rd. BG reported that cars parking on the pavements often made passage by disability scooters problematic.
Lighting. Lights 5 and 51 and outside Baptist Chapel all reported out.
South View. It was reported that the Bus Shelters had been opened out, BJ to query invoice. BJ reported further work on the ditches and drainage at the roundabout. The ditch on the left as one approached Kislingbury was choked with litter.

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

	Accounts for payment.	Chq no.	Amount	Incl VAT	Power used
1	G. Ravine – salary including approved overtime	Chq 1328	£856.79		LGA 1972 s 112
2	HMRC Tax £10.80 Nis £24.00 Emp Nis £27.05	Chq 1329	£61.85		LGA 1972 s 112
3	R Howey- Bus shelter	Chq 1330	£20.00		Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
4	AH Contracts- Dog bins	Chq 1331	£84.00	£14.00	Clean N/hoods & Env/ Act 2005
5	Hampton Print – newsletter	Chq 1332	£68.95		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
6	Aylesbury Mains – Lights maintenance	Chq 1333	£64.80	£10.80	Highways Act 1980 S301
7	M Jones – chairman's expenses -	Chq 1334	£100.00		Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003
8	All Saints Church Newsletter delivery	Chq 1335	£100.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S111
9	S Harris – work on Bus Shelters	Chq 1336	£1260.00		Local Gov't (Misc. Prov.) Act 1953, s. 4
10	Northampton Firewood Co –Christmas Tree	Chq 1337	£120.00		Local Gv't Act 1972 S137
11	Petty cash/expenses – April - Dec	Chq 1338	£390.85		LGA 1972 s 112
12	Eon - Streetlighting	Chq 1339	£1901.80	£316.93	Parish Councils Act 57 s3Highways Act 1980 S301
13	Wrongly made out	Chq 1340	0		
14	Direct Painting Solutions Ltd	Chq 1341	£2047.75	£341.29	Local Gov't (Misc. Prov.) Act 1953, s. 4
	Income. Church re burials		£1255.00		
	Hall Close Lights		£45.00		

Bank Balances HSBC 16/12/2016. £95,658.21

Resolved. Payments to be made. MJ did not vote.

9. **Planning –**

	Land off Sandy Lane Harpole	To determine whether prior approval required for change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses	Planning permission required.
S/2016/2726/PA	34 Upper High St.	First floor rear extension	Approved
S/2016/2455/FUL	86 Larkhall Lane	Alter boundary wall & gates, & include solar panels on roof.	Refused
S/2016/2608/FUL	84B Larkhall	Single Storey front extension, two storey side & single storey side ext,	Appeal Allowed

	Lane	single storey rear ext with balcony over.	
S/2016/2791/FUL	41 South View	Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension.	Approved
S/2016/2948/FUL	4 Orchard Way	Proposed conservatory to side/rear	Pending
S/2016/3184/FUL	15 Upper High St.	Demolish conservatory & replace with rear extension	To be considered
S/2016/3111/AGD	Wilson's Farm Glassthorpe Lane	Decide if prior approval required to erect agric building re: siting, design & external appearance of building.	Information only.
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	To be considered

Resolved. Comments to be passed to SNC.

- 10 Neighbourhood Plan** – SR reported that revised documents had been prepared with a view to submitting them to SNC. Changes had been made regarding green spaces, Housing Policy and the village confines. **Resolved** - The Parish Council agreed the proposed responses to the SNC consultation feedback on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council agreed that the document summarizing the reasons for Harpole's responses and the changes to the Neighbourhood Plan should be sent to SNC for submission, along with all other Harpole Neighbourhood Plan documents, to the Planning Inspector by SNC
DS did not vote.
- 11 To finalise the Precept.** Budget figure. **Resolved:** It was agreed that the Council's budget for 2017/18 would be £49,950.00. This would be made up of Precept, Income of £3,000 and use of reserves of £7,950.
Precept amount. **Resolved:** It was agreed that the Council's Precept request would be £39,000 which is a 0% increase on last year, and effectively a decrease since there are more houses in the village.
- 12 To Review the Asset Register.** The Asset Register had been distributed at the previous meeting and was agreed. **Resolved:** Asset Register adopted.
- 13 To Review Financial Regulations.** – The Financial Regulations had been distributed at the previous meeting and were agreed with minor changes **Resolved:** Financial Regulations adopted.
- 14 Facebook** – There were reports of unsavoury comments on a "Harpole" Facebook page. The Webmaster would try to set up a moderated page for Harpole that would replace the existing unmoderated one.
- 15 SNC Community Governance Review** – SR, MJ, PM and CW would form a working party to look at suggestions regarding the parish. It was felt necessary to be involved in the debate and process, as there were concerns that a new parish might be formed over which Council would have no input or control.

16 CORRESPONDENCE. –

ACRE – info request, & Best Village Comp. - Circulated	NCALC re precepts - Noted
J Bliss – re public meeting rooms - Noted	NCC pathfinder 2 – walkaround dates Feb 3 rd - Noted
G Bransby – re parking OSH – Noted and Clerk to respond	SNC Precept letter - - Noted – Clerk to respond after meeting
IMI – war memorial cleaning - Noted	&Re Community Governance Review – Working Party to be formed

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.** Review of the Internal Audit. Risk Assessments. Red Lion lay by, Churchyard/cemetery situation.
- 24 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.** Feb 13th. 2017. Highways - Jan 30th 2017 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.01

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