

# Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

## Meeting held on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017



### Present:

Miss S Eason (in the chair) Mr J Calderwood Mrs R Gibbins Mr B Gibbins Mr B. Justice Mr P Marlow Mrs S. Roberts Mr D Starmer Mr C Wilkinson  
1 member of the Public who left after Public discussion.

Clerk, G Ravine

### Apologies:

M Jones. B. Briscoe (Holiday). M. Merkatis.  
Apologies accepted by Council. Cllr A Brown. NCC. (At Bugbrooke) PC. Cllr A Addison SNC (recovering after operation)

### Public Discussion:

#### Combined Harpole Charitable Trust.

Reverend Stephen French reported that there had been very little recent activity. JC was concerned that the wrong constitution was being used, but was reassured that things would be sorted out at a meeting the next day. Reverend French said that the Parish Council would be kept informed through its representatives, and it was agreed that there should be a monthly report scheduled on the agenda as things were in the process of changing and would continue to do so to reflect the new situation. He agreed to produce an annual report for Council for the Annual Parish Meeting

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES and ADVISORY GROUPS

#### Allotments.

RG reported that improvements were proceeding, and some work would now be outsourced. Security was still an issue.

#### Churchyard.

JC reported that the mowing was going well. There were issues regarding damaged gravestones which would need addressing. JC felt *that the 20-year-old agreement between Council and the PCC was in need of review. A working party would be formed to look into this.*

#### Finance.

External Auditor has asked for clarification of receipt and use of Section 106 money, which Clerk was attending to.

### Highways/ Footpaths.

The Clerk had submitted a long list of Potholes etc. to Streetdoctor, which had declared all of them below the necessary threshold to act upon. This was thought to be a retort as there had been a lot of work done in the village as described by Mr Woodhouse last month. Clerk to thank Highways for the work that had been done.

A Parishioner had asked whether he could pay for improvements around his property. Council had no objection to this, but he would need to approach highways himself.

#### Resolved.

Council had no objection to householder planting a tree on the service strip outside her house.

The Green Tree area was felt to be untidy, but this was attributed to the grass contractor being asked to wait before mowing over bulbs.

### Lighting.

The clerk had written to all residents of South View with a copy of the map supplied by WPD regarding the placing of lights in South View. 6 replies had been received. 4 of which were against the installation of additional lighting, feeling that there was sufficient spill lighting already. Council deferred a decision for the present. No 51 still out, light no 32 still out. The bin situation in Sandy Lane seems to have been resolved. There had been fly tipping at the bus stop opposite South View.

### South View.

BJ reported that roadworks appeared to have caused flooding problems whenever it rains, and that debris not cleared up after the recent works

### Planning:

Comments on the following applications will be passed to SNC as appropriate.

- 34 Glassthorpe Lane Replace existing ground floor kitchen ext. with new larger ground floor kitchen extension.
- 9 Garners Way Proposed conservatory to rear (Part Retrospective) *Pending*
- 20 School Lane Vehicle entrance gates to the front *Approved*

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- 9 Chester Avenue Single storey side extension *Approved*
- 6 Sandy Lane 2 storey side/rear exts. Ext. to roof to create living space. *New*
- 6 Sandy Lane 2 storey side/rear exts. Ext. to roof to create habitable space. *Withdrawn*
- Old Rectory 2 School Lane The felling removal of one Sycamore tree. *Approved*
- 11 School Lane 2 storey ext. to front/side, 1st-floor ext. dormer over garage *Approved*
- 70A High Street Proposed front porch ext, one storey rear ext, two storey side/rear ext. *Approved*
- 29 Larkhall Lane Single storey extension to rear *Approved*

### Norwood Farm.

It was felt that the developers had not replied satisfactorily to points queried by SNC last year, many suggested by Council. It was considered unlikely that they would be and concern that SNC would allow the proposal through without proper consideration. Resolved. HAT to look into the possibility of "calling in" the application

### Charities.

**Old School Hall** –Reports from NCALC and ACRE both stated that it would be improper for the OSH management committee to hand over management to the Pre-school. Both were charities, and such an action would be counter to their objectives. Acre had requested sight of additional documents which would clarify ownership, and details of the relationship between the Council and the charity/management committee. JC reluctant to release documents for fear they may be lost. Clerk to contact Acre and arrange for an appointment. SR had taken advice and felt that there was a middle way that would allow the Pre-School proposal.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Reports. Inspector's report and recommendations.

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–First Campion printed edition was considered too small.

**To consider action** regarding decommissioned bus stop on Upper High St. *Resolved.* Mr L Gibbins to be asked to quote for demolition of the shelter. JC pointed out that a noticeboard would be lost; re-siting to be considered.

**To consider allowing** block paving to be installed by the Memorial bench by the Mills family.

*Resolved.* To allow the area to be block paved.

### Hearing Loop

Council considered changing day for Council meeting to take advantage of the hearing loop in the main room. It was felt this was not an option and Clerk to look into costings again.

### Staff Assessment

to receive a report. MJ away, - deferred.

### Sandy Lane incidents

Highways had responded that there was insufficient reason to do anything. Councillors felt that many incidents were unrecorded.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Meeting to review Finance and Planning reports only 7.30 August 14th. 2017. Highways -July 31st, 2017 7 pm.

*Date of next full Parish Council meeting:*

**7.30** September 11th. 2017. at The Old School Hall.

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