



**At the start of the meeting Councillors stood for a minutes silence remembering the life of Mr Brian Merrey who served on the Parish Council for many years and who sadly passed away recently.**

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#### **Present:**

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins, Mr B. Justice, Mr C. Wilkinson, Mr D. Starmer, Mrs R. Gibbins, Mr S. Drinkwater, Miss S. Eason, Mr B. Briscoe, Mr J. Calderwood, Mr P. Marlow, Mr M. Marketis & Clerk G. Ravine.

#### **Public:** 2

#### **Apologies:**

Mrs S. Roberts, Cllr A. Addison & K. Cooper.

**Due to the holiday season, this month's meeting had a reduced agenda.**

#### **New Councillors:**

The Chair welcomed Peter & Michael as new councillors to the meeting.

#### **Matters Arising from the previous minutes:**

Following the last meeting letters were put into two householders' doors, asking for them to cut their hedges back as they were encroaching onto the footpath.

In response to one of them, a letter of complaint was received back from the householder. The council have noted receipt of this letter & the Chair will respond to it following this meeting.

#### **Planning:**

##### **Country Park & Norwood Farm:**

Some discussion took place around the application which had been submitted to South Northants Council (SNC) from the PC applying for a Country Park as per the area stated in the Joint Core Strategy.

Originally SNC quoted a price for the council to progress this as an application, however it seems now there are much larger costs attached to this in the region of £25000. This leaves the Council no option but to withdraw the application from SNC, with a refund on the money already spent.

A formal complaint will be pursued with SNC highlighting the incorrect information & the way it has been handled.

Prior to this application being submitted, the landowners involved were issued with a letter advising of the PC's intentions, however some have been left disgruntled with this process. This application came about to protect the green space around the outskirts of the village as agreed in the JCS.

The application for a number of dwellings at Whites Lane in Harlestone Parish has been refused on the lack of a Master plan. Following this the Norwood Farm (NF) application have extended their date for this to be decided until the end of the year. The response from the PC for the NF application has to be in by the end of September & following a public meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August a report on this will be put together & submitted.

#### **Other planning:**

S/2016/1648/FUL – 84b Larkhall Lane – Single storey front extension, 2 storey & single storey side extension, single storey rear extension with balcony over.

S/2016/1685/FUL – 9 Shepherds Walk – Single storey side extension (retrospective). A meeting will be called in due course for these two applications.

S/2016/1276/FUL – 44 High Street – Timber framed garden room=**approved**.

S/2016/1210/FUL = 43 Carr's Way – two storey side extension & 1<sup>st</sup> floor dormer extension=**approved**.

S/2016/1149/FUL – 9 Orchard Way – single storey extension to front=**approved**.

#### **Churchyard:**

Quotations were discussed & voted on for the restoration of the box tomb & the edging.

#### **Heritage:**

There is now a leisure sign on the Flagpole Green which has been erected by the Heritage group.

#### **Highways:**

Complaints have been received about the spraying of weed killer along the verges in Sandy Lane – a long brown line has been left & residents are annoyed as they keep their grass verges neat & tidy.

Spraying of road edges is undertaken by highways & is beyond the control of Harpole PC.

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#### **Highways cont:**

Complaints have been received about the cars parking on the grass strip between the bottom of Carr's Way & High Street – these cars are causing a hazard to drivers pulling out of Carr's Way on to Northampton Road. The visibility is poor & cars coming down High Street cannot be seen. Please park sensibly & be aware of other road users.

#### **Scarecrow Festival:**

Last month we reported a list of organisations who will be giving their time & benefitting from the proceeds of the festival. However it seems this list was incorrect – the correct list is: Rangers / Brownies / WI / Football Club / BB / All Saints Church / Playing Field Association / Allotment Association / FOHS / Gardeners / Heritage and Methodist.

#### **General Reminders:**

Please clean up after your dog & DO NOT put the bags into hedges or leave on the grass verge. There are dog bins around for the disposal of these.

Make sure all footpaths & roadways are kept clear from debris – i.e. sweep gravel back in to drives, cut hedges right back & make sure trees are not overhanging.

#### **HAT update:**

The consultation for the draft neighbourhood plan (NP) ran from 27<sup>th</sup> May until 14<sup>th</sup> July. We had 30 responses to the consultation, 13 of which were residents, 3 of the responses were objections – from Persimmon, Framptoms/Hampton Brook & HOW Planning/Barwoods.

HAT have met with Kirkwells who are the planning company working for HAT on the NP, and have agreed what changes to make as a response to the consultation comments. We have now updated the plan & along with the PC will be meeting to discuss the changes & agree the plan for submission to SNC for the next stage of the process. The next stage includes a formal 6 week consultation by SNC and then submission to an inspector.

#### **Next meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

All are invited & welcomed to attend any of the Public meetings held by the Parish Council.

These are advertised on the locked board outside of the Old School Hall along with a draft copy of the minutes.

Other meetings are displayed on the notice boards around the village.

The website is not running at the moment, however some documentation can be found on the HAT website or by contacting the Clerk to the Council.

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