

**Present:**

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

Public: 6

Apologies:

Cllr J. Kirkbride.

Resignation:

Unfortunately Mr D. Ballard has resigned from the Council – thanks go to him for all his hard work, support & time given over a number of years. Mr Ballard will be staying on the Harpole Action Team.

Barwoods:

Rebecca Mitchell, a representative from the developers for Norwood Farm, attended the Council meeting at short notice.

Various questions were put forward to Rebecca by the Council.

Q. Where are the hard copies? This application has been worked on for at least 18 months and yet there is a significant delay in the paperwork. - A. *No requirement to produce hard copies, but will do so. There have been problems finalising some boundaries, no hidden agenda. Apologised for the delay.*

A councillor asked whether the timing had been chosen to “get in quick” before Harpole’s Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was finalised. - A *Barwoods would respond to the NP consultation. The term “limited weight” is national policy with regard to adopted NPs, and had not meant to sound dismissive.*

A councillor brought up the subject of flooding and referred to the experience of Larkhall Way, where the attenuation measures clearly did not work, and the “experts” had not understood the issues and 11 flooding episodes had occurred in 2 years. A. *RB was confident the engineer’s mitigations plans were sound, and was happy to get engineers Peter Brack to speak to Council.*

Why has it taken you this long to come to PC? The entire application is within Harpole Parish and yet you have not sought to consult with the PC. A. *RB apologised for any misunderstanding, she had felt that previous meetings had been contacts with Harpole PC, and pointed out that she was at a PC meeting now.*

Your Statement of Community Involvement says, ‘the only constructive feedback was a recommendation to speak to the football club’. No mention that we were strongly against the deviation from the JCS. Surely all feedback is constructive.

A. *It was understood village is against the development.*

Had the WNJCS been adopted when Barwood started their work on the plans? A. *Work had started just afterwards.*

Why does the proposed school not sit in the middle of the housing development? Councillors expressed concerns about the location. – A. *RB felt there were pros and cons for the site; there were no rules for siting.*

How is it possible for the Sandy Lane Relief Road to deal effectively with all of the traffic that will be using it with a minimum of 3 roundabouts?

Concerns were expressed about running a major road through a housing estate, and why the course of the road in the JCS had been changed. A. *RB understood objections, but was confident that Barwoods technical evidence was sound.*

Why is there a connection between the development and Sandy Lane south of Larkhall Lane? A. *RB said there would be only a private access road N of Larkhall Lane.*

Why does the plan show a building on the field next to the current playing field? A. *The building is not definite, it is shown as an aspiration for the Playing Field Association.*

The meeting was brought to a conclusion after an hour’s discussion.

Public Discussion: Nothing raised.

Vacancies:

Two applicants – Mr Peter Marlow & Mr Michael Markus were interviewed for the vacant positions – a small committee made a recommendation to the Council to accept these willing volunteers, all the council voted in favour of this proposal.

Allotments:

A quote has been received for the removal of the large sycamore hedge.

Churchyard:

Following various complaints received about the state of the grass cutting & weeds, efforts have been made to cut & tidy up the area. Thanks go to John Gibbins for assisting with this by cutting the grass & clearing weeds.

Work has been done on some of the trees including the box yew – thanks to Louis Gibbins.

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A quote has been received for further tree works which will be done in due course.

Highways:

Following the village walk, a large list of potholes were reported to Street Doctor. Some of the deep holes have been filled in & others are yet to be done. Further holes in Upper High Street, up the top of Road Hill & onwards to Nobottle Road are to be reported following this meeting. Thanks go to John Gibbins for strimming the walkway up to the Coverts.

A complaint has been received about the hedge at the top of Carr's Way, up to the junction of Larkhall Lane belonging to 62 Larkhall Lane, being overgrown. Also the buddleia outside 20 Carr's Way is very overgrown & encroaching onto the footpath – the Chair will put a letter in to ask for them to cut them back.

Please make sure all hedges are kept cut back from the footpaths to reduce hazards to pedestrians.

A request for more yellow lines in the village has been received following bad parking at the top of the Motts & School Lane. The council & highways feel that this would only push the problem in to the other streets. All drivers are asked to make sure that they park safely & away from junctions. Any obstructions should be reported to the Police.

Planning:

A recent planning meeting found no objections to the following applications:

44 High Street – Erection of a timber frame garden room, 2 storey side extension & first floor dormer extension to the rear at 43 Carr's Way & Proposed Single storey extension to the front of 9 Orchard Way.

Norwood Farm:

Members of the Harpole Action Team (HAT) held a meeting at the Church for over 130 villagers to speak about the Neighbourhood Plan & the Norwood Farm application. Many questions were answered on the night & those questions which were not answered were taken away for further investigation. A future HAT newsletter will address these outstanding questions.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan ends on the 14th July. Feedback has been received from various sources & the plan will now be updated to reflect this feedback. Following this it will be taken to the Parish Council for recommendation for

it to be formally presented to SNC for them to hold a consultation.

Section 106:

The council have been made aware that there is a large sum of money (£15,119.58) in the section 106 money from the Hall Farm development. To be spent on 'upgrading existing recreation / open space provision' in Harpole.

Villagers can request a part of this money by sending a proposal to the Clerk at the details at the end of this newsletter with a proposed plan of how this might be spent.

Scarecrow Festival:

Below is a list of those organisations who will benefit from this year's festival

Rangers.	Football Club
All Saints	FOHS
Playing Field,	Preschool
WI	BB
Guides.	Youth Club
Heritage	Methodist Chapel
Brownies	Allotment Association

Next meeting:

There will be a highways meeting on 25th July at 7pm & the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 8th August at 19.30pm, at the Old School Hall.

Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend – to listen, to air your views & to be kept up to date.

Minutes are available from the Clerk to the Council or can be located on the locked board outside of the OSH.

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