

**Present:**

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins,  
Mr D. Ballard, 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 & Cllr J. Kirkbride.

**Public:** 1

**Apologies:**

Cllrs A. Addison & K Cooper SNC.

**Resignation:**

Mr N. Faulkner has resigned as a member of the Parish Council. The Council thanks Neil for the support he has given over the past year.

**Elections of Chair & Vice Chair:**

Maxine Jones – Chair & Sarah Eason Vice Chair.

**Appointment of Members on Internal Committees:**

Allotments – Rita Gibbins

Highways – Maxine Jones, Sarah Eason, Brian Briscoe, Brian & Rita Gibbins.

Churchyard – Jeremy Calderwood, Brian Justice & Simon Drinkwater.

Finance – Maxine Jones, David Starmer, Jeremy Calderwood, Sonja Roberts, Rita & Brian Gibbins.

Rural Footpaths – Brian Gibbins.

Lighting – David Starmer & David Ballard.

Newsletter – Sarah Eason.

Planning – Sarah Eason, Colin Wilkinson, Jeremy Calderwood, Sonja Roberts, Maxine Jones, Brian Briscoe & Brian Gibbins.

**Appointment of Representatives on External Bodies:**

Old School Hall – Rita Gibbins, Maxine Jones & Simon Drinkwater.

Youth Club – David Ballard, Colin Wilkinson & Simon Drinkwater.

Playing fields – Simon Drinkwater, David Starmer, Colin Wilkinson, Sonja Roberts, Sarah Eason & David Ballard.

School Governors – Pending.

Free School Charity – Cathy Briscoe (This is a 4 year appointment).

Harpole Charity – Sarah Eason (This is a 4 year appointment)

Road Safety Officer – Maxine Jones.

Tree Warden – Brian Gibbins.

Scarecrow Committee – Maxine Jones, Sarah Eason & David Ballard.

**Public Discussion:**

Cllr Kirkbride spoke about the Local Authorities & the difficulties & effects it will have on local services. The option of just One Council is being explored across Northamptonshire.

**Allotments:**

Plot holders are asked to be aware of Fly-Tipping & children riding round the allotments on bikes. Both plot holders & villagers are asked to be vigilant to youths climbing over gates as this is not permitted.

**Churchyard:**

Cutting back of trees and hedges will be done once the birds have finished nesting.

Quotes are being sourced for replacement of the kerbing – this is a rolling programme.

**Highways:**

A complaint has been received about the cutting down of flowers growing along a garden wall & the area being sprayed with weed killer. The pc were not aware that any maintenance of this kind was taking place - it seems that it was done by a private entity. If anyone is aware of who carried this out, let a member of the council know

Lots of pot holes in Glassthorpe Lane have been filled in, at last. The gas leak at the junction of Park Lane & High Street has now been fixed.

Villagers are asked to park safely & be aware of road users when parking. The area from Mount Pleasant down Garners Way is becoming dangerous, with cars parking down one side until the junction of the service road around the green by the Sheltered Housing, Garners Way & Manning Watts Driveway and then parking changes to the other side of the road. It is appreciated vehicles have to park somewhere, however please be mindful & leave enough room where one finishes & the other starts as emergency vehicles are struggling to negotiate small gaps, as witnessed on at least 2 occasions – putting people's lives in danger.

Reports of children entering the crop field at the top of the Playing field & trampling the crops, have been received.

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#### **Highways cont:**

Please make children aware this should not be happening & to be mindful of farmers livelihoods. Ditches should also not be 'dammed' up with wood.

#### **Lighting:**

Some of the lights need cleaning as the shades are full of debris making certain areas of the village very dark. The Council will discuss this request at the Finance meeting. A light in Hall close is currently waiting for repair.

#### **Planning:**

A meeting was held to discuss 3 applications – 19 Larkhall Lane – Extension to front – council had no objections but noted that it is possibly come over the building line.

45 Manor Close – Single storey extension to front with new access ramp – No objections, providing there is no cover over the ramp.

Land adj to 44 upper High Street – we object.

There is only one parking space on this application, for a four bedroom house, one would assume that there will be more cars - these would have to park elsewhere, parking in this area is not advised as already the road is narrowed by cars parking on the opposite side of the road at houses with no driveways. There needs to be a turning circle within the grounds to stop potential hazards of cars backing out onto an already busy road. Currently traffic has to mount the pavement to pass oncoming vehicles - as this application gives an open frontage then extra care would need to be taken as there is no pathway outside the property, it currently drops straight on to the road. This large house will overshadow the plot and is not in keeping with the surrounding properties with its size - others are 3 bedroom and not 4 bedrooms, in this area.

#### **South View:**

Annoyance has been expressed by residents of South View about the foreign HGV's who park in the service road. This has also been seen in Northampton Road. Complaints also received about a rubbish bin tipped over during bin collection & left. Drains have still not been cleaned – clerk to chase up.

#### **Village Walk:**

The walk by members of the pc will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June & will commence in the allotments at the Bowls Club end.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

By the time you read this, the Consultation Weekend will have taken place on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May.

There are certain steps that have to be followed before the plan is actually made in to a legal document. These are as follows: Plan designated / Preparing the plan / Formal Consultation – 6 weeks from June / Revise Plan / Submit to SNC in July / SNC consult for 6 weeks / Examination / Referendum / Harpole Neighbourhood Plan made in to a legal document.

It is important to us that you have your say on this.

Further information can be found on the HAT website.

We as a council also have to respond to the Local Plan consultation re green spaces & housing numbers – a meeting for this will be held at the Old School on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Vacancy:**

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council, if you are interested in representing your village & its surrounding areas please contact the clerk for an information pack & application form.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

If you have any thoughts on anything, complaints, feedback good or bad or just want to listen then please come along to a Parish Council Meeting.

Any questions do not hesitate to contact a member of the PC or the Clerk.

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