

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 10

Meeting held on October 10th 2016



Present:

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

Apologies:

Miss S. Eason (Personal), Mrs S. Roberts
(Holiday) Cllrs A. Addison, J. Kirkbride &
K. Cooper.

BG complained that our District Councillors never attended meetings and felt SNC should be contacted on this issue. Most councillors disagreed.

Public Discussion:

A member of the public complained that the Red Lion layby was again in a mess; with a number of people living there in various vehicles, The Clerk will report it to SNC, Highways & the Police.

Allotments

Cllr R. Gibbins reported that clearance work continued on the vacated plot.

Work on the school hedge would be taking place during half term. It was suggested that an emergency gateway could be put in.

Councillors agreed.

The Allotments Association would be asking for a grant of £1000 for maintenance, which would include the hedge cutting.

The request would be considered at the Precept meeting.

Finance.

Precept meeting confirmed the Precept Meeting will be on Nov 28th. 8pm – those organisations who receive Annual Funding from the Council are asked to send their request letters in to the Clerk before this date.

Highways/ Footpaths.

Pavements around the Old Peoples bungalows in Garners Way are in a poor condition.

A parishioner had complained of the danger of exiting her driveway onto a very busy Sandy Lane.

It was noted that Sandy Lane now appeared to be an integral part of the proposed development rather than the anticipated cul-de-sac.

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It was also noted that reversing onto any road was ill-advised.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact the Police re speed checks being carried out in this area. It was noted that there had been no volunteers when a police plus volunteers scheme had been suggested in the past.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Dogs should be kept on leads and owners are reminded to clear up any dog mess from the public highways and byways. There are plenty of dog poo bins around the village for use. Farmers' fields were being used as dog toilets, and concerns were raised that this could ultimately impact on the human food chain.

Lighting.

The light on the corner of Glassthorpe Lane and Chester Avenue is still out, as is the one at the junction of School Lane and High St. The long awaited light in Hall Close is still out of action.

South View.

The stile by the bus stop and the footpath in Sandy Lane is still overgrown, despite the hedge being cut.

There is a drain collapsing at this location. Cllr B. Justice reported that drains around, and to either side of the Kislingbury Turn roundabout on the A4500 were apparently inspected and partially cleared the day before this meeting, but it was felt no attempt was made to clear the seriously blocked drains.

HGVs are using South View for overnight parking with consequent noise and disruption, as well as causing further damage to the already poor road surface. Clerk to report appropriately.

Planning:

Apologies to the householder at 44 High Street as their address was wrongly reported as having parking issues outside of a building application in last month's newsletter – it should have read 44 Upper High Street.



Planning Continued:

S/2016/2176/FUL – 28 Garners Way – Single Storey front extension, new front porch and front first floor window. Two / single storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Although the Parish Council support this application in principle, they do make the following comment:

The proposal of the porch to the front of the building is altering the building line. No other property in this area has been developed in this style, however it will enhance the property.

S/206/2314/FUL – 14 High Street – Single & two storey rear extensions – original application approved in August 2012, 3 year time period has expired.

This application is a re-submission in order to validate the approval.

No Objections.

Plans rechecked for 86 Larkhall Lane –

Observations received around size of 'Roman Pillars' at the front of the building.

The meeting felt that although the pillars look larger than those suggested on the plans, they did not see any reason to complain as they complemented the building. Householders in the vicinity who are concerned about the size should get in touch with SNC if they feel the need.

Barwood application. S/2016/1324/EIA

Norwood Farm. CW showed a copy of the SDF, which has been created in the absence of a master plan, but which has no legal standing. He felt it had taken account of comments made by Council, particularly in the issue of an increased size of Country Park. He felt that the door was open for Council to discuss the creation of a Country Park, and even to bid to control it. He also felt that it was likely that the developers would have been contacted by SNC on this issue.

Cllr C. Wilkinson will respond positively to the idea of creating and running a Country Park.

Upton Lodge. Clerk had distributed details of the consultation on this adjacent NBC development, and Cllr Wilkinson wondered if Council wished to comment. He felt that South View might benefit from access to this development as a safer means of egress onto the A4500.

Cllr Justice felt most residents would prefer to retain the existing right hand turn across the dual carriageway. Other Councillors felt this exit was already dangerous.

Website:

Thanks go to David Lawrence who has kindly volunteered to create and manage a new website for the Parish Council & for the village.

Possible demolition of Bus Shelters:

Following suggestions made at the last meeting about the demolition of the two bus shelters on the A45 at both Kislingbury & Harpole Turns, Councillors did not now consider this to be a good idea.

It was felt that the difficulties associated with work on a Highways related project would be off-putting to builders, this was apparently even the case with those who had tendered for the work.

Any builder wishing to tender for this job should contact the Clerk on the details at the end of this letter.

Date of next meeting:

The next Highways meeting will be on **Monday October 31st 2016 & the next monthly meeting is on November 14th 2016.**

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

These are advertised in the locked board outside of the Old School or on the public notice boards.

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