

**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, Mrs S.
Roberts & Clerk G. Ravine.

Public: 2**Apologies:**

Mr M. Marketis, Cllr A. Addison, J. Kirkbride &
K. Cooper.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

At the previous meeting it was decided to make a formal complaint to SNC about incorrect information on the Country Park Application. However following further discussions with the Chair & another Councillor it was decided not to proceed with this.

Allotments:

Thanks go to members of the Allotment Association who have been hard at work clearing the site of vacant plots. Following a meeting the School Headmaster has informed Rita that work to the hedge & boundary fencing is scheduled to start during the October ½ term.

Highways & Footpaths:

The junction at the top of Upper High Street & Nobottle Road is to be re-reported for both the hedges & the verges to be cut right back due to poor visibility – traffic currently has to pull out into the road before they can see what is coming.

The wide hole in the middle of the road on the bottom corner of High Street will again be reported as traffic is pulling out into the middle of the road to avoid it.

A complaint was received about a seemingly abandoned car near to the speed sign in Sandy Lane. Unfortunately the PC has no powers to investigate this – anyone who is concerned should phone the Police.

The road has subsided outside 84 Larkhall Lane, due to heavy building traffic, however highways have advised this does not meet their repair criteria.

A complaint has been received about litter around the Flaggpole Green. There are public bins in this vicinity, so all are reminded to put litter into bins & not on the floor around it.

Please don't leave it for someone else to remove - bin it or take it home.

Lighting:

The street lights which are currently not working around the village have been reported & are awaiting repair.

South View:

The public footpath sign near to the bus stop in Sandy Lane has been reported, however highways state that this is not bad enough for them to action clearance.

The bus shelters at both Harpole Turn & Kislingbury Turn are full of rubbish & in a terrible state. Some discussion took place around possibilities of what to do with them to avoid this. Quotes were previously accepted for the opening up of the fronts of these, however the builder has not been in touch. (Further discussions will take place next meeting – in the meantime if anyone is interested in quoting for this job please contact the clerk – details at the end of this letter).

The drains are still blocked & we are awaiting highways to carry out the work.

Planning:

A query was raised to SNC around the dwelling being erected on the land at 44 High Street as the sizing does not seem to leave adequate space for a car to be parked on the site. SNC replied advising that the measurements are correct.

A meeting was held to discuss applications for 22 School Lane – Single Storey Extension / 43 Carr's Way – 2 storey side extension & rear first floor dormer extension / 25 Manor Close – Front & rear extensions. The Planning Committee had no objections.

A meeting will take place at the end of September to discuss application for Single Storey front extension, new front porch & 1st floor window, 2 x single storey side ext. & single storey rear extension to 28 Garners Way.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The HAT team submitted the NP to SNC on 18th August – SNC will now hold their own consultation starting from 3rd October & will run for 6 weeks. Hard copies will be available at the church.

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Website:

Bob Jones gave a presentation around information he had researched & questions raised. Councillors will read the information provided before the next meeting where it will be discussed further & voted on.

Grass cutting:

The contracts for the grass cutting are up for renewal. Invitations to tender will be sent out before the next meeting.

Youth Facilities:

Councillor Cooper has asked for details of Youth Facilities on offer in the village – Colin Wilkinson will send her a list.

Playing Fields:

Following a request from the Headmaster at the Primary School, the Playing Field asked that the PC support them on their request for a by-law to be installed around 'No Dogs' in the Playing Field.

This request will then be sent to the District Councillor, if they support it, it will then go to London (it is quite a long process).

The PF have made an application for some of the Section 106 money to repair the metal gates & replace the wooden gates at the front of the Playing Field.

The Football Club have requested some of the money for Goal Posts & Equipment.

The PC supported these requests.

Youth Club:

The Youth Club have made an application for some of the Section 106 money to update their kitchen.

They have also made an application for the New Homes Bonus to upgrade the outdoor area.

The PC supported these requests.

Scarecrow Weekend:

Early reports given around a wet Saturday but a much better sunny Sunday. Discussions took place around the future of the festival, the PC's involvement, the organisation & the monies raised.

This year the organisations propose to spend the scarecrow monies raised in the following ways:

HARPOLE F.C; upkeep of clubhouse, new furniture and decorating

GARDENERS; running costs

FOHS; Funds for the school

PLAYING FIELD; Running costs

RANGERS; Theatre and cultural week end

HERITAGE; Running costs

METHODIST; Maintenance, running costs and chapel improvements.

ALL SAINTS; Ongoing repairs

BB; Ongoing running costs and training

BROWNIES; Trips and sleepovers

ALLOTMENTS; improvement of facilities

W.I.; A laptop connecting projector for visiting speakers and bursary for members to attend Denman College.

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