



#### **Present:**

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

#### **Apologies:**

Mr S. Drinkwater, also Cllrs A. Addison, K. Cooper.

Sarah Eason has been elected into the role of Chair of the Parish Council, and Colin Wilkinson has been elected as Vice Chair.

Members of the Parish Council have been appointed to the following Committees

- **Allotments** – Rita Gibbins
- **Highways and Footpaths** – Sarah Eason, Brian Gibbins, Rita Gibbins, Max Jones, Michael Marketis, Brian Briscoe
- **Churchyard** – Jeremy Calderwood, Simon Drinkwater, Brian Justice.
- **Finance** – Sarah Eason, Sonja Roberts, David Starmer, Rita Gibbins, Brian Gibbins, Michael Marketis, Max Jones, Jeremy Calderwood
- **Lighting** – David Starmer
- **Planning Committee** – Sarah Eason, Jeremy Calderwood, Brian Briscoe, Max Jones, Rita Gibbins, Brian Gibbins, Jeremy Calderwood, Sonja Roberts.

Members of the Parish Council have been appointed to sit on the following outside bodies:

- **Old School Hall Management Committee** – Rita Gibbins, Max Jones, Simon Drinkwater, Michael Marketis.
- **Youth Club** - Colin Wilkinson, Michael Marketis, Jeremy Calderwood.
- **Playing Fields** – David Starmer, Colin Wilkinson, Simon Drinkwater, Sonja Roberts.
- **Free School Charity** – Jeremy Calderwood, Sonja Roberts

- **Harpole Charities** (stand a term of 4 years & are all appointed by PC) - Jeremy Calderwood, Sarah Eason, Mary Burt & Peter Bateman.
- **Road Safety Officer** - Max Jones.
- **Field Footpath Warden** – Brian Gibbins.
- **Tree Warden** – Brian Gibbins.
- **Scarecrow Committee** – Michael Marketis, Jeremy Calderwood, Colin Wilkinson

#### **Public Discussion:**

Sarah Billings brought up the question of the "Binty" chicken painting that has now been covered by the painting and anti-graffiti glaze applied after the Turnpike Bus shelter was "opened out" to prevent anti – social behaviour, urination and defecation inside it. She and the artist have had many expressions of support to "Bring back the Chicken" and the artist had supplied ideas for another painting to fit onto the west facing wall now that it had a window in it, and hoped for permission to proceed.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Parish Council agreed that the final version of the Harpole Neighbourhood Plan could be submitted to South Northants Council so that the Referendum on the Plan can be finalised. It is expected that the Referendum will be at the end of July. Once this is finalised more information will be provided on the Referendum. Information on the Neighbourhood Plan can be found at <http://www.harpoleactionteam.co.uk>

#### **Planning:**

The following applications will be considered by the Planning Committee at the next Planning Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>

- 11 School Lane - 2 storey ext. to front/side, 1st floor ext. with dormer over garage

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- 70A High Street - Proposed front porch ext, 1 storey rear ext., 2 storey side/rear ext.
- 29 Larkhall Lane - Single storey extension to rear

#### **Bus Shelters:**

Following the query raised in the public discussion the council discussed the situation. Most Councillors felt that the 'Binty Bint chicken' formerly painted on the bus stop should not be reinstated, and were also surprised that there was comment now as the window had been cut into the wall in December, and this had effectively destroyed the chicken. It was felt that most villagers were happy with the repainting, and there had been comments that people were glad that Council was acting against illegal graffiti.

#### **South View Lights:**

To decide on whether to install lighting. Clerk had contacted Aylesbury Mains who advised that columns would cost approx. £800 each, but that the electricity supply would have to be arranged with WPD (Western Power Distribution). Bracket lights would be approx. £350 each, but electricity supply would in theory be very much cheaper. A meeting is being arranged with WPD.

#### **Village walk:**

The walk to review what work to be undertaken around the village needs will take place on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm at the allotments.

#### **South View:**

Brian Justice reported that the resurfacing of the roundabout had not been very successful. Work on potholes and drains at the bus stop had been carried out, but as there had been no rain it was not known whether the latter had been successful. Residents in Sandy Lane have complained that their bins had not been properly put back on the verge following emptying and had been dragged into the road by the slipstream of

heavy lorries and crushed as a result. Clerk to report to SNC.

#### **Allotments:**

The newly planted fruit trees will be given labels, as many are old and unusual species. 2 quotes had been obtained for aluminium composite noticeboards at £125 and £128. Wording would be kept simple.

#### **Churchyard:**

JC felt that John Gibbins had made a very good start to cutting the grass, and the Churchyard looked better with each cut.

**Date of next Parish Council meeting :** June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at The Old School Hall.

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