

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 12

Meeting held on December 12th 2016



A Happy New Year to each & every one of you, from members of the Parish Council.

Present:

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins, Mr B. Justice, Mr C. Wilkinson, Mr D. Starmer, Miss S. Eason, Mrs R. Gibbins, Mrs S. Roberts, Mr S. Drinkwater, Mr B. Briscoe, Mr P. Marlow, Mr M. Marketis & Clerk G. Ravine. **Public** (3)

Apologies:

Cllr J. Calderwood, Cllrs A. Addison (Personal), J. Kirkbride (Meeting clash).

Public Discussion:

Nil.

Matters Arising:

A letter had been received from a Parishioner supporting the Council's decision not to employ a CPSO at this time.

After discussion & enquiries about the Minibus the Youth Club decided they would not apply for it at this time..

Accounts for Payment:

The Chair & Clerk will meet with someone experienced in Parish Council Online Banking, with a view to changing over.

Payment for work to the Old School Hall guttering was agreed.

Lighting:

As reported previously, one of the lights in Hall Close has been out for a considerable amount of time.

As the residents of Hall Close wish to keep the traditional lamps within the Close, residents are usually asked to pay the difference between a standard lamp (as per the rest of the village) & the more traditional form. The PC agreed at this meeting that the lamp needs replacing & the PC will pay the standard fee for a lamp & Hall Close residents would pay the difference.

Grass-Cutting Contract:

The grass cutting contract for the Churchyard is up for renewal, however the rest of the village does not come up for renewal until next year.

The Council decided that it would give a one year's contract to the cutter of the Churchyard to bring it back into line with the rest of the village.

Three quotes were discussed & the Council decided to take the cheapest quote & contracted Mr John Gibbins for 12 months, with a 3 month trial.

Glassthorpe Lane Litter Bin:

Following the disappearance of the bin at the end of Glassthorpe Lane, the Council will request a black bin from SNC to be sited at the end of Glassthorpe for rubbish to be deposited, they will also request this bin is emptied regularly.

Bonfires on the Allotments:

A complaint has been received from the Headmaster of the School, about a bonfire burning during School times & the smoke sweeping across the playground causing the children to be taken back in to school.

Mr J. Gibbins advised that he had been the owner of the fire & apologised, however when it was lit the wind was blowing in a different direction. Upon noticing the wind had changed he let the fire go out.

The Allotment Association feels that this complaint is an over-reaction.

Following a discussion around bonfires, the Council decided to put a sentence in to the agreement to reflect the burning of rubbish & requesting fires do not take place during School Hours.

Villagers are also requested to be mindful when lighting bonfires & avoid them during School Hours.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Following the recent consultation 16 responses were received, with 66 separate comments. The HAT team have looked at the responses & members have met with Kirkwells & SNC. A document is being put together listing the comments received & what will be done about each one. This document will then be discussed by the PC on January 9th.

Following this the document & the plan will be put through to SNC for a Referendum & then will go to the Inspector.

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Planning:

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applications have been refused by SNC.

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A meeting took place on 6th December to discuss:

4 Orchard Way – Proposed conservatory to side/rear – No objections.

41 South View – Single Storey side extension & first floor rear extension – No objections

Land off of Sandy Lane – Determine whether prior approval for change of use to 2 dwelling houses re transport & highways & Noise impacts of development; contamination risks & flooding risks on site; whether siting makes change of use impractical or undesirable; design & external appearance of building – We do not support the change of use on these Agricultural Buildings. They are in open countryside and the application is not in keeping with the Joint Core Strategy. There is no visual display out on to a 60 mph road.

There will be Environmental Contamination to the ground.

A Change of Use is inappropriate as is the setting of this application.

A Site Visit would be advantageous.

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Correspondence:

Further correspondence has been received from the complainant of the Silver Birch Trees: 'Thank you for considering my enquiry, and though at this time I accept the outcome I am still of the opinion that there has to be some responsibility on whomsoever planted them to maintain them to a reasonable degree. I understand that leaves are a natural hazard and did not mention leaves falling in gardens, but to leaves and seeds blocking gutters regularly causing overflows if I fail to clear them frequently. Obviously they were planted well away from the bowls club building thus ensuring that they do not have similar issues'.

Thanks:

Following a recent performance at the Village Hall, the PC wishes to thank Sharon Matthews & her helpers for all their hard work with the Pre School & for putting on a splendid Christmas show.

Thank you to Sally Golding & Carmen Boyes for helping with the Christmas Tree.

The tree on the Flagpole Green has been erected by the Parish Council.

Date of next meetings:

The next meeting will be on Monday January 9th 2017 & the next Highways meeting will be on January 30th 2017.

Draft Minutes can be viewed on the locked board outside of the Old School Hall, or by contacting our Clerk.

Don't forget to look at the New PC Website

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