

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter
Following the Meetings held on April 9th, 2018



As is usual the April Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Harpole Annual Parish Meeting

The Chair of the Parish Council, Miss Sarah Eason, gave a full report of the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months. She covered the planning issues around the various developments in the Parish, the likely way forward for the Parish Council, the problems with the condition of Highways and traffic in the Parish and the Old School Hall processes for the future. The full transcript of her report can be found on the village website and will be in the Monthly Parish e-mail news for Parishioners. (Parishioners can sign up to receive this via the website). The meeting heard reports from organisations in the village together with a report from our County Councillor, Adam Brown. There were no public questions from the seven parishioners present. Copies of all the documents can be found on the Parish Website front page www.Harpolevillage.org.uk

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Ordinary meeting 9th April

Present at the meeting were Councillors S Eason (in the chair), J Calderwood, S Drinkwater B Gibbins, R Gibbins, M Jones, B Justice, D Lawrence, M Marketis, P Marlow, S. Roberts, D Starmer, The Clerk, G Ravine and six members of the Public. An apology for absence was received by Councillor Colin Wilkinson

Public Discussion

Allan Leroy told the Council that the Church roof is in a parlous state, needing replacement at an estimated cost of £100,000. (Listing status means that it must be replaced with lead). The only income that the church has comes from the congregation and local income generation such as the Scarecrow festival. There is no central fund available. It

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was to be hoped that the Church is seen as a community facility and asset. The Council agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Banking

The Clerk is still waiting for the bank to respond to the latest application for internet banking capability.

SNC Planning meeting

Some Councillors met with SNC offers to start a dialogue about the planning applications for J16 and Norwood Farm. The meeting was useful, given the concerns around potential changes on the balance of housing types in the Barwood proposals. It was a productive meeting with the officers, and further meetings are planned. Concern was once again expressed at the non-acceptance of invitations to Parish Council meetings by our District Councillors, who have responsibly in these planning areas.

Old School Hall

The Council had sought advice from ACRE around the status of the OSH, and concerns about potential conflicts of interest. The response advised that any conflicts of interests could be managed via the normal declarations of interest processes. It was noted that there are 4 Parish Councillors appointed to the Management Committee and they all had the interest of the OSH and the village at heart.

Audit

The internal audit will need to be completed before the next Ordinary Meeting, at which the Annual Return forms will be completed.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR aims primarily to give control back to citizens and residents over their personal data. The meeting agreed to appoint Danny Moody of NCALC as the required Data Protection Officer.



Meeting with NCC Highways

A meeting with a representative of NCC Highways discussed and looked at Larkhall Lane, Garners Way and Sandy Lane. Various options had been examined to resolve road conditions and parking problems, and the meeting asked the Working Party to investigate the provision of Yellow lines in Garners Way as being the most immediate solution to the parking issues by Manning Watts House. The state of the verges in Sandy lane is under investigation.

Larkhall Way Bus Shelter

Before deciding on whether to start the process to commission a bus shelter in Larkhall Lane the Council asked the Clerk to write to relevant householders. Some Councillors felt that there were shelters within a short distance, and this could set a precedent for requests for all the bus stops.

Northampton Road Parking

The Clerk was asked to write to Stagecoach to investigate why the bus stop had been moved from the layby, as "No HGV" signs would be unenforceable. NCC could not carry out new works given the current circumstances at the Council. Mr Barras was to be asked to continue to review the situation as Councillors had not observed HGV's parking recently.

Flooding

Following the flooding issues meeting the council is awaiting a report from Richard Jones which will contain maps of sewers, ditching and flooding which the Council can publicise on the website. The Council was urged to set up a group to look at Parish flooding problems.

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Planning

Planning issues discussed by the planning Committee included:

- Shell Kislingbury Weedon Road
- 17 Carrs Way
- Wilsons Farm Glassthorpe Lane
- Land at Junction 16 M1
- Red Lion,
- Land Bounded by New Sandy Lane to East.

Comments on these had been passed to SNC, and detail of the Planning Committee meetings can be found on the Parish Council Website.

Future Meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting will be on 14th May at **7.30 PM** at the Old School Hall

The next Highways Committee will be on 30th April at **7.00 PM** at the Old School Hall