



## Harpole Parish Council

### Ordinary meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June

Present at the meeting were Mr C Wilkinson (in the chair) Mr J Calderwood Mr S Drinkwater Mr B Gibbins Mrs R Gibbins Mrs. M Jones Mr B Justice Mr D Lowrence Mr M Marketis Mr P Marlow Mrs. S. Roberts Mr. D Starmer Miss S Eason 2 members of the Public Clerk, G Ravine

### Public Discussion

Alan Leroy spoke about the state of All Saints Church roof which was giving rise to some concern. The roof must be lead (listed building status) and replacement would cost in the region of £100,000. The only income to cover this comes from the Scarecrow festival, local fundraising and the congregation. He felt that the church could be seen as a community facility and asset and hoped the Council would agree. Later in the meeting the Council agreed to support in principal the funding request and this would be discussed at the next precept meeting.

### From the previous minutes.

The scarecrow funding distribution record had been distributed and was also on the website

### Planning

A number of new and updated applications had been received and were passed to the planning committee for review and action. These were

**9 Orchard Way**, *proposed single storey extension to front.* **66 Carrs Way**, *Single Storey rear Extension.* **Swan House 8 Park Lane**, *Replace French doors on front elevation and French doors and side lights on rear elevation.* **1 Norwood Farm Cottages, Sandy Ln**, *Two storey rear extension & new front porch.* **6 Sandy Lane**, *2 Storey, & single storey side/rear ext. Various alterations.* **Shell Kislingbury Weedon Road**, *replace petrol filling station, shop, forecourt, canopy & underground fuel*

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tanks – **Withdrawn**. Red Lion, Install fuel tanks & dispensers in lorry parking facility - **Approved**. Land bounded by New Sandy Ln to East, Outline app – demolish barns: 1750 dwellings, school, Local Centre, open space, drainage systems, ancillary inf. Works – **Pending**.

### **District Councillors**

Colin Wilkinson had been Invited to visit Cllr. Ann Addison, who had expressed a willingness to move forward in the relationship with the Council. The Clerk will ask her/ Cllr to forward a monthly report if unable to attend meetings.

### **2017-18 Accounts & Governance**

The 2017-18 accounts were accepted, with one abstention. The internal Auditor had raised an issue in that Legislation did not allow for matter arising to be placed on the agenda. All items arising from the previous meeting should be provided to the clerk in time for the publication of the next meeting's agenda. All draft minutes are available on the website with 3 or four days after the meeting, so parishioners and members have time to consider any items arising that might need to be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk had obtained an extension to the date by which the Annual Return must be published. This was read to Councillors, agreed, signed and forwarded for publication.

### **Traffic issues and Roads**

The ongoing matter of a solution to HGV parking in Northampton Road, including whether to proceed with HGV limitations and yellow lines was delegated to the Highways committee, and Mr Barras would be informed. Following a mail consultation with affected residents in Larkhall Way, the Council decided not to proceed with a bus shelter by the current Bus stop. A map was distributed showing the proposed yellow lines in Garners Way and the matter was passed to the Highways committee for further action.

### **Bugbrooke Patient Participation Group (BPPG)**



Michael Marketis presented a report from this group, where concern had been expressed about the lack of medical facilities for the Norwood Farm development, and repairs needed to the surgery roof.

### **Hearing Loop in the Old School Hall**

This had been agreed with the OSH Management Committee and arrangements were now to be put in place to install the loop.

### **Terms of Reference for Committees**

Following a request by David Lawrence the Clerk agreed to prepare ToR's for the Allotments, Highways and Planning committees.

### **Committees**

**Allotments** – the Council agreed that the maintenance of the Allotments should be a paid job. Money was being withheld until the accounts were audited. Rita Gibbins agreed to get them audited.

**Churchyard** – the Maintenance of the Churchyard was going Well. Jeremy Calderwood reminded the Council that they hold money towards the restoration of the Gibbins Grave and had agreed to pay the rest.

**Finance** – Councillors felt that the Finance committee should meet more often. David Starmer pointed out that traditionally the committee only met once a year to agree the precept. The clerk suggested a meeting after the Highways meeting in July.

Details of the Planning Committee meetings can be found on the Parish Council Website.

#### **Highways –**

The Council agreed to accept the quotation from John Gibbins for initial and follow up visits to clear the 4 jitties in the village of weeds. (Rita Gibbins declared an interest). The clerk was asked to write to the residents of Northampton road, outside whose house rubbish and white goods had been stacked on the grass verge (highway).

**Footpaths** – Brian Gibbins had spoken to Haygates to get a Field path marked.

**Lighting** - Brian Gibbins reported light 10 on Larkhall way was out. The continuing saga of lighting outside the antique shop was to be addressed.

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## Harpole in Transition

The Council agreed to proceed with the recommendations of the HIT committee and is minded to increase the hours and responsibilities of the clerking and admin functions, over time, to respond to the changes that will be necessary with the new developments in the Parish. Due to the HR elements of this proposal, this subject was discussed in closed session without the presence of the Clerk.

## Items for the Next Agenda and Next Meetings

GDPR - Records retention policy, Response to LGR consultation, Speed signs.

Highways 25th June 2018. 7.00. Ordinary Meeting 7.30 pm. July 9th. 2018 David Starmer Reminded Councillors that Council meetings should not last more than 2 hours.

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## Anti-Social Behaviour

*There has been an increase in anti-social incidents involving youths believed to be from the village recently. These include dog mess, eggs, mayonnaise and flour being thrown at cars and houses in Garners' way and Park Lane and evidence of substance misuse in garage areas. This is unacceptable behaviour by any measure. If you are dog walking or passing by in a car can you to keep an eye out for any unusual behaviour around the village and report it to the police (you can do this online at <https://www.northants.police.uk/webform/report-crime>), in order that we can bring this to an end.*