

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

Following the Ordinary Meeting held on September 10th, 2018



AT THE ORDINARY MEETING 10th September

All Parish Councillors were present at the meeting, with apologies from Cllr Ann Addison. Four members of the public were present together with PCSO Stephanie Bacon.

Public Participation

Mr Barras gave an update on Parking nuisance by HGV's at the Southern end of the High street, together with photographic evidence. His dossier was padded around the Councillors and he would provide an electronic copy of the papers for the Council Library on the Website. The subject of yellow lines and parking restrictions for large vehicles is with the Highways Committee for consideration Mrs Winters raised the subject of the removal of the bus shelter in Larkhall Lane, the Council does not yet have a date for this work.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Harpole

PCSO Stephanie Bacon spoke about the recent spate of anti-social behaviour in the village which included the throwing of eggs, mayonnaise and dog mess at cars and doors. She produced a map showing dates and incidents and told the meeting that they had spoken with residents and victims. There had been no names forthcoming for the perpetrators of these incidents, and she stressed that while it was difficult to tackle offenders without witnesses, the Police would act against named offenders. Parishioners can report incidents by phoning 101 or email. - see the contact list at the end of this newsletter. A member of the public reported that number plates of suspicious cars were being swapped and kept on the top of the garages opposite the turnpike. The Police would look into this.

Parking

The Police would act against vehicles parked half on the pavement if they block the path. The issue of Manor close was problematical in that if vehicles parked on a public highway were road legal there is little recourse. Noise issues on starting of vehicles could be referred to Environmental Health - see the end of this newsletter.

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The Clerk

The Chair welcomed the Clerk's return to work and reported that outcome of the Grievance Hearing was that the Clerks grievance had been upheld, and the Council had apologised to the Clerk and he would be consulted over future proposals.

A vacancy on the Parish Council

Mrs Jones resignation would be reported to South Northants Council and advice requested as they had previously said that Harpole was over-represented. Some Councillors felt that as there had always been 13 councillors, that number should remain, and the post filled.

Appointment of Vice Chair

David Lawrence was appointed vice-chair

Payments

The Council agreed all the payments due this month, with the addition of 2 cheques that should have appeared on last month's payments.

Terms of Reference for Council's Committees

There was a discussion about the role of the Allotment Committee as either advisory or with delegated financial powers. It was agreed that it should remain advisory. The adoption of the Allotment ToR's was deferred, David Lawrence was concerned that rents were well behind the "going rate" locally, and David Starmer reported that this came up every year at the Precept meeting. Other Committees were working on their Tams of Reference, and Jeremy Calderwood would distribute the Churchyard agreement

Management of Green Spaces

Sonja Roberts reported that Council had expressed an interest in managing the Green Spaces as part of the Development in the North of the Parish. The next step is a meeting between Daventry and South Northants Councils.

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Bugbrooke Patient Participation Group

Michael Marketis reported on his attendance at this Group. There can be no section 106 money allocated to the surgery for repairs as it is privately owned. Much money was being wasted on repeat prescriptions for patients who were either deceased or had gone away.

Drones

Michael Marketis reported on a Drone that had overflown the village. This was felt to be a matter for the Police rather than the Council.

Hearing Loop in the Old School Hall

This will be installed on the 23rd October.

Council Committee Reports

Allotments

Councillors expressed concern that reports from the committees were not being distributed before the ordinary meeting, leading to delays and longer meetings. It was reported that the ban on fires had been lifted. The quotations received for maintenance were not comparable, so the spec would be re-written and re-issued. There was some concern the work needed to be started quickly.

Finance

The Clerks distributed an up to date bank reconciliation, indicating progress against the allocation.

Highways/Footpaths

Councillors reported that pavements across the village are in a particularly bad condition;

25 Garners Way to the cul de sac

5 to 17 High Street

David Lawrence said that having had to use a stick lately, the pavements in the village were very poor and especially difficult for anyone needing sticks. He reminded the meeting that pavements could be reported on Street Doctor as well as roads. The Chair thanked Stan Clark for his repair to the Carrs way road sign.

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Lighting

Two lights were reported out. David Starmer reported that the Light opposite the Antique shop had a new live connection installed, but the hole had been temporarily filled in, then tarmacked over, hiding the fact that it had been addressed.

Harpole in Transition

Sonja Roberts spoke to the Minutes of the previous meeting and the proposals “Ways of Working” which were designed to harmonise communication and decision making. The Council resolved to accept the proposals, although the Clerk expressed concern that not everyone had read the proposals, (though they had been distributed to Councillors before the meeting) and advised deferring the resolution.

Next Meetings - all Old School Hall

**Ordinary Meeting October 8th 7:00 pm: Highways Committee Sept 24th 7:00 pm:
Harpole in Transition Sept 19th 7:30 pm: Finance Sept 24th 8:00 pm: Planning
Committee Sept 25th 7pm:**

Councillors asked that Parishioners take note of the following links

Potholes, Pavements and Street Furniture problems

Parishioners can report potholes and damage to street furniture and pavements online quickly and easily on the County Council Street Doctor link:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/roads/streetdoctor/>

Anti-Social Behaviour

Events can be reported on the phone - 101

or on email <https://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting>

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