

Harpole Parish Council Newsletter

Following the Ordinary Meeting held on November 12th, 2018



AT THE ORDINARY MEETING 12th November

All Parish Councillors were present at the meeting, except for Cllr S Roberts who was away from the Parish on family matters

Public Participation

A Parishioner requested permission to prune a small tree on Top Green and noted that the white lines had not been reinstated after the recent road surfacing. The clerk would follow up on the white lines, and the Councillors agreed to the pruning. Councillor Addison, unable to be present, submitted a report which outlined the steps being undertaken by SNDC to "divorce" from Cherwell in preparation for the future unitary status. It was thought that there would be no elections in 2019.

Parish Council Vacancy

There has been no response to the notice, and the council had been permitted to co-opt a new councillor. Councillors Roberts, Wilkinson and Lawrence were requested to convene as a panel and interview candidates and propose to the council.

Accounts for Payment

Payments were approved for the following Accounts (Cllr. Lawrence declared an Interest)

- G. Ravine – salary
- HMRC
- P Warden – Grass – verges.
- EON - Streetlighting
- Playing Field Association – half year grant
- Old School Hall - half year grant
- J Nickolls – Flagpole maintenance.
- DNH - Dog bins
- R Howey- Bus shelter
- J Gibbins – churchyard grass
- Aylesbury mains – Light maint. Nos 73&75
- Aylesbury mains – Light maint. nos 6, 22 & 62
- Champion School - Newsletter
- Personnel Advice and Solutions Ltd ** No invoice

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- D Lowrence for printer & Computer
- Mrs P Eason Poppy Wreath
- Louis Gibbins – Allotments
- P Green Allotments
- Fabtronic Group – Hearing Loop
- Pension

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES and ADVISORY GROUPS

Harpole in Transition

This report was held in closed session as it affected HR matters concerning Parish employees. (previously such sessions were held at the end of the meeting, but at a previous meeting it was decided to move these important reports higher up the agenda, as meetings had become rather protracted and these discussions needed Councillors' full attention)

Allotments

The Chair reported that following advice from NCALC (Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils) the contract for maintenance would need to be re-tendered, as the Council had not followed its procedures for quotations. The work would be re-tendered, with all suppliers using the same form for the contract, to be effective from the new year. Cllr Brian Gibbins proposed that no work be carried out on the allotments until that time. This was not supported. Cllr Rita Gibbins reported that documents for 2019/20 were in preparation, and a waiting list had been established. It was not clear how many plot holders had dropped out. Cllr Calderwood felt that the council should apologise to the tenderers for the inconvenience created.

Churchyard

The council accepted a quote from L Gibbins for Yew Tree work, and Councillor Calderwood reported that work on the Scriven tomb was underway.

Highways/Footpaths.

The Committee recommended no action on Speed cameras. Cllr Marlow did not understand the reasoning behind this recommendation and requested sight of the quotations.

Lighting

The Clerk would report the following lights out:

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- no 40 outside 2 Chester Avenue,
- no 78 outside 51 Manor Close,
- on the jitty between School Lane and High St,
- Road Hill

Planning

The Planning minutes had been distributed and were agreed.

- 34 High Street T1 - Yew Tree – Reduce by 1 metre **Pending**
- 23 Manor Cl. Demolition garage & conservatory. New side & rear extensions **Approved**
- 2 Larkhall Way Single storey side and rear extensions **Approved**
- Land at J16 M1 Variation of Condition 2 (plans) S/2016/0400/EIA (Hybrid Application):
Pending
- 7 Park Lane New vehicular access with 1.8m high access gates **Approved**
- 49 Upper High Street Determine whether prior approval required) re. Impact on the amenity of any adjoining premises of proposed single storey rear ext. Extending 3.73m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, max. height of 3.6m & height of eaves 2.5m **Planning Permission required**
- 1 Garners Way A two-storey side extension with attached garage and porch. **Pending**
- 22 Upper High St Cedar, - Trim/remove dead branches, overhang footpath & touch property, **Pending**
- 6 Park Lane Demolish existing shed and proposed new garage **Pending**

South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2)

There was a difference between the Neighbourhood Plan map and the NLP plan. It would be investigated

Flood Protection

The Council has a Grant of £3,000 to spend on Flood Protection. Councillor Lowrence seemed to remember that this should be spent on Planning. The Chair would investigate how this could be used.

Financial Regulations

The finance committee would review the current Regulations and produce a version for adoption at the Next Ordinary Meeting.

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War Memorial

The War Memorial names would be repainted by Moira Morris who had previously restored the Memorial

Committee Terms of reference update

The ToR's for the Allotments committee were adopted. Terms of Reference for the Highways Committee and the Planning Committee were postponed.

Training Courses from NCALC

The clerk would make arrangements for him and Councillor Lowrence to attend the Employment Course. The Clerk would arrange a bespoke course for the whole Council on the Code of Conduct.

Dates for next meetings

- Ordinary Meeting on Dec 10th, 2018 7.00.pm
- Highways Committee Nov26th 7.00.
- Finance Committee Nov26th 8.00pm.
- Harpole In Transition. Nov 19th 7.00pm.
- Allotments Committee. Dec 3rd 7.45pm.

All at Old School Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

You can see all the Parish Council's reports, committee minutes, policies, procedures and diary entries on our Website: www.harpolevillage.org.uk . You can also sign up there to receive our Parish Council news email. All Neighbourhood watch and local events can be seen there too.

Residents are reminded that we have dog bins for dog waste. Please use them and clear up after your pet

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