

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2018 in Harringworth Village Hall
Meeting commenced at 19:30

Present;

Cllr S McLean (Chairman)

Cllr S Milton (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr S Chambers

Cllr L Boon

Cllr K Dove

Cllr G Dolman

B Chambers (Clerk)

1007. Apologies for absence

Cllr A White due to illness.

1008. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Chambers for items 7.v.iv – Clerks pay and 7.b.vi – kiosk lamp replacement.

1009. Dispensation Request

Dispensation requests were granted to all Councillors present to enable the discussion and decision regarding 2018/19 precept.

1010. Policing Matters

The Clerk reported that there had been no recorded crime in the Parish for the period to end November 2017. It was noted that there is an ongoing level of rural crime activity in adjacent villages and the Chairman stressed the need for vigilance.

1011. Minutes of meetings held on 9th November 2017

The Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting and these were signed as a true record by Cllr McLean.

1012. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the meeting agenda.

1013. Finance

a. Payments Received –

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| • Memorial fee R. Towell | £ | 90.00 |
| • Churchyard upkeep donation | £ | 25.00 |

b. Payments for approval

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| • Eon Electricity Bill (Jan invoice) | £ | 88.24* |
| • Eon street light maintenance | £ | 80.93 |
| • Eon photocell replacement (church lantern) | £ | 28.16 |
| • Clerk Salary | £ | 216.00 |
| • Clerk PAYE (HMRC) | £ | 54.00 |
| • Replacement lamps telephone kiosk | £ | 6.84 |

c. Payments made against existing approved contracts

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| • Grass Cutting, (invoices 17/260) | £ | 384.00 |
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* The EoN electricity bill had been on the agenda for approval at £86.80 however councillors were asked to approved the correct figure of £88.24

The councillors approved all payments.

d. Reconciliation review

The MRF had reviewed the reconciliation and had provided a signed copy of the spreadsheet.

e. Parish precept 2018/19

Councillors confirmed their deliberation that the 2018/19 precept should be set at £6,000.00, no increase on the preceding year.

f. N.C.C. budget cuts

The Chairman raised the issue of proposed budget cuts and the questionnaire that had been circulated to gather Parish Council views on relative priorities. Councillors expressed concern at the proposed 25% reduction in winter gritting services and the potential impact this could have on villagers. The Clerk is to write to N.C.C. stating the village reliance on the provision of all the existing gritting service to enable residents to get out of the village during periods of severe weather.

1014. Highway matters

a. Field adjacent to Spanhoe Lodge

The Clerk had raised the Councils concern with the Highways Agency as the field hedge boundary removal had previously been flagged to them and an enforcement notice issued. The Highways Agency is dealing with the matter.

b. Bollard outside Church Cottage

A replacement safety bollard has been installed.

c. Footpaths officer visit 15th November 2017

The footpath officer had met with the Cllr. White and the Clerk. The footpath between Carpenters Cottage and Shotley was the main focus of the meeting. The footpath has subsequently been cleared and added to the annual maintenance cycle to ensure it remains clear. The proposed resurfacing has been deferred to the 2018/19 financial year.

d. Potholes across the Parish

A number of potholes have been observed throughout the village that the winter weather is making worse. It was observed that a highways officer had been sighted in the village recently marking potholes with white paint to identify those that are in need of maintenance. Councillors discussed the poor state of Seaton Road underneath the viaduct (Rutland County Council section) where the edges have become severely compromised. The Clerk is to report the issue to Rutland County Council.

1015. Planning

a. 17/02409/TCA fell apple tree, Brook House, Wakerley Road NN17 3AH – no objections recorded with ENDC planning

b. 17/02651/TCA tree work Ashcroft, Gretton Road. N17 3AD – no objections recorded

1016. Administration

a. Street light replacement programme – The communication with residents issued in December has produced a single response thanking the Parish Council for the work they were doing. The Clerk has arranged for all MPANS to be checked in preparation for the re-registering of the street lights at a reduced power consumption. The physical work to replace the lights is programed to commence on 1th February.

- b. Revised burial fees – A revised schedule of burial fees has been published and the new scheme commenced on 1st January 2018.

1017. Correspondence

- a. November correspondence
All items of correspondence requested in November have been issued and it was noted that all have been acted upon.
- b. Kings Cliffe medical centre
The Chairman had attended a meeting to discuss a proposed medical/community hub development in Kings Cliffe. This facility is to offer up to 70 specialist extra care accommodation units for the elderly and could become an option for Harringworth residents having such needs due to its close proximity.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from HMRC detailing forthcoming changes to the VAT reclaim process. Further details will be published in the next few weeks.

The Clerk is to attend a training session on the 22nd January regarding Parish Mapping systems.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm

Date of next meeting: 8th March 2018

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