

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017 in Haringworth Village Hall
Meeting commenced at 20:30

Present;

Cllr S McLean (Chairman)

Cllr S Milton (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr S Chambers

Cllr L Boon

Cllr K Dove

Cllr A White

Cllr G Dolman

B Chambers (Clerk)

964. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

965. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest required for this meeting.

966. Dispensation Request

No dispensation requests were required for the business of this meeting.

967. Minutes of meeting held on 9th March 2017

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

968. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

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

969. Finance

a. Payments received

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| • Bank interest March 2017 | £ 00.40 |
| • Precept April 2017 (part 1 of 2) | £3,000.00 |

b. Payments for approval

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| • Eon Electricity Bill (Apr invoice) | £ 78.02 |
| • Eon street light maintenance | £ 80.93 |
| • SLCC annual membership | £ 60.00 |
| • Zurich Insurance | £ 345.60 |
| • 4 Counties grass cutting (invoice 17/022) | £ 192.00 |

The councillors approved all payments.

The Clerk is to ascertain why invoices for grass cutting are paid in favour of 4 Counties Ground Maintenance whilst the contract signed by the Council was with CGD.

a. Reconciliation review

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

970. Highway matters

a. Seaton Road

- I. The Highways Authority had confirmed that they would replace the bollards on Seaton Road that had been knocked over during the 8 weeks following the previous meeting. This date has been missed and a revised date for the replacement of the bollards has been given of prior to 2nd June.

II. The Contractor who had cut the hedge on Seaton Road had offered to add the maintenance of this hedge to his workload annually to ensure the result achieved this year would be sustained. The Clerk is to confirm that the landowners are prepared to share the cost on the same basis as for this year's work.

b. Gretton Road Potholes

The Clerk had reported specific cases on ENDC Street Doctor and these had now been dealt with.

c. Footpaths Issues

A new footpaths map had been received and handed to Cllr L. Boon as Footpath Officer, this was now passed on to Cllr A. White. There were concerns that some registered footpaths had been removed from the map. The Clerk and Cllr A. White are to compare the new map with the previous version to identify any changes.

971. Planning

- a. 17/00191/FUL & 17/00192/LBC single storey extension 27, Seaton Road, Church Cottage (ENDC refusal of planning)
- b. 17/00666/LBC Strengthening works Haringworth Viaduct. (no objection submitted)
- c. 17/00702/FUL Replacement dwelling house at Fieldfare Main Street Laxton, NN17 3AT (comments but no objections submitted)

The Clerk was asked to circulate details of the new North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Policies

972. Administration

a. Burial Ground Gate Posts

Cllr. Dove had received a quotation for the replacement of a single gate post at the burial ground of £160 whilst the Clerk had obtained a quote for the same work from Smiths properties who had quoted £498. Cllr Dove was asked to place the contract for the work to be carried out at the lowest quoted price.

b. Burial Ground Headstone Review.

The Chairman and the Clerk had carried out the annual headstone review at the end of March and new cases were recorded on the records kept and shared with the P.C.C.

c. Burial Ground Fees

The Internal Auditor had noted that the burial fees were last reviewed in 2012 and felt these should be reviewed. The Clerk is to circulate the current list of fees to Councillors for review at the next meeting.

973. Correspondence

- a. AMCO rail funding for public notice boards.

Cllr Chambers updated the Council on progress with the creation of the public information boards.

Cllr Chambers advised Councillors of a possible request for the Roman coffin situated in the Church graveyard to be relocated to within the church in order to better conserve the artefact. It is anticipated that the archaeologist concerned will assist in securing the necessary funding.

Cllr McLean expressed his thanks to Cllr Chambers and the Clerk for producing and distributing the advertising leaflet for the Open meeting that had resulted in ten members of the public attending the earlier meeting.

Cllr Boon gave an update on the recent Wakerley Liaison Group meeting. No date has yet been set for the commencement of extraction work but it is anticipated to commence in the near future.

Cllr Chambers advised the Council that a replacement power cable had been put through the medieval burial ground on Seaton Road. The excavation had unearthed human remains and the bones had been damaged during the excavation. Bulwick Estate had issued the proper authority for the excavation to take place on their land and had advised the utility of the sensitivity of the site and the need to notify the County archaeologist. The power utility company had failed to follow the correct procedures. The County archaeologist had met on site with the landowner and utility to discuss the case. Arrangements were in hand for a proper re-internment of the bones.

Councillors reflected on the need to provide feedback and demonstrate that actions were being taken in respect of the issues raised by members of the public at the Open Meeting. The Clerk is to draft a letter to all villagers regarding the practice of parking on grass verges. Councillors were asked to reflect on the strength of views regarding the pic-nic area on Gretton Road. As the scenic view from this location no longer existed, Councillors were asked to consider whether the removal of the benches and “scenic view” signs would reduce levels of expectation amongst visitors.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm

Date of next meeting: 13th July 2017;

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