

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2017 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 A White

Cllr G Dolman

B Chambers (Clerk)

985. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

986. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Chambers declared an interest in item 7.b.iii, Clerks Pay.

Cllr Dolman declared an interest in items 9a & 9b, Planning application for a neighbouring property.

987. Dispensation Request

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

988. Policing Matters

The August update for Parish Councils from the local policing Inspector was read.

Councillors were advised that crime statistics were available from a number of web sites:

<https://www.streetcheck.co.uk/>

<https://www.police.uk/northamptonshire/>

<https://www.ukcrimestats.com/>

<https://www.northamptonshireanalysis.co.uk/>

<https://www.crashmap.co.uk/>

Cllr Dove outlined the successful use of WhatsApp by the local farming community and Police in dealing with the current spate of rural farming crime.

989. Minutes of meetings held on 13th July 2017

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

990. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

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

991. Finance

a. Payments Received –

• Bank interest	£	0.41
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b. Payments for approval

• Eon Electricity Bill (Aug & Sep invoice)	£	89.68
• Eon street light maintenance	£	80.93
• Clerks Pay Q1	£	216.00
• Clerks PAYE for Q1	£	54.00
• SLCC 10 th Edition Local Council Admin	£	78.40

• Supply & Install gate post at burial ground	£ 165.06
c. Payments made against existing approved contracts	
• Grass Cutting, (invoices 17/125)	£ 384.00
• Grass Cutting, (invoices 17/159)	£ 384.00

The councillors approved all payments.

d. BDO Audit

The audit has now been completed and the annual return along with the issues arising report were presented to Councillors and approved and accepted by the Council. The Clerk will publish the notice of conclusion in the Parish Council notice board and on the village web site along with the relevant documents.

Councillors were advised that BDO LLP had not been appointed as auditor for the year ended 31 March 2018 and that the Clerk was advised of the appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP from localaudits.co.uk.

e. Reconciliation review

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

992. Highway matters

Residents had observed that the field adjacent to Spanhoe Lodge had been ploughed and that the edge of the field had been extended into the highways verge. The Clerk is to raise the Councils concern with the Highways Agency as the field hedge boundary removal had previously been flagged to them and an enforcement notice issued.

Several potholes have appeared in Shotley that may relate to recent utility works. The Clerk advised that these should be reported via Street Doctor and the onus of proving responsibility left with the highways department.

The footpath between Carpenters Cottage and Shotley remains impassable and the Clerk is to contact The Footpaths Officer to see what progress is being made with the proposed reinstatement works.

993. Planning

- 17/1538/FUL build stone wall in existing driveway Lime Farmhouse, Wakerley Road (submitted with observations)
- 17/1539/LBC build stone wall in existing driveway Lime Farmhouse, Wakerley Road (submitted with observations)
- Proposed Base Station, Sewerage treatment works. (No comments at the pre planning application stage).
- Planning enforcement issue responses

The Clerk updated Councillors on the enforcement issues raised.

994. Administration

- The schedule of assets had been published on village web site 15/07
- A request to remove tyres from Gretton Road layby was submitted 14/07
- Future meeting dates were circulated to Councillors and the Village Hall bookings secretary 14/07
- Revised burial fees proposal – Outstanding action for Clerk and Chairman
- Street light replacement programme – The bid for Community Facilities Funding Round 5 had failed due to insufficient primary benefits arising from a capital expenditure replacement programme. An application for borrowing approval was presented to Councillors for the necessary funds detailed in the Harringworth Street Light Replacement business case. The costs of the work

Draft minutes for approval at the next regular Parish Council meeting

have been confirmed with E.On. Councillors approved the application and the Chairman and Clerk signed the form. Councillors agreed that for financial reasons it would not be viable to consider adding extra street lighting under this scheme. The Clerk is to prepare a draft communication to residents outlining the Councils need to apply for borrowing and that the repayments are to be covered by the savings arising from the works this ensuring there is no requirement to increase precept for this purpose. It was noted that the last time the Council had taken out a loan was for the original installation of street lighting in the village.

995. Correspondence

a. Use of Morcott Recycling Facility.

The Clerk had written to the District Councillor to make an approach to Rutland County Council regarding Harringworth residents being allowed to use the Morcott tip. Rutland County Council had responded to say that their waste services were currently under provisioned for the needs of their own residents and so they could not accept waste from other areas. It may be possible to allow a “pay as you go” scheme to be put in place once increased capacity has been provided in Rutland.

A letter from the Welland Rivers Trust Project Officer had been received asking whether the Council would get involved in a litter picking event along the banks of the river Welland on September 24th. Due to the short notice it was considered impractical to arrange support for the event.

Councillors were advised that the Clerk would present an invoice for the purchase of Remembrance Day poppy wreaths at the next regular meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm

Date of next meeting: 15th November 2017

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