

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 in Harringworth Village Hall
Meeting commenced at 1930

Present;

Cllr S McLean (Chairman)

Cllr S Milton (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr S Chambers

Cllr L Boon

Cllr G Dolman

B Chambers (Clerk)

1040. Apologies for absence

Cllr A White who was on holiday

Cllr K Dove due to work commitments

Cllr H Harrison

1041. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Chambers for item 7.b.ii. Clerks Pay

1042. Dispensation Request

No dispensation requests were required for the items on the meeting agenda.

1043. Policing Matters

The Clerk had interrogated the Policing web site and the results showed no reported crimes in the Parish for April and May 2018.

1044. Minutes of meetings held on 10th May 2018

The Councillors present confirmed the minutes of all three meetings held in May. The date of the regular meeting minutes was corrected and they were signed as a true record by Cllr McLean.

1045. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

The Clerk had circulated a response from the County Council confirming that there was no plan to reduce the gritting service for Harringworth following the cost reduction review.

The Clerk has requested a quotation for twice yearly weed killing from the grass contractor and is awaiting a response.

1046. Finance

a. Payments Received –

• Public Works Loan Board	£ 7,525.00
• Bank interest	£ 0.72
• VAT reclaim	£ 549.59

b. Payments for approval

• Eon Electricity Bill (Jun invoice)	£ 18.44
• Clerks Pay	£ 216.00
• Clerks PAYE	£ 54.00
• Parish online (user ID module)	£ 30.00 *
• Internal Audit (Bill Waterman)	£ 50.00
• Leicestershire Gardens 18/141 (grass contract)	£ 320.00

c. Payments made against pre-authorised contract

• Leicestershire Gardens 18/057 (grass contract)	£ 320.00
• Leicestershire Gardens 18/101 (grass contract)	£ 160.00

*Councillors were advised that the charge for this service had been waived by Parish-Online.

The councillors approved all payments.

d. Reconciliation review

The MRF had reviewed the reconciliation and provided a copy of the spread-sheet that needed to be signed by the MRF.

e. Un-cashed cheque (09/17) 100410 Four Counties Mtce £ 384.00

Councillors were advised that cheque number 100410 issued in September 2017 for £384.00 in favour of 4 Counties Maintenance remained un-cashed. As the cheque is more than 6 months old and the Company has now deregistered with Companies House, the cheque cannot be cashed and the funds will be restored to the general account.

f. Business savings accounts

The Clerk reported on a number of Business Savings Accounts that would provide a better interest rate for the Parish Council. It was decided that the Clerk should confirm the suitability of a Virgin Money business access savings account with the Internal Auditor. Whilst the account would be operated by a single signature, the result would be a transfer of funds into the Parish Council business account thus providing the normal levels of financial security. The account will be used to retain the reserved funds of the Parish Council. Proposed signatories for the account will be the Clerk and the Member Responsible for Finance.

The Clerk is to request Leicestershire Gardens to defer the next cut due to the exceptionally dry weather and to add this cut on to the end of the season.

1047. Highway matters

a. Potholes in Harringworth

The Clerk reported that the deepest potholes in Harringworth had been reinstated by the Highways department as a temporary measure and talks were on-going with Anglian Water to re-instate a number of potholes through the village resulting from failing reinstatements carried out after the sewerage scheme works.

Other potholes in Shotley have been reported on Street Doctor and have been marked out for reinstatement.

The Chairman had been approached by residents to request that the hedge on Seaton Road be cut at the start of autumn to maintain the excellent visibility across the road bend under the viaduct. The Clerk is to approach the landowner to discuss costs.

1048. Planning

- a. 18/00793/TCA reduce white-beam arbour, Maystone House, Gretton Road. (ENDC approved)
- b. 18/00756/FUL The Paddocks Gretton Road, Harringworth. (ENDC approved)
- c. 18/01122/FUL Erection of steel framed hangar at Spanhoe Airfield 9in circulation)
- d. 18/01307/TCA Tree pruning work at Lavender Cottage, Gretton Road. (in circulation)
- e. Planning enforcement issues.

The Clerk is to contact the planning department to discuss the encroachment into the grass verge by the landowner in Laxton. Other landowners have expressed concern that

the lack of enforcement action is a dangerous precedent that may lead to further similar incidents.

1049. Administration

- a. New data protection legislation. – Management of the village web site has been passed to Craig Slater who has addressed the legislation requirements raised by the Clerk. The site now has a cookie policy, privacy policy and privacy statement published on the site. Work is ongoing to provide a SSL (Security socket layer) level of security to the site. A draft SLA (Service level agreement) has been written and the Clerk shared details of the services provide section with the Council. The Clerk is to circulate the SLA to Councillors and to conclude the agreement with Craig Slater on behalf of the Parish Council
- b. “Future Northamptonshire” – Cllr. McLean provided feedback on the meeting he had attended earlier in the day as part of the consultation exercise for the future of local government in Northamptonshire. Delegates discussed the merits of moving to two unitary authorities, West Northamptonshire (which would include Northampton itself) and North Northamptonshire that would be the authority that Harringworth would be a part of. The target is for the new authorities to be created on 1st April 2020 with election for the new Councillors to take place in May 2020. There would be a period of overlap for one year to ensure a smooth transition.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Date of next meeting: 13th September 2018 – 7:30pm

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