

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th September 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 G Dolman

B Chambers (Clerk)

1050. Apologies for absence

Cllr A White who was on holiday

Cllr K Dove due to work commitments

Cllr H Harrison

1051. Declaration of Interest

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

1052. Dispensation Request

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

1053. Policing Matters

The Clerk had interrogated the Policing web site and the results showed:

1 report of “anti social behaviour” on Deene Road in June

1 report of “theft other” from Spanhoe airfield in July

There were regular reports of car number plates being stolen within the local geography on the Police web site and catalytic convertor thefts were again on the rise.

1054. Minutes of meetings held on 12th July 2018

The Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the meeting held in May and signed as a true record by Cllr McLean.

1055. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

The Clerk had requested a quotation for twice-yearly weed killing but this had not been received. The Clerk is to enquire whether Bulwick Estates may take this work on.

The Clerk had arranged for the cutting of the grass to be deferred during the extended dry period and this will enable extra cuts at the end of the season.

The landowner of the hedge on Seaton Road had been approached regarding on-going maintenance to keep the view across the road bend clear. The landowner stated that arrangements have been made with Bulwick Estates for this work to be done.

The area of land at the bottom of the field for which no landowner has been identified needs to be cut back with strimmers. The Clerk will seek volunteers to do this work.

1056. Finance

- a. Payments Received –
 - Bank interest £ 0.73

- b. Payments for approval
 - Eon Electricity Bill (Aug invoice) £ 41.75
 - Clerks Pay £ 216.00
 - Clerks PAYE £ 54.00
 - PKF Littlejohn Audit £ 240.00

- c. Payments made against pre-authorized contract
 - Leicestershire Gardens 18/175 (grass contract) £ 160.00

The councillors approved all payments.

Councillors were advised that the PKF Littlejohn charge had arisen due to a change in audit practice that had not been made clear to the Clerk or the Internal Auditor. The Clerk is to write to PKF Littlejohn requesting the charge be waived on this occasion.

- d. Reconciliation review

The MRF had reviewed the reconciliation and signed a copy of the spread-sheet

- e. Business savings accounts

The Internal Auditor had reviewed the proposed business savings account and identified that the account operator would be enabled to alter the account into which funds would be paid without the consent of Councillors. This was considered unacceptable practice. The Clerk is to continue the search for a better interest rate for the reserved funds.

1057. Highway matters

- a. Potholes in Harringworth
The Clerk reported that the deepest potholes in Harringworth had been reinstated by the Highways department and there were no outstanding reports on the system.

The Clerk is to report the pothole on Wakerley Road as you enter the village on Street Doctor for consideration.

- b. Laxton Road encroachment
Councillors were advised that this matter is in the hands of the landowner, Northants County Council Highways who have written to the landowner but seem to be taking no real action. The Clerk is to draft a letter to the Member for Parliament raising the concerns of the Parish Council.

- c. Heavy Lorries in Harringworth
The Village Correspondent has contributed to an article in “Village News” regarding the nuisance of heavy vehicles passing through the village. Councillors were reminded that NCC Highways had imposed restrictions on the movement of heavy lorries from the new quarry activities through Harringworth.

A letter had been received from NCC regarding the ownership of grit bins in Harringworth. The bin located by the telephone kiosk no longer qualifies for NCC support. The Parish Council is to adopt the bin and will take on responsibility for keeping it stocked with salt.

1058. Planning

- a. 10/01122/FUL Erection of steel framed hangar at Spanhoe Airfield (ENDC approved)
- b. Planning enforcement issues.

The Clerk has submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council to the planning inspectorate regarding appeal APP/G2815/X/18/3197172 that relates to the refusal of an application for lawful development certificate at 42, Gretton Road.

18/01750/TCA and 18/01752/TCA tree work applications were in circulation with Councillors who raised no objections.

1059. Administration

- a. New data protection legislation. – The Clerk reported that GDPR regulations were now being met with the exception of the SSL (Security socket layer) certificate for the village web site. This certification can be applied to the web site for an annual fee of £90. As the benefit of the security will be shared with other village web site contributors, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a 1/3rd contribution to the cost.

- b. Wakerley Quarry

Cllr Milton reported on meetings of the Liaison Group for Wakerley Quarry. The requirement for a hedgerow to be planted had been opposed by the quarry owners but a satisfactory compromise has been agreed.

Due to the nature of some of the material being excavated the quarry owners are asking for restrictions on blasting activity to be lifted. The Liaison group are ensuring that appropriate and acceptable conditions are in place to minimise the impact of this work.

- c. Rockingham Speedway

Councillors were advised that Rockingham Speedway has been sold. The current programme of events will be completed and the venue is then to be used for vehicle storage.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Date of next meeting: 15th November 2018 – 7:30pm

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