

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th November 2018 in Harringworth Village Hall
Meeting commenced at 19:30

Present;

Cllr S McLean (Chairman)

Cllr S Milton (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr A White

Cllr S Chambers

Cllr L Boon

Cllr K Dove

B Chambers (Clerk)

1060. Apologies for absence

Cllr G Dolman due to ill health

1061. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest required for items on this agenda.

1062. Dispensation Request

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

1063. Policing Matters

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

2 report of incidents on Deene Road in September

The Police and British Transport Police had dealt with a trespasser on the viaduct.

1064. Minutes of meetings held on 13th September 2018

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

1065. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

Bulwick Estates stated that they would not undertake the weed-killing of footpaths in the village due to concerns regarding the use of potentially harmful chemicals in public areas.

The Clerk is to seek costs from the County Council to have this service restored.

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 and it is anticipated this work will be done at the same time as the hedge cutting. The Clerk is to check with Bulwick Estates when they will be cutting the hedge and verge on Seaton Road.

1066. Finance

a. Payments received

- Precept (part 2 of 2) £ 3,000.00
- Burial fee £ 130.00

b. Payments for approval

- Eon Electricity Bill (Oct invoice) £ 41.75
- Poppy Wreaths £ 34.00

c. Payments made against pre-authorised contract

- Leicestershire Gardens 18/239 (grass contract) £ 160.00
- PWLB loan (street lights) £ 299.96

The councillors approved all payments.

d. Reconciliation review

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

e. Business savings accounts

The Clerk had investigated business savings account and is unable to find a branch managed account which meets the requirements of the Parish Council with an interest rate greater than 0.2%

f. Draft budget 2019/20

The Clerk presented a draft budget showing the current year spend to date against the budget set last year, expected outturn at current levels of spend and a proposed budget for the year ahead. The budget will be reviewed again in January.

g. 2019/20 Precept

Councillors discussed the financial commitments for the year ahead.

The Clerk is to seek quotations to have two sections of local footpath cut twice annually at the discretion of the Parish Council (section of NB4 and the Shotley footpath).

The Clerk is to ask the existing grass contractor for a quotation to provide the same levels of service in 2019/20.

There will be additional costs incurred by the Parish Council who have adopted the salt bin outside of the telephone kiosk on Gretton Road as the County Council have withdrawn this service.

Councillors considered the need to increase the precept by 3% to cover these new areas of expenditure. The final figure will be agreed at the January Parish Council meeting when the costs of the new items and their effect on the budget have been established.

1067. 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.

b. Laxton Road encroachment

The Clerk had written a letter to the Member for Parliament raising the concerns of the Parish Council in this matter that has resulted in the landowner, Northants County Council, advising that there has been a breach of Section 137A of the Highways Act 1980. The landowner will be seeking corrective action or taking enforcement action as required.

c. Heavy Lorries in Harringworth

Cllr Chambers had recorded details of a Mick George lorry from the quarry travelling through the village and Cllr Milton had reported the details on the M George web site. A letter of apology had been received stating the vehicle tracking system is to be modified to prevent future occurrences.

d. Adoption of Salt Bin on Gretton Road by defibrillator

The bin located by the telephone kiosk no longer qualifies for NCC support. The Parish Council has adopted the bin and will take on responsibility for keeping it stocked with salt. The Asset register has been amended to reflect this additional item.

e. Increase in grass cutting contract to include local footpaths.

Cllr White proposed that the section of NB4 between the footbridge and the private road along with the Shotley footpath be added to the grass cutting contract. The Clerk is to ask for a quote for the cost of two cuts per year with the timing of

each at the discretion of the Parish Council in order to enable the amenity of these footpaths to be enjoyed.

1068. Planning

- a. 18/1750/TCA tree works, Long Barn Wakerley Road (ENDC approved)
- b. 18/1752/TCA tree works Welland Barn, Wakerley Road (ENDC approved)
- c. 18/01861/TCA tree works Maystone House, Gretton Road ENDC approved)
- d. 18/01869/LBC replacement windows & garage doors. Spring Farmhouse, Gretton Road. (ENDC approved)
- e. 18/01756/FUL reapplication for roof lights, The Thatch, Gretton Road, (ENDC approved)
- f. 18/01903/TCA tree works Limes Farm House Wakerley Road (no objections raised)
- g. 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.

18/02154/TCA tree work application for further tree work at Welland Barn had been received on 14th November and was considered by Councillors present. No objections were raised.

Councillors requested that future planning notifications now being handled electronically should be circulated with all councillors email addresses in the CC; line of the email to enable “reply all” answers to reach all other Councillors. The Clerk will circulate a request form to be signed by each Councillor allowing their email address to be used in this way to comply with GDPR requirements.

1069. Administration

- a. New data protection legislation. – The Clerk reported that the SSL (Security socket layer) certificate for the village web site is due to be applied in the next two weeks. This certification will 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 the meeting of the Liaison Group for Wakerley Quarry.

Due to the nature of some of the material being excavated the quarry owners are asking for restrictions on blasting activity to be lifted. Test blasting is due to take place in the next few weeks and villagers will be given 24 hours notice by the Quarry.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Date of next meeting: 10th January 2019 :- 7:30pm

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