

HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019 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

Cllr G Dolman

B Chambers (Clerk)

1070. Apologies for absence

Nil

1071. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Chambers for item 7 b iii Clerks Pay

All Cllrs. For the Precept discussion.

1072. Dispensation Request

Dispensations were in place for all Councillors to enable discussion of the 2019/2020 Precept.

1073. Policing Matters

The Clerk had interrogated the Policing web site and the results showed:
0 report of incidents October and November 2018

1074. Minutes of meetings held on 15th November 2018

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

1075. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not included in the agenda for the meeting.

1076. Finance

a. Payments Received –

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| • Burial fee (Gilbert) | £ 160.00 |
| • Churchyard donation (Randal) | £ 25.00 |

b. Payments for approval

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| • Eon Electricity Bill (Dec. invoice) | £ 41.75 |
| • Village Hall Rent (May/Jul/Sep/Nov 18) | £ 100.00 |
| • Clerk Salary | £ 216.00 |
| • Clerk PAYE (HMRC) | £ 54.00 |

c. Payments made against pre-authorised contract

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| • Leicestershire Gardens 18/2369 (grass contract) | £ 320.00 |
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The councillors approved all payments.

d. Reconciliation review

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

e. Change to E.on deemed rate prices

The Clerk reported receipt of advice that E.on were increasing their tariff for non metered electricity supply for the second time in this financial year. On the 9th April the KWh rate had moved from 15.7p to 17.9p and the new rise was from 17.9p to 22.1p and in year increase of 40%.

The Clerk distributed a comparison with two further suppliers who had unmetered supply products. Councillors decided to move the contract from E.on to Haven Power, a green energy supply company whose rates enabled the Parish Council to fix the supply rate for the next 5 years.

f. 2019/20 Precept

The Clerk presented a revised draft budget showing the changes from the previously presented position. Councillors discussed the financial commitments for the year ahead and concluded that the Precept for 2019/2020 should be increased by 3%.

1077. Highway matters.

a. 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. The Clerk will write to the landowner asking for a progress update.

b. Increase in grass cutting contract to include local footpaths

A quotation for twice yearly strimming of the footpath to Shotley and a section of the NB4 footpath between the wooden footbridge and the private road had been received. Councillors reviewed the proposed charges and decided to include this work for the coming year. The Clerk is to write to the contractor confirming the requirement.

c. Annual footpath maintenance (weed killing)

Northants County Council had been requested to quote for this work but no response had been received. The grass cutting contractor has now been requested to supply a quote to carry out this activity.

d. Seaton Road hedge cutting

The Council were delighted with the clearance of the hedge of Seaton Road that had restored the view across the bend, much improving road safety. The Clerk is to write a letter of thanks to Bulwick Estates for carrying out this work.

1078. Planning

b. 18/02154/TCA tree works Welland Barn, Wakerley Road (ENDC approved)

c. 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. The planning inspectorate web site shows the case as “not yet decided”.

Future planning notifications are now being circulated with all councillors email addresses in the CC; line of the email to enable “reply all” answers to reach all other Councillors following confirmation by each Councillor that their email address can be used in this way to comply with GDPR requirements.

1079. Administration

a. GDPR update. – The Clerk reported that the SSL (Security socket layer) certificate for the village web site has not yet been put in place as the village web site is currently being redesigned.

b. Wakerley Quarry

Cllr Milton reported on the meetings 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 2nd or 3rd week of January and villagers will be given 24 hours notice by the Quarry.

c. County Councillor vacancy

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Heather Smith confirming her decision to retire and the subsequent requirement for a by-election.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm

Date of next meeting: 14th March 2019 :- 7:30pm

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