HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2019 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 G Dolman
B Chambers (Clerk)

1080. Apologies for absence
Cllr A White who was attending a commemoration event.

1081. Declaration of Interest
Cllr Chambers for item 7 b ii Clerks Pay
Cllr Dove for item 8d. Mill Lane complaint

1070. Dispensation Request
Dispensations were in place for all Councillors to enable discussion of the 2019/2020 Precept.

1082. Policing Matters
The Clerk had interrogated the Policing web site and the results showed:
0 report of incidents November and December 2018
It was noted that the Glebe Barns development had suffered a break in and theft of tools in February.

1083. Minutes of meetings held on 10th January 2019
The Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the meeting held in January and they
were signed as a true record by Cllr McLean.

1084. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)
There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not included in the agenda for
the meeting.

1085. Finance
a. Payments Received –
   • Bank interest £ 2.01

b. Payments for approval
   • Eon Electricity Bill (Jan. invoice) £ 34.91
   • Clerk Salary £ 216.00
   • Clerk PAYE (HMRC) £ 54.00

c. Payments made against pre-authorised contract
   • Haven Power (Feb invoice street lights) £ 6.93
   • Haven Power (Feb invoice church gate) £ 0.16
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The councillors approved all payments with the exception of the Haven Power
March invoices that had not been received.
d. Reconciliation review
The MRF had reviewed the reconciliation and signed a copy of the spread-sheet

e. 2019/20 Precept
The Clerk confirmed that the Precept request for 2019/2020 had been submitted for £6,180.00

1086. Highway matters.
   a. Laxton Road encroachment
   The Clerk had written to the landowner (Highways Authority) asking for a progress update and escalated to the MP when no reply had been received. The escalation resulted in notification that enforcement action was being taken, a requirement to reinstate the boundary in its original position and make good the verge.

   b. Annual footpath maintenance (weed killing)
   Leicestershire Gardens had quoted £200 per visit to carry out the weed killing of verges throughout the village. The Clerk is to write to Northamptonshire Highways to enquire whether this service will be carried out by them in the coming year.

   c. Overgrown footpaths
   A letter had been received asking the Parish Council to request that the frontages of 40A Gretton Road and the fields on the North Side of Wakerley Road be cleared of vegetation that is overhanging the footpath at these locations. A plan is already in place for the ivy to be cleared from the wall on Wakerley Road and the Clerk is to ask the homeowner at 40A Gretton Road to carry out hedge cutting to clear the footpath at this location.

   d. Mill Lane “Destruction of habitat” complaint
   A letter of complaint had been received regarding the works carried out to the field boundaries in Mill Lane. Cllr Dove was invited to address the Council and inform them on this subject. The works were carried out on behalf of Bulwick Estates as part of an agreed conservation management programme. Consultation with the County Council and local fishing group had taken place prior to the commencement of work. A number of trees along Mill Lane required urgent work as they represented a safety concern. Councillors were reassured that the work had been carried out professionally and at an appropriate time. The Clerk is to draft a response to the letter of complaint.

1087. Planning
   f. 19/00014/TCA tree works 30 Seaton Road – ENDC approved
   g. 19/00204/FUL Replacement of existing stable block Shotley Cottage – no objections

   a. 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”.

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1088. Administration
   a. GDPR update. – The Clerk reported that the SSL (Security socket layer) certificate for the village web site has now been put in place. An invoice is awaited for the 1/3rd share of costs by the Parish Council.
   
b. Wakerley Quarry
   Cllr Milton and Cllr Boon reported on the outcome of the test blasting that had taken place.
   Councillors agreed that the level of shock activity experienced was within acceptable limits.
   
c. Parish Councillor vacancy
   Cllr Chambers announced her intention to stand down as a Parish Councillor after the Parish Council meetings in May.
   
d. Parish Clerk vacancy
   The Clerk gave notice that he would be moving away from the village and would be unable to continue in his current role. Councillors were invited to suggest to the Chairman suitable candidates to replace the Clerk. The Clerk confirmed that he would arrange and run the annual meetings in May but suggested it would be expedient for a replacement to be sought as early as possible thereafter to provide a suitable handover and support period for the agreed replacement.
   
The Clerk is to draft a job description and to log hours expended to inform potential candidates of the requirements.
   
The Clerk is to invite the new County Councillor to attend the annual Parish meetings in May.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm

Date of Next Meetings – 9th May 2019
7:00pm Open Village Meeting
7:30pm approx. Annual Parish Council Meeting (following Open Village meeting)
8:15pm approx. Parish Council meeting (following the Annual Parish meeting)