

## **Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr A White (Chair); Cllr S McLean; Cllr K Dove; Cllr F Walsh; Cllr M Wright  
Mrs J Dove (Clerk)

### **1562. Open Session for Parishioners.**

No parishioners attended the meeting.

### **1563. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr L Boon and Cllr S Milton sent their apologies for absence.

### **1564. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

None were received.

### **1565. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.**

No such dispensations were necessary.

### **1566. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be signed as an accurate record.**

The minutes were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chair.

### **1567. Rockingham Forest Vision Project**

Claire Crowley, a representative of the project, was due to attend the meeting but sent her apologies.

Cllr Walsh updated the Councillors following his discussion with Sophie Van de Burgh, the Project Officer. He explained that Parish Councils were being asked for involvement at a strategic level to try and bring together volunteer efforts within their area; for example – gardening groups, river wardens, clean ups, tree planting etc. – into some sort of cohesive environmental plan.

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It was agreed that the Parish Council, as it does not own any land in its own right, would offer a passive support role for the RFV Project and would support any village initiatives and volunteer groups.

He went on to summarise actions which the Parish Council had initiated and carried out relating to the work which the RFVP is trying to encourage. Annex A

#### 1568. Matters arising

- a. **Jubilee Green bollards:** Cllr White has received no further correspondence from NNC regarding the costing and placement of these bollards.
- b. **Reed debris:** The Clerk has received no further update from NNC or RCC regarding clearing the culverts of reed debris under the viaduct.
- c. **Give Way sign:** for the bottom of Laxton Hill is now in production and should have been installed within 4-8 weeks. No further response following chasing NNC.
- d. **Cutting of hedge beside viaduct:** Cllr Dove has contacted the landowner regarding the cutting of the hedge and agreed to review the growth this month. As there has been considerable further growth, it was agreed that a contractor would cut the hedge in the next week.
- e. **New Financial Regulations:** Cllr White has received updates from NCalc and will be summarising them and passing them to Cllr Wright (Finance Officer) to review
- f. **Village Grass Cutting:** Some dissatisfaction had been expressed regarding the quality of the grass cutting in the village. There has now been a cut by the Council and our contractors so it is hoped that the situation has been resolved.

#### 1569. Routine Financial Matters

- a. The following payments were received: VAT repayment for  
FY23/24 £165.53
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed: Yu Energy £36.90 & £7.81  
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Mr Bill Waterman (Audit)  
£75.00  
Zurich Insurance £385.27  
NCalc Subs £215.88  
Clerk's Pay £264.00  
HMRC £66.00  
Leics Gardens £210.00  
Bank Charges £18.00
- c. The following payments were approved: None to approve

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- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Wright

#### **1570. Planning**

There were no planning matters to discuss.

#### **1571. Revision of Standing Orders**

Cllr White has revised the Standing Orders to make amendments to Section 12 Code of Conduct & Dispensations.

No further changes were proposed and all were adopted unanimously by the Councillors.

#### **1572. Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group Update**

Cllr White attended the latest Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group which was chaired by Jason Smithers.

It was reported that it had been the quietest quarter for noise complaints and there were none from Harringworth.

#### **1573. Correspondence**

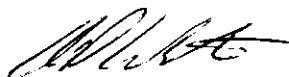
- a. Correspondence had been received regarding the poor and overgrown state of the footpath between The Elms and Sunvollen. The Clerk agreed to speak to the landowner before any further action was taken.
- b. Correspondence had been received regarding the very damaged state of Turtle Bridge. The Clerk has contacted the Heritage List at Historic England to apply to put the Bridge on the "at risk" register.
- c. The fly tipping on Wakerley Road has been reported to NNC
- d. Correspondence had been received regarding the Fanny Blaydes memorial on Gretton Road and the picnic benches at the top of the hill towards Gretton. It was reiterated that these are not Parish Council property so there is no obligation to maintain them but that funds might be obtained from the Appeals Committee if volunteers wished to organise a working party.

#### **1574. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting has been changed to Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.31pm.

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## **Annex A**

### **Summary of Parish Council Environmental Initiatives and Support**

- Creation of new hedge on the Jubilee Green.
- Management of the Jubilee Green Oak trees.
- Restoration of the Lilac tree on Jubilee green.
- Restoration of the Benches on Jubilee green and Percy's path access point.
- Liaison with the Gardening group on the Jubilee green planter and other areas.
- Planting of small wildflower area on Jubilee Green, with plans to extend if possible.
- Clearing the flood footpath on Seaton Road, to enable use.
- Clearing several footpaths to keep open for walkers use.
- Added additional signage to better identify footpath routes
- Management of the trees within the Church boundaries.
- Working with the Church authorities on grounds improvements. (i.e. path).
- Support regular Church yard clean ups.
- Parish Council bi-annual Village litter picks. (Reported to Keep Britain tidy.)
- Parish Council involvement in the Wakerley Quarry liaison group, led to the path and hedge management along the southern border.

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