

Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

1575. Open Session for Parishioners.

Mr Lee Barron MP was due to attend the meeting to listen to Parishioners' concerns and answer questions. Unfortunately he was unable to attend due to adverse weather conditions.

5 parishioners and our local PCSO from Thrapston, Tim Butler, attended the meeting.

The following questions were raised:

Jubilee Green parking issues. It was suggested that signs be put up requesting that people do not park their cars directly in front of the seat. The Chair explained that NNC had been approached regarding the installation of bollards to protect the Green. The PCSO advised that parking on verges and pavements was a civil matter that was dealt with by NNC parking Wardens, not the Police.

The parlous state of Turtle Bridge was also raised with some hopeful news that NNC may be addressing some repairs in the next couple of weeks.

Fly tipping was mentioned as a problem on the outskirts of the village and the PCSO advised to email direct to waste@northnorthants.gov.uk or use the "Fix my Street" portal. He stated that once again this was a civil matter and not for Police action.

The PCSO talked about some recent scams and how to avoid them, as well as updating the meeting on local crime figures.

1576. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1577. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were received.

1578. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.

No such dispensations were necessary.

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1579. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2024 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1580. Matters arising

- a. **Jubilee Green bollards:** Cllr White has been advised that the NNC highways department were considering the application.
- 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 was thanked for arranging to get the hedge cut which had greatly improved visibility for traffic travelling under the viaduct.
- e. **Grass cutting in the village:** The Clerk has taken this up with the contractor and things have now improved.
- f. **Fanny Blaydes memorial:** a volunteer working party has been set up to ensure that this is regularly maintained

1581. Routine Financial Matters

- a. The following payments were received:
 - Burial admin fee £80
 - Interment of ashes fee £80
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed:
 - Yu Street Lighting £32.41 & £8.00
 - Leics Gardens £420.00 (Aug)
 - Web hosting fee (new email) £334.00
 - Yu Street Lighting £32.41 & £8.00
 - Clerk's pay £264.00
 - HMRC £66.00
 - Leics Gardens £420.00 (Sep)
- c. The following payments were approved: RBL Wreaths £50 & Long cable ties £10
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Wright

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1582. Adoption of revised financial regulations

Cllr McLean sought clarity on some matters, which were discussed. The Chair explained that the draft was taken from those issued and approved by the National Association of Local Councils. Following some editorial amendments the Council adopted the revised financial regulations document.

1583. Highway Matters

- a. **Edges of Seaton Road:** work is due to start to repair the disintegrating edges to Seaton Road on the approach to the viaduct
- b. **Badger Setts on Wakerley Road:** work is progressing now to empty the large badger sett on the side of the road. The traffic light is still in place and will continue to be until this work is completed

1584. Footpath Issues

There are a number of issues with footpaths around the village, in particular Percy's Path behind Sunvollen, the Shotley footpath, and the footpath linking the Church to the Village Hall. Cllr Walsh, Footpaths Officer, agreed to draw up a plan to keep on top of footpath maintenance, either by organising our own volunteer working party, enlisting the help of our grass mowing contractor or involving NNC.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

1585. Planning Matters

- a. **NE/23/01205/LBC The White Swan:** no further comments, other than to query the date of the final closure of the pub.
- b. **NE/24/00780/LBC Shotley Cottage:** no objections

1586. Correspondence

There was correspondence from a Parishioner about the high fence bordering Lindisfarne which had large struts on the footpath side which exceed their boundary. It was pointed out that this was between the landowner and the property owner and not a matter for the Parish Council. The other matters raised in this correspondence relating to the state of some footpaths and Turtle Bridge are being addressed.

1587. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting has been changed to Thursday November 14th 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.01pm.

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