

HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of Harpole Parish Council held at The Old School Hall on Monday 13th December 2021.

Present – Cllr F Smethers, Cllr R Gibbins, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr D Starmer, Cllr N Bess, Cllr J Gibbins, Cllr S Cordingley, Cllr C Wilkinson, S Bassi, L Carter

328/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M Orr, Kate Gardner and G Orr.

329/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr S Roberts stated that she lives on the street for discussion under planning part of the agenda.

330/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 4 members of the public present. The issues raised were:

Concerns were raised about the new occupants that would be living in rented social housing that backed onto their gardens.

Concerns were raised about drainage, there are already issues with water coming up the drains.

Question – with the new roundabout, will there be a safe exit at Southview?

A landowner spoke at the meeting regarding her land, she stated that she is against any development on her land.

331/21 REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISCRICT COUNCIL

Cllr A Brown did not attend the meeting or send a report.

332/21 COUNCIL MINUTES

Resolved - Members received and approved the minutes of Council Meeting dated 8th November 2021.

333/21 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Resolved - Members received the minutes of the CIC and the Finance Committees held on 29th November 2021 and the Planning and the SC&E Committees held on 25th November 2021.

334/21 QUESTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN RELATING TO RECEIVED MINUTES

No questions for SCE

Planning Committee – Cllr S Cordingley enquired if the Council objected to the planning application for two bungalows, he was advised that there were no objections.

Finance Committee – Cllr R Gibbins enquired about the decision to increase the allotment rents next year, she was seeking justification for the increase. Cllr R Gibbins is not happy with the increase.

Cllr R Gibbins also enquired if the Allotment Advisory Group could return to being a committee. The objection was noted. Cllr J Gibbins also wanted it noted that he is uncomfortable at the decision of the Finance Committee.

CIC – Cllr S Roberts enquired about the streetlights that were not working, currently 15 lights out of order, Cllr F Smethers informed the Council that the LED lights works were imminent, but he has enquired if Zeta can send somebody to upgrade the ones not working.

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335/21 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

Resolved - The Finance Committee recommended that Full Council approve the budget for 2022/23, it was approved. There was one objection.

336/21 APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2022/23

Resolved - The precept of £88,380 was approved by Full Council. There were two abstentions in the vote.

337/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following payments were approved

Accounts for Payment	Amount	Incl VAT	Power Used
Greenbarnes Ltd	£600.95	£100.16	Noticeboard costs last payment
EON	TBA		Office Electricity
Harpole Bowls Club	£35		Public meeting room hire
Wave (water provider)	£577.49		Allotment water
Staff Salaries	TBA		Salaries

338/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
WNS/2021/1993/FUL	Proposed new barn http://snc.planning-register.co.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=112379	Land South of Hall Close, Harpole, Northamptonshire

The planning application is for a barn conversion. It is a single storey site at the end of the properties garden. The bungalow has been built, the original application said the barn was to be removed. There are issues with access and there is a feeling that the barn conversion will be used as a fishing lodge and this will drive traffic down the track.

Cllr C Wilkinson, enquired if the Full Council objected to the plan, other Cllr's commented that the application is questionable and they would object.

There was a vote, one Cllr voted against objecting and another abstained.

339/21 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Cllr's were asked to take note of the re-arranged Code of Conduct training that is now scheduled for Monday 24th January from 7pm – 9pm via Zoom. Joining details will be sent closer to the date. Cllr N Bess commented that he may not be able to attend.

340/21 EXTRA ITEM – NORWOOD FARM DEVELOPMENT

The Executive Officer – Planning reported back on the WNC Strategic Planning Committee meeting that had taken place that afternoon.

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Members considered two applications for Reserved Matters in relation to Norwood Farm. The first was for Phase 1A 439 dwellings and was approved with conditions relating to submission of further information regarding ecology and surface water drainage.

The second application related to provision of sports pitches, pavilion, country park, play areas and open space, and the Parish Council had repeatedly requested a meeting with the developers to discuss the sports provision and pavilion being proposed. Although the submission fulfilled all the requirements of the s106 agreement, WNC Councillors chose to defer their decision until February to allow for meetings between the developers, planning officers and the parish council to take place.

341/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.04pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th January at 7pm, Old School Hall.

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