

## **HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2020 at 7-30pm. (via virtual Zoom conference.)

Present:

Cllr A White (Chairman); Cllr G Dolman; Cllr S McLean (Deputy Chairman); Cllr L Boon; Cllr K. Dove (Finance); Cllr F Walsh; H Maxfield (Clerk).

### **1194 Open session for Parishioners**

Nobody successfully joined the conference and so the meeting moved onto formal business.

### **1195 Apologies for absence: Cllr S Milton.**

### **1196 To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Cllrs on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

Cllr Dove explained that he was employed by Bulwick Estates and had recommended one of the companies tendering for tree inspection, also the Manor Farm Wall was part of Bulwick estates.

### **1197 To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chairman may consider necessary.**

The Chairman granted a dispensation request for Cllr Dove to remain on-line for both discussions.

### **1198 Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

The Cllrs present approved the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July and arrangements were made for their signing as a true record by the Chairman.

### **1199 Presentation by First Responders.**

An informative presentation was given by "North Northamptonshire First Responders." They explained their role as they were sited within the community, they were often the first person on site and could give life-saving first aid or perhaps save an unnecessary ambulance journey. The presenter had attended Harringworth on several occasions. They offered services such as training, event cover and defibrillator maintenance. The Chairman would pass on the details to the Appeals Committee, they are also actively recruiting in this location.

### **1200 Matters arising.**

#### **a. Valuation of Assets**

The Chairman reported on the Zoom meeting with our Internal Auditor who confirmed that for smaller councils assets were written off totally in the first year; the value of the asset being calculated from the insurance valuation. The clerk was asked to liaise with the insurance company to ensure that their valuation was sufficient to cover replacement costs.

#### **b. Land encroachment at Laxton**

The Chairman reported the crop had been removed from the verge following Highways enforcement action. It was agreed that careful monitoring of the site would be observed. It was also reported that the District Council would start a new

investigation concerning the Hedge removal as all the papers purporting to this had been destroyed.

c. Dog Fouling

The clerk reported that ENDC had agreed to affix signs where we needed them, the clerk will liaise with the council over their siting.

d. Footpath Marking

Particular concern was raised about the signage of the footpath across to Shotley and the River, walkers not realising about its position. The Footpaths Officer agreed to liaise with Bulwick estates to position a marker in the most suitable position.

## 1201 Routine Financial matters

a) Review of Payments received

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b) Pre-approved contracts for noting

I	Haven power (June electricity)	£19.61
ii	Haven power (July electricity)	£20.34
iii	Internal Auditor fee	£50

c) Payments for approval

I	Leicestershire Gardens (July 14)	£175
ii	Leicestershire Gardens (August 6)	£175
iii	Leicestershire Gardens (August 24)	£175
iv	Two months subscription to Zoom	£28.78

All payments were approved. A brief discussion was held following a complaint regarding the performance of the Village grass cutting contract. Cllrs believed the complainant was probably referring to the County Council Highways grass cutting. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a letter for the clerk to use in reply to the complainant

- d) The Member responsible for Finance gave a brief explanation of the Reconciliation review for the period which was subsequently approved as an accurate representation of the financial position by Cllrs.
- e) It was decided that a donation of up to £60 would be given to the British Legion for the purchase of "lamp post poppies". The clerk would site these.

## 1202 Churchyard Trees.

The quotations as supplied by the clerk were discussed. It was decided to accept the cheaper of the 3 quotes to undertake the work at a cost of £650 +VAT.

## 1203 The Condition of the Manor Field Wall.

It was decided after discussion that the Chairman would get in touch with the Landowner about its condition.

## 1204 Highway matters.

The Clerk agreed to contact highways requesting that the white-lining will be re-instated where recent road surfacing works were done.



#### **1205 Policing matters**

The PCSO was unable to attend today's meeting, but he has promised to be at the next one. There were no significant reports from Local Police websites.

#### **1206 Planning.**

A new variation to the previous planning approval for 6 Shotley had been submitted that day and the plans etc. had been circulated. It was agreed that out of committee responses should be sent to the Clerk no later than 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **1207 Corona Virus update form Cllr Dolman.**

Cllr Dolman reported that the collection service for prescriptions was no longer operating, but the Surgery itself was operating a delivery service for particular cases. Notwithstanding this, the volunteer system was still operating and providing services such as food shopping. The Book lending service has had to close because of a lack of a suitable venue. The Chairman pointed out that ENDC were now operating a free E book loan service called Library Plus. Cllr Dolman emphasised the continuing need for vigilance particularly as we are in a region of relatively high number of positive covid tests.

The meeting closed at 8:53 pm

**Date of Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

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