

MINUTES OF THE HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th November 2020

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 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); Cllr S. Milton

1208 Open session for Parishioners

Mr & Mrs Wade joined the meeting. Rather than speak at the open session the Chairman suggested they may prefer to speak just prior to the agenda item regarding planning on 6 Shotley. This was accepted by Mr & Mrs Wade.

1209 Apologies for absence: None

1210 To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Cllrs on matters to be considered at the meeting

Cllr Dove declared that prior to the planning application he sold some land to the owner of 6 Shotley. Cllr Milton had previously asked to be recused from discussions relating to 6 Shotley. Cllr Dolman disclosed he was the applicant for the planning application for Long Barn. All Cllrs declared their personal interest regarding any discussions relating to the precept.

1211 To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chairman may consider necessary

The Chairman considered that as the land sale was prior to the planning application and not material to the planning application he granted dispensation for Cllr Dove to remain in the meeting for that agenda item. Cllr Milton would not contribute to the discussion on 6 Shotley and Cllr Dolman would leave the meeting whilst his planning application was discussed.

1212 Planning

The Chairman changed the order of the agenda as he wished to hear Mrs Wade as early as possible in the meeting to reduce her waiting time.

20/01116/FUL (6 Shotley), after discussion and clarifications it was decided to withdraw the Council's objection. It was agreed that the front wall would be extended at the height shown on the front elevation diagram (opposite to the telegraph pole) as far as that permitted by the Highways Department.

1213 Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2020 and the extraordinary meeting of 13th October 2020

The Cllrs approved the minutes of both meetings and arrangements were made for their signing as a true record by the Chairman.

1214 Matters arising

- a. Valuation of Assets. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's assets were on a new for old basis.
- b. Dog Fouling. The clerk reported that he had written to ENDC giving our preferences for the location of signage.

- c. Riverside Footpath marking. Cllr Walsh reported that he and Cllr Dove had fixed a post and sign pointing the correct route to Shotley, Cllr Dove said he would drive the route with a Quad to make it more obvious to walkers. The Chairman thanked both Cllrs Walsh and Dove for their work in providing this additional footpath signage.
- d. Condition of Manor Field Wall. Unfortunately, the planned meeting with the land owner was postponed because of COVID 19.

1215 Routine Financial matters

- a) Review of Payments received

	ENDC Precept	£3090
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- b) Pre-approved contracts for noting

i	Haven power (August electricity)	£19.61
ii	Haven power (September electricity)	£20.34
iii	Leicestershire Gardens (20 September)	£175
iv	Leicestershire Gardens (21 October)	£250

It was agreed that with the grass cutting season extending further into the winter the Clerk would advise Leicestershire Gardens than any extra cuts for the year had to be pre-approved by him.

- c) Payments for approval

i	Wreath for remembrance (reimbursement)	£25
ii	Clerk's Salary	£216
iii	HMRC for above	£54
iv	Invoice for tree inspection (A. Belson)	£780

The Chairman explained that in future the Clerks salary and the HMRC payments would be shown under pre-approved contracts for noting.

- d) The Member responsible reported that he had signed off the reconciliation up to the end of September and then gave a brief explanation of October's reconciliation. However, he was unable to sign off October's review as the bank statement had not yet arrived. Nonetheless he highlighted that with annual income of £6497 and expenditure to date of £4498 the finances were in a healthy position. The council noted and accepted his report.

1216 Churchyard Trees

The report was discussed and noted. It was decided to get 3 quotes for the immediate work which should be carried out as a priority. The Clerk was asked to enquire about the rationale for inspections at 18-month intervals and to obtain an indication of the cost of such inspections.

1217 Projects for next financial year

The Churchyard trees maintenance and improvements to the burial ground were considered and it was agreed that estimates would be obtained for the works.

1218 Budget for Next Year

The clerk provided a draft budget for next year which was discussed. It was agreed that allowance should be made for the continuing maintenance and inspection of the trees. In addition, provision should be made for maintenance and improvement of the burial ground.

1219 Highway matters

The Clerk agreed to contact Highways about "verge parking" (particularly by Manor Field).

1220 Planning

20/01299/FUL (Long Barn). Cllr Dolman left the zoom meeting for the period of the discussion. The Council had no objection to the application but were concerned about the lack of consultation and asked that the impact of the potential issue of overlooking neighbours be addressed.

20/01345/FUL (Brook House) The council had no objection to this application.

1221 Policing matters

The PCSO was again unable to attend the meeting. There were no significant reports from Local Police websites. However, Cllr Boon reported that there had been a spate of van break-ins in the area.

1222 Corona Virus update from Cllr Dolman

Cllr Dolman reported that the volunteers were ready to meet any demands that the latest lock down may bring.

1223 Correspondence

The Chairman reported on a forthcoming County Council Development meeting on 17th November with respect to the proposed extended working at Wakerley Quarry. The Chairman also advised that he had been informed by Augean Ltd of an online exhibition on their application to extend their East Northants Resource Management Facility. Both items will be circulated to the Cllrs after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:03 pm

Date of Next Meeting – 14th January 2021



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