

MINUTES OF THE HARRINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th January 2021

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 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

Part 1 7:30 – 8:00

Interruptions due to Zoom limitations and problems re-engaging in meeting:

Part 2 8:02 – 8:42 (Cllrs Boon and Milton re-joined at 8:11)

Part 3 8:44 – 9:24 (Cllrs Milton re-joined at 8:48)

1224 Open session for Parishioners

No parishioners had asked to join the meeting.

1225 Apologies for absence: None.

1226 To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Cllrs on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Cllr Milton explained that she would like to take part in the discussion of the Lime grange Barns planning application but would not vote if the matter arose. All members disclosed their interest in Item 1233 (Precept setting).

1227 To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chairman may consider necessary.

The Chairman granted dispensation for Cllr Milton to comment on the Lime Grange Barns planning application and for all Cllrs to discuss and vote on setting the Precept.

1228 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the November 12th 2020 be signed as a correct.

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

1229 Matters arising.

- a) Dog fouling notices – The clerk has been in touch and an environmental officer will locate the signs in the appropriate places.
- b) Cost and Frequency of Church Yard tree inspections. The Clerk reported that further inspections would cost in the order of £480+VAT. It was decided that unless circumstances change the tree inspections will be carried out at 3 yearly intervals.
- c) Condition of Manor Field Wall – The Chairman reported that the landowner will be carrying out repairs to the wall in the near future.
- d) Wakerley Quarry extended hours. The Chairman reported that the County Council Planning Committee had deferred the decision to allow Mick George Ltd to reconsider their application following further consultation through the liaison group.
- e) Church Yard Tree Work. Three quotes had been received from tree surgeons. It was agreed that the lowest bidder would be invited to carry out the work for both phase 1 and 2.

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Chairman



1230 Village Climate Action Plan – a proposal by Hope Carpenter.

This item was postponed to another meeting as the presenter was unable to attend.

1231 Routine financial matters.

a) Review of payments received.

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

i	Haven power (October electricity)	£19.61
ii	Haven power (November electricity)	£20.34
iii	Leicestershire Gardens (30 November)	£175
iv	Clerk's Salary	£216
v	HMRC for above	£54

c) Payments for approval

i	Zoom payment (reimbursement)	£14.39
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d) The Member responsible for Finance gave a brief explanation of the Reconciliation Review up to 31st December 2020. He highlighted that the Budget spending to date was much in line with the anticipated spend. The report was noted and approved as an accurate representation of the financial position by Cllrs.

1232 Grass cutting proposal.

The chairman explained that our Grass cutting contractor was offering a three-year fixed price contract holding at this year's pricing. After discussion it was agreed to accept this offer.

1233 Budget and Precept for 2021/2022.

A budget was presented which considered all identified expenditure and provision for the forthcoming financial year. This showed that that projected income and expenditure were broadly matched and thus there was no requirement to increase the Precept. It was agreed to maintain the Parish Precept at its current level.

1234 Highway matters.

a) The clerk informed the members that Rutland County Council had been contacted about clearing the Culverts by the Viaduct to help with dispersal of flood water and he was awaiting advice from East Northants Council Highways in respect of verge parking.

b) Councillor Walsh brought up the poor condition of the village pavements, this led to a discussion on the topic and the associated topic of poor rain-water drainage. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Highways department outlining the concerns raised.



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1235 Planning.

- a) Conifer removal at 37 Gretton Road (20/01687/TCA/). This was accepted without objection.
- b) Sky Satellite dish at Lime Grange Barns (20/01701/LBC). This was accepted without objection.
- c) Request for removal of condition pursuant to application number: 20/00592/VAR, Condition 12 - erection of structures and enclosures in garden at Lime Grange Barns (20/01698/VAR). After discussion it was decided to object to this application.
- d) Construction of No.2 timber storage sheds at Lime Grange Barns (20/01700/FUL). After discussion it was decided to object to this application.
- e) Two storey side extension, two storey front gable roof extension, replacement front entrance porch and alterations of single storey extension to rear at Maystone House (20/01333/FUL). Following circulation of further plans and information the Councillors agreed to remove their objection to the application.

1236 Noise complaint.

A written complaint regarding motorbike and shotgun noise during the Christmas Period had been received by the Parish Council. The week following a verbal complaint was received regarding further motorbike noise. Environmental Health were consulted, and the Landowner made aware of the complaint. In response, they advised that they are conscious that the activity may disturb, but the activity was usually of limited duration. They pointed out that both motorbike riding and shooting have taken place periodically over the years and that there was no intention to increase the frequency of such activity on their land. They highlighted that the historical levels of such activity were well below that permitted on private land. It was agreed that in light of these comments the Parish Council would consider the matter closed and inform the complainants accordingly.

1237 Policing matters

Despite being invited to attend each Parish Council Meeting, it was over 18 months since the PCSO had attended a meeting. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Inspector at Oundle Police Station asking that the PCSO attends the occasional council meeting.

1238 Corona Virus update form Cllr Dolman.

Cllr Dolman reported that the volunteers were helping as needed in the present lockdown and were now providing transportation for the vaccinations when requested.

The meeting closed at 9:24pm

Date of Next Meeting – 11th March

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