

Harringworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday September 2nd 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Clr A White (Chairman); Cllr S McLean (Deputy Chairman); Cllr L Boon; Cllr K Dove; Cllr S Milton; Cllr F Walsh; Cllr M Wright (Finance Officer); J Patterson-Gordon (Clerk)

1291 Open session for Parishioners.

No Parishioners attended and no questions were raised.

1292 Apologies for absence.

No absences.

1293 To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Clr A White (Chairman) stated that he had an interest regarding the planning application for removal of a tree at "Kimberley" which was his immediate neighbour.

1294 To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chairman may consider necessary.

None were lodged.

1295 Highway Matters:

- a) **Speeding:** A representative, Ms Sarah Barnwell, was present at the meeting from Northamptonshire Highways.

A number of different options were discussed to encourage drivers to keep to the 30 miles per hour limit through the village.

- i) Timber gates at the entrance(s) to the village (approx. cost £1500), mobile vehicle activated sign(s) (VAS) which flash up the speed of the vehicle (approx. cost £1,500 - £4,000). The latter would be powered by rechargeable batteries and would be managed by Harringworth Parish Council and would log speed data. Sarah Barnwell explained that there was no direct funding available but that the Road Safety Department could provide matched funding of up to £5,000.
- ii) In general, it was considered that the hill coming down into the village from Laxton was the most problematic in terms of speeding cars (and cyclists). The



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lack of a Give Way sign at the bottom of the hill and faded road markings did not help.

Following some debate, it was agreed that: we ask the Road Safety Department of NNC to carry out monitoring of speeds through the village and that a Give Way sign be erected at the bottom of Laxton Hill together with the white lines at the bottom of the hill being refreshed. Sarah Barnwell agreed to action this request.

- b) Bollards on Seaton Road:** These have been flattened again and reported to NNC. Sarah Barnwell agreed to chase up the repair of these bollards.

- c) Condition of verge on Seaton Road:** There have been a number of comments from Parishioners about the poor visibility across the bridge under the viaduct caused by the overgrowth of the hedgerow and grass verge on the south west side of the road. Sarah Barnwell commented that the boundary of the field is normally the ditch, not the fence within the adjacent field. The Parish Clerk reported back on a meeting with the owners of the field and had also contacted Rutland County Council as the road is right on the county border. Cllr Dove reported that this had been discussed back in 2017 when the hedge had last been cut. It was agreed to await a definitive answer from NNC regarding ownership of the verge before taking any further action.

- d) Blocked drains:** These have now all been cleared, except for some "rodding out" that is required on Wakerley and Laxton Hill. Also, Sarah Barnwell agreed to chase up the status of the blocked ditch beside the Shotley footpath.

1296 To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on July 8th 2021 be signed as an accurate record.

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

1297 To review the Minutes of the Parish Open Meeting on July 22nd 2021.

The minutes were reviewed without comment.

1298 Matters arising.

- a) Burial Ground improvements:** Cllr White reported that he had been unable to get anyone to quote on these improvements (mainly to the footpath and the gate). Cllr McLean suggested that the gate could be repaired by the Councillors.

- b) Village Playground:** Cllr White reported that no further progress had been made on this matter as he was still awaiting a response from Mr Rupert Conant.

- c) Rutland Grass Verge:** The Clerk has emailed RCC and is awaiting action on clearing the verge.



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1299 Routine Financial Matters.

a) Review of payments received:

- i) £80.00 Internment of ashes
- ii) £75.00 Memorial inscription

b) The following pre-approved payments were noted:

- i) Haven Power June £20.34
- ii) Haven Power July £19.61
- iii) Haven Power August £20.34
- iv) Clerk's Salary £216.00
- v) HMRC £54.00
- vi) Leicestershire Gardens £450.00

c) The following Payments were approved:

- i) Purchase of Yellow Book Arnold Baker on Local Government £130.00
- ii) Village Hall Hire (3 months) £75.00
- iii) Mr Bill Waterman (Audit) £50.00

d) Approval of Reconciliation Sheet: The reconciliation was approved by councillors and & signed by Cllr Wright (Finance)

1300 Policing Matters. Nothing to report.

1301 Street Poppies & Remembrance Items It was agreed that 20 no. large poppies for the village street lights would be purchased @ £3 each, plus 1 no. new wreath for the Spanhoe memorial. Cllr Boon showed some options for a Remembrance Bench for the village and it was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss preferred designs and location proposals at the next meeting.

1302 Planning

NE/21/01067/FUL Maystone House – No objections were made to the revised plans.

NE/21/01285/TCA/ Kimberley – No objections were made.

NE/21/01205/REM Priors Hall – No comments were made.

NE/12/01519/FUL New Lodge Farm – No comments were made.

The meeting closed at 8:58pm

1303 Date of next meeting: November 11th 2021



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