

Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Annual Meeting held On 10th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

1403. Open Session for Parishioners.

No Parishioners attended.

1404. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1405. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Cllrs on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Cllr L Boon disclosed her interest in issues relating to the Quarry as its nearest neighbour. All Councillors disclosed their interest as residents of Harringworth with regard to discussions concerning the Precept.

1406. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chair may consider necessary.

The Chairman agreed to grant such dispensation requests.

1407. To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd September 2022 be signed as an accurate record.

The Minutes were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chair.

1408. Matters arising.

a) Footpath Markers

Cllr Walsh reported that nearly all the footpath markers were now fine. There was just one missing which he would attend to.

b) Litter Bins

The litter bin beneath the PC Notice Board house has now been relocated, as agreed, adjacent to the entrance to Percy's Barn. The litter/dog waste bin on the track between Brook House and Lindisfarne has still not been emptied despite many promises from NNC. The Clerk will raise a formal complaint.

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- c) Land encroachment on Laxton Road
The Chair has raised a formal complaint with NNC about this. They have responded saying they will “endeavour to update”.
- d) Hedge on Seaton Road approaching Viaduct
Cllr Dove updated on this situation saying that it had not yet been cut but was in hand following a very constructive meeting with the landowner when it was agreed that the hedge would be cut more often and the cost would be shared between the Parish Council and the Landowner.
- e) Seaton Road culverts
No action as yet on this by Rutland County Council. The Clerk will chase.
- f) 20 is Plenty stickers
Cllr Dove asked Cllr McLean how many were left to distribute and agreed to walk the village on bin day to encourage villagers to use them.

1409. Revised Standing Orders, Finance Regulations and Planning Guidance

Following a couple of minor changes, the proposed amendments were approved.

1410. Membership of NCALC/SLCC

The Chair advised the Cllrs that our membership of NCALC was about to lapse but following discussion with the Clerk it was proposed that this membership should continue as much useful advice emanated from it. The cost is £223.58 per annum. The vote was carried. With regard to SLCC it was decided that this did not add value to the Parish Council and the Clerk would therefore not continue our membership.

1411. Routine Financial Matters:

- a. To review payments received: No payments received
- b. To review pre-approved payments:
 - Leics Gardens £400 & £200
 - Drax Energy £20.37 & £19.69
 - Clerk’s Salary £198
 - HMRC £132
 - Tommy Figure £200
 - Village Hall Rent £75
 - Bank Charges £18.00
- c. To approve Payments Cable Ties £19.26 - approved
- d. To approve bank reconciliation Approved & signed by Cllr Wright
- e. To approve audited financial report FY 2021/22 This was approved.

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1412. First Draft of Budget for FY2023/24 & Precept

Cllr Wright went through the first draft of the Budget for FY2023/24 with a view to setting the budget at the January meeting and agreeing the Precept for 2023/24.

1413. Policing Matters:

There was nothing of relevance to report.

It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact with our local PCSO to see if he could attend our next meeting.

1414. Highway Matters:

The Chair has engaged with Sarah Barnwell from NNC Highways on a number of highway matters.

- a) **Shotley ditch:** This matter is still with the Regulations Team
- b) **Speed on Seaton Road:** It was agreed that the 30mph sign should be cleared of overgrowing vegetation to make it more visible. NNC had rejected the request for the advisory 20mph limit to be made a statutory limit. The Chair had appealed this decision.
- c) **Deene Road junction markings:** Despite earlier promises by the Highways Department the Give Way road markings are outstanding. As of 3rd November NNC have stated that the work would be carried out “soon”.
- d) **Seaton Road bollards:** No budget at present to install more substantial bollards. Not a priority for NNC.
- e) **Jubilee Green bollards:** The Highways Department have not responded to the request to have bollards erected between the road verge and the pavement. The matter remains ongoing.

1415. Planning Matters:

There were no planning matters to discuss.

1416. Wakerley Quarry:

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The Chair attended the Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group meeting on 11th October. The village representatives continue to push NNC to arrange for a noise survey independent of MGL Ltd to be carried out.

1417. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday January 12th 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. It was agreed that the meeting in March 2023 would be brought forward a week to the 2nd March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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