

**Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held  
on 1<sup>st</sup> September 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 M Wright;  
Cllr F Walsh; J Patterson-Gordon (Clerk)

**1389. Open Session for Parishioners.**

No Parishioners attended.

**1390. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Milton

**1391. 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.

**1392. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chair may consider necessary.**

The Chairman granted dispensation for Cllr L Boon to participate in discussion relating to the Quarry.

**1393. To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be signed as an accurate record.**

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


**1394. Matters arising.**

a) Footpath Markers:

Cllr Walsh reported that no progress had been made on these but that he had tidied up some footpath areas and needed to speak to the householder in one area on the footpath opposite the Church to get agreement to trim. It was agreed that as the footpath boundary was clearly marked he could go ahead and trim the area.

b) 20 is Plenty Stickers:

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Cllr McLean reported that there had been a reasonable take up on the bin stickers but there were still 40-50 still available which he will endeavour to give out at upcoming village events.

- c) Activity at top of Wakerley Road around phone mast:  
The Clerk looked into this and felt that it was not appropriate to contact the mast provider at this stage as no damage had actually been done and there was no evidence of any untoward activity up there but would keep a watching brief
- d) Cllr Boon expressed concern about the street light at the Shotley triangle becoming obscured by the overhanging oak tree. It was agreed that Cllr Dove would monitor this situation

**1395. Routine Financial Matters:**

- a) **Review of payments received:** Monies from HSBC BMM account now transferred to Unity Bank current account (£4086.03)
- b) **Review of pre-approved payments:** Leics Gardens £200 (July) & £400 (August)  
Drax Energy £20.37
- c) **The following payments were approved:** Purchase of Tommy figure for Remembrance November 2022 £175 plus £25 shipping
- d) **Bank Reconciliation:** The Bank Rec Sheet had been approved by Finance Officer Cllr M Wright and was accepted by Cllrs.

Cllr Walsh raised the issue of increased energy and the Clerk agreed to look into this for the next meeting.

**1396. Policing Matters:**

The main issue in the village has been the theft of copper wire and fibre optic cables from the BT Open Reach infrastructure on 2 occasions leaving large parts of the village without an internet connection or landline.

**1397 New Location for Litter Bin (currently located by the Parish Noticeboard):**

The Council will charge £95 to move the bin but will not empty it if it is not located on a public highway, therefore the preferred location of the Village Hall Car Park adjacent to the footpath

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was not suitable. It was agreed that we would ask for it to be moved adjacent to the BT Cabinet by Percy's Barn. The landowner of Percy's Barn had verbally agreed to this location.

### 1398. Highway Matters:


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

- a) **Shotley ditch:** There has been no progress on this matter, but Sarah Barnwell has asked the Regulations Team to assess the situation as a matter of urgency.
- b) **Speeding on Deene Road:** Speed monitoring recorded an average speed of 22mph, an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 26mph and no traffic above 30mph. Thus, no further action is required at present.
- c) **Speed on Seaton Road:** It was agreed that the 30mph sign should be cleared of overgrowing vegetation to make it more visible.
- d) **State of the roads:** Some potholes have now been filled in but the bad ones near Maystone House are to be repaired in the future.
- e) **Deene Road junction markings:** The road Give Way markings should be repainted "in the relatively near future".
- f) **Seaton Road bollards:** The new ones have already been knocked down or have fallen over. It was agreed that we request more substantial ones to be fitted.
- g) **Jubilee Green bollards:** We are waiting for permission from highways to erect some form of protection on the edge of the path.
- h) **Dead ash trees adjacent to highway:** NNC has been advised of the poor state of these trees and the risk of them falling on the highway. It is their responsibility to monitor the situation.

### 1399. Planning Matters:

Land encroachment on Laxton Road: The Chair has put forward a formal complaint regarding the lack of action from NNC to deal with this serious planning infringement and has received a reply from Sue Scott, Principal Planning Officer, who is taking up the issue.

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**1400. Wakerley Quarry:**

A few issues were discussed in particular start times, how complaints were logged by Mick George Ltd and the confusing response to our enquiries from Mandy Dennis. The Chair said that it was work in progress and he would work with Cllr Boon to collect more evidence of suspected infringements and bring up at the next Wakerley Quarry Liaison Meeting.

**1401. Any Other Business:**

- a) The defibrillator has had a software update
- b) There is an Open Day at the Kings Cliffe waste facility on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Cllr Walsh raised the issue of help for the elderly in need with fuel costs and it was suggested that this be dealt with via the PCC Charity Fund and possible the Village Hall Committee in terms of providing a “warm space”
- d) The Chair and Cllr Dove would request that the Mulheron hedge be cut before the winter to keep visibility clear on the Seaton Road.
- e) The Clerk would contact the Clerk in Gretton to get access to more community notices going on in the area
- f) The Clerk would contact Rutland Council to request that the culverts around the bridge under the viaduct be cleared before the winter to prevent flooding.

**1402. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.