

## **Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 (Finance); Cllr F Walsh; Cllr S Milton; J Patterson-Gordon (Clerk)

### **1418. Open Session for Parishioners.**

No parishioners attended the meeting.

### **1419. Apologies for absence.**

There were no absences.

### **1420. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Cllrs on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

Cllr Dove declared an interest in the Planning Application discussed at the meeting as a former employee of the Applicant.

Cllr Boon declared an interest in the Quarry as its most immediate neighbour.

All Cllrs declared an interest in the setting of the Precept as residents of the parish.

### **1421. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chairman may consider necessary.**

The Chair granted dispensation to the parties concerned and agreed that Cllr Dove could offer background information to the planning application but thereafter may not contribute to the debate or vote.

### **1422. To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be signed as an accurate record.**

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

### **1423. Matters arising.**

- a. Footpath Markers:** Cllr Walsh reported that all footpath markers had now been attended to but raised the issue of the concrete walkway which forms part of the footpath under the viaduct which is badly overgrown and in need of cutting back. A small working party of Cllrs agreed to deal with this matter.
- b. Litter Bin:** this has now been emptied and all dog waste removed.

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- c. **Mulheron hedge:** Cllr Dove confirmed that the Mulheron hedge adjacent to the Seaton Road bridge had not been cut as planned due to excessive wet weather. The contractor is now awaiting a frost so that the machinery can enter the field.
- d. **Land encroachment at Spanhoe:** No further progress has been made with the North Northants Council on this matter despite many attempts by the Chair to resolve it.
- e. **Culverts on Seaton Road:** The Clerk has had no response from Rutland County Council on this matter.
- f. **20 is Plenty Stickers:** Cllr Dove reported success in handing out the remaining stickers to residents to place on their bins. Cllr McLean still has some available.
- g. **Highways Issues:** The Chair reported that he had had no further response from Sarah Barnwell at North Northants Council on the various highways' issues raised. Cllr McLean suggested he contact Graeme Kane who is Head of Highways to restart the discussion.

**1424. Policing Matters:** There were no policing issues to report. The Clerk had attempted to get the local PCSO to attend the meeting, but no reply was received.

**1425. Routine Financial Matters.**

**a. Review of payments received:**

- i. Donation from Mr & Mrs Randall for £25 towards upkeep of the graveyard. Mrs Randall is the granddaughter of Robert Kenny who is buried here.
- ii. Burial Fee of £65 was received.

**b. The following pre-approved payments were noted:**

i. PWLB Loan Repayment	£299.96
ii. Clerk's Salary	£196
iii. HMRC	£132
iv. Leicestershire Gardens	£300 & £200
v. NCALC Subs	£223.58
vi. Drax Energy (street lighting)	£20.37 & £19.69
vii. Bank Charges	£18.00
viii. Mr B Waterman Audit Fee	£50.00

**c. The following payments were approved:**

£97.44 for relocation of litter bin (invoice not yet received)

- d. Approval of Reconciliation Sheet:** The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Cllrs and signed by Cllr Wright (Finance).

#### **1426. Tree Report 2023**

A quotation was received to carry out a Tree Report in 2023 which would be 3 years since the last one in 2020. It was for £660 which was the same amount as last time and it was felt the price should be lower as much of the work had already been done. A requote was requested and the price was reduced by £110. It was proposed by Cllr Milton that we accept the quote as costs had undoubtedly risen over the last 3 years and the safety of residents and visitors was of paramount importance. The vote was carried with one abstention.

#### **1427. Proposals for Future Projects**

The Chair suggested that we should consider planning some future projects which would be beneficial to the village and use some of the funds which the Parish Council have available. Although a number of ideas were mooted it was agreed that the parishioners should be given the chance to contribute suggestions.

It was decided that it would be a good opportunity at the Annual Parish Open meeting in April to garner ideas from Harringworth residents and this would be proposed as an agenda item for that meeting.

#### **1428. Financial Forward Plan & Setting of the Precept for 2022/23**

Cllr Wright had prepared a Forward Financial Plan detailing our regular outgoings and future discretionary spend items.

It was decided that in order to maintain our current level of working capital, given that some of our regular costs had increased, the Precept would be increased by 3% to £6684. This would put an additional £0.75 per annum on the council tax bill of a Band D property and £1.25 on a Band G property. Plan attached Annex A.

#### **1429. HPC Financial Risk Register**

It is a requirement for the Parish Council to compile a Financial Risk Register.

The Chair tabled an initial document for discussion which was accepted with the addition of the risk of structural failure to Street Lights. Risk Register attached at Annex B.

#### **1430. Planning Application: NE/22/01556/PDU**

Cllr Dove gave us some background to this application and explained that it fell into the Class Q planning category as permitted development of a former agricultural building to a residential dwelling.

Cllr McLean pointed out that the plans filed with North Northants Council were incorrectly labelled in terms of the direction the building faced. Providing the orientation of the building

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had the windows facing north it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval for the planning application as the Council believes that it complies with Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England)(Amendment) Order 2018, but will request that the following restrictions are placed on approval:

For the protection of pedestrians and horses using the bridleway:

- Working hours be limited to Mon-Fri 07:30 – 17:00; Sat 08:00 – 13:00
- No machinery be operated before 08:00 on weekdays and 08:30 on Saturday.
- All reasonable effort be made to reduce dust with no dry cutting of stone/concrete/brick.
- Requirement to reinstate verges.
- No music be played outdoors.

Also, due to the narrow nature of Wakerley Road, the road and bridleway must be kept clear, unobstructed and safe for all users, with no structures or materials to be placed on the right of way at any time. All vehicles to be prohibited from parking on Wakerley Road, the bridleway or verges. The safety of the public must be guaranteed at all times without the need to seek a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order, unless for the connecting of the property to mains services, as even the temporary closure of Wakerley Road would cause considerable disruption and inconvenience to the residents of Harringworth.

#### **1431. Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group. An Update**

The Chair reported that the site meeting at the Quarry had been postponed due to planned blasting activity. He also informed the meeting that Hanson UK will acquire the Mick George Group, subject to relevant competition authority approval. Hanson hope the acquisition will be completed in the second quarter of 2023.

#### **1432. Correspondence**

A thank you card has been received from the office of King Charles III with thanks for our expression of condolence following the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A copy of the card will be displayed with the minutes and the original will be framed for safekeeping and displayed in the Village Hall. Copy at Annex C.

The chair had been in discussion with the Village Appeals and Village Hall Trustees Committees regarding a date for the Annual Open Parish Meeting and this will either take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April or 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. (Note it has since been agreed that the Annual Open Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023).

The safekeeping of the Condolence Book was discussed, and it was agreed that the Vice Chair would ask the Church Warden if it could be kept in the Church.

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**1433. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Attached:

Annex A - Forward financial plan

Annex B - Financial Risk Register

Annex C - Card from His Majesty The King

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