

Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr A White; Cllr S McLean; Cllr L Boon; Cllr K Dove; Cllr F Walsh; Cllr M Wright; J Dove
(Clerk)

1484. Open Session for Parishioners.

No parishioners attended the meeting.

1485. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr S Milton.

1486. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Cllr K Dove declared an interest in the planning application relating to the Black Barn on Wakerley Road from when he worked with the applicant

1487. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chair may consider necessary.

The Chair granted dispensation for Cllr Dove to join the discussion on the Black Barn planning application but he would not have a vote.

1488. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th July 2023 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1489. Matters Arising:

- a. **Coronation Oak Tree:** Cllr Dove visited the possible site on Seaton Road with parishioner Mrs Verity Thompson but they decided that this would not be a suitable location due to the potential size of the tree and the restriction of the road at this point. It was decided to put this idea on hold until a suitable site is identified.
- b. **Shrubs on Jubilee Green:** Cllr Boon proposed that roses be planted whose names would reflect the memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II instead of shrubs. The relative merits of these plants and others were discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council would approach the Gardening Group for suggestions on this matter,
- c. **Laxton Road issue:** The name and address of the landowner has been reported to NNC.

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1490. Routine Financial Matters

- a. To review payments received HMRC VAT Refund for 20/21 and 21/22
£522.69
Contribution to hedge cutting £94.50
- b. To review pre-approved payments: Audit Fee £50
Drax Street Lighting £60.24
Leics Gardens £200 & £400
Village Hall Hire £100 (inc. extra meeting)
Bank Charges Jul – Sept £18.00
- c. To Approve Payments Purchase of new poppy wreath and
lamppost poppies for Remembrance Day 2023 to the value of £50
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved and signed by Cllr M Wright

1491. Councillors' Email Addresses

The Parish Council has been advised by NCALC that it would be preferable for all Councillors to have a dedicated email account linked to a secure server for their Council business with the Clerk retaining copies of all the email passwords. It was agreed that such a system should be set up using the Parish Council website to host the email accounts at a cost of £25 per address per year. Before proceeding it was also agreed that the price should be compared to Seaton Parish Council which used a similar arrangement.

1492. Rockingham Forest Vision Project

A parishioner had approached Cllr Walsh about this. Cllr Walsh explained what he knew about it but it was unclear how the Parish Council could get involved with such a broad and far-reaching project. Cllr Walsh agreed to contact, without commitment, Rockingham Forest Vision to gain a better understanding of how the Parish Council might contribute to the project.

1493. Highway Matters

- a. **Seaton Road verge erosion:** this has been reported to Street Doctor but NNC do not consider it represents a danger to road users at present so no action will be taken. The Clerk will contact our Ward Councillor to request urgent action on this.
- b. **Mulheron Hedge:** this would be cut again in the next few weeks to improve visibility for drivers on the road under the viaduct
- c. **Faded 30 mph signs:** NNC has agreed that these signs need repainting and are scheduled in the next few months

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1494. Planning Matters

a. NE/23/00739/FUL – Black Barn, Wakerley Road

A revised plan for this building was put up on the NNC website on 13/09/23. The Councillors spent some time discussing the new plan and agreed not to object, but with the proviso that conditions regarding working times, parking and road closures were adhered to.

b. NE/23/00638/FUL – Shotley Path

There was nothing further to discuss on this.

c. NE/23/00439/FUL – Lindisfarne Appeal

The Chair pointed out that there was no possibility of submitting further comments regarding this application now that it had gone to appeal, other than to withdraw comments already made. It was decided that existing comments would not be withdrawn.

d. NN/22/00014/WASVOC – Wakerley Quarry

An application to increase annual infill volumes had been received. There were no objections to this application.

1495. Notices

A parishioner, Mrs Rhonda Kettle had submitted an enquiry about putting a bench on the green outside the Church in memory of John Kettle. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss it properly.

1496. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 9th November 2023.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

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