

**Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held
on 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

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

1535. Open Session for Parishioners.

No parishioners attended the meeting.

1536. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1537. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were received.

1538. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chair may consider necessary.

No such dispensations were necessary.

1539. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2024 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1540. Matters Arising:

- a. **Shrubs on Jubilee Green:** A response has been received from NNC which says that the shrubs must be at least 1.5m from the highway (which includes the footpath) so they cannot be positioned to achieve the objective of preventing cars from parking on the grass verge. The matter is now closed.
- b. **Reed debris along the edge of the road under the viaduct:** No response has been received from Rutland County Council. The Clerk will chase.
- c. **Fix My Street:** this facility has now been published on the village website and a number of potholes have been reported direct to the Highways department by villagers.

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- d. **Councillors email addresses:** The Chair reported that dedicated email addresses are now live for all Councillors. It was agreed that a Harringworth PC WhatsApp group be set up to alert Councillors to "Check Mail" if an email requiring attention had been sent.
- e. **Turtle Bridge:** The Clerk requested an earlier inspection this year, but was informed that funds did not allow for this and it would be inspected by the Council at a time to suit them.
- f. **Give Way sign at the bottom of Laxton Hill:** This has still not been erected. The Clerk will chase again.
- g. **Churchyard Gravel:** Cllr Dove will order and pick up gravel to resurface the worn parts of the path leading up to the Church entrance. He will lay it once the Churchyard clean up has taken place in cooperation with the Church Wardens.
- h. **Plaque for Jubilee Green Planter:** This is now ready to put onto the planter and will be done in the next 2 weeks.

1541. Routine Financial Matters

- a. The following payments were received: Burial Fees £65 & £150
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed:
 - Drax invoices £0.58 & £0.37
 - Web Hosting £130.20
 - pCloud one-off fee £199.00
 - Clerk's Pay £198.00
 - HMRC £132.00
 - Village Hall Hire £81.00
 - Yu Energy £54.95 & £10.45
- c. The following payments were approved: An ongoing agreement to approve payments for replacement of defibrillator consumables as required to avoid delays.
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Cllrs and signed by Cllr M Wright

1542. Planning Matters

There were no planning matters to discuss at this meeting.

Cllr McLean requested that the Clerk ask the Planning Department about the status of the White Swan planning application in response to villager requests.



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1543. Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group: Update

Cllr White reported back on the last meeting which took place on January 9th 2024 which he attended. There was very little to report as Mark Chant did not attend in person, but by Zoom and the connection was so poor that communication was almost impossible.

1544. Correspondence

The Chair had received correspondence from a resident on Gretton Road who expressed concern about large HGV/farm vehicles using the road which caused considerable noise and vibration disturbance. The Chair investigated the process for establishing an HGV weight limit for the village with the Highways Department. Highways advised that even if an HGV limit was introduced it would not apply to farm vehicles or HGVs accessing business premises. It was agreed that there was no merit in seeking an HGV weight restriction for the village. However, it was agreed that the state of the roads were a significant contributor to traffic noise and disturbance and this would be raised with Highways.

1545. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 9th 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.17pm.



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