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Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2025 at the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr S McLean (Chair); Cllr K Dove; Cllr F Walsh; Cllr T Wade; Cllr P Gasson
Mrs J Dove (Clerk)

1647. Open Session for Parishioners.

No parishioners attended the meeting.

1648. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Boon sent his apologies for absence.

1649. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were received.

1650. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.

No such dispensations were necessary.

1651. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th May 2025 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1652. Matters arising

- a. New interest-bearing account:** The Clerk confirmed that she was in the process of setting up an instant access interest bearing account with Unity Bank so that interest could be earned on PC funds (currently 2,5%)
- b. Applicants for Parish Councillor vacancy:** None received. It will be advertised on the village website.
- c. Highway Issues:** The Clerk has initiated 9 FixmyStreet reports to NNC relating to potholes, damaged road & village signs, faded road markings, blocked culverts under the viaduct and overcropping the verge at the top of Laxton Hill.
Replies received so far indicate that highways will deal with the potholes as part of their general maintenance routine. Awaiting replies on the other issues.

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- d. **New Burial Ground:** Cllr Dove reported back on progress adopting the new area of land to enable the PC to extend the existing burial ground which is almost at capacity. He is liaising closely with Sarah Boon at the Stables who is cooperating fully with the project. The boundary has been marked out and approved and the tenant needs to install stockproof fencing on the outside of the boundary. The area of the new burial ground is approx. 22m c 12.5m. The old grass needs to be sprayed off once weather conditions allow. PT Builders have offered to use their digger to level the ground and prepare it for the new grass to be established late August/early September. Cllrs Dove & Walsh have agreed to help with this stage. Cllr Dove is in the process of getting quotes for the new boundary fencing. He confirmed that the project is on track.
- e. **Grass Cutting:** The Chair queried the fact that part of the churchyard had not been mown at the last session. The Clerk agreed to query this with the contractors and has also reminded them to cut the Shotley footpath.

1653. Routine Financial Matters

- a. The following payments were received: Refund from Drax £59.11
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed:

Audit Fee	£75.00
Zurich Insurance	£304.00
Yu Energy	£34.79 & £8.00
Leics Gardens	£441.00 & £441.00
Bank Service Charge	£6.00 & £6.00
Clerks Pay Apr-Jun	£264.00
HMRC Apr-Jun	£66.00
- c. The following payments put forward for approval: NCalc Subs £223.18
This payment was not approved and the PC will no longer subscribe to NCalc as it is not considered to offer value for money any more.
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Wade who was thanked for his help in updating the sheet and adding a tab for the current year's budget for reference.

1654. Planning

The Chair confirmed that NE/25/00207/LBC Shotley Cottage had been refused
There was a detailed discussion on NE/24/00851/FUL Land to rear of Beau Lodge which has been resubmitted for 10 lodges (compared to 6 lodges in the previous application). Several Councillors were still concerned about the design of the lodges and the access to the development but did not feel they had any material comments to add to their original comments made last September when the original application was filed.

1655. Highways Issues

These were discussed under Matters Arising.

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1656. Revision of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Data Protection Policy, Financial Risk Register & Risk Management and Assessment Policy

These were discussed in some detail and some small changes were made.

All were formally adopted by the Council (Proposer: Cllr Walsh/Seconder: Cllr Dove) pending some typographical and grammatical changes which need to be made to the Financial Regulations document.

1657. Register of Members' Interests & Election Expenses Returns

Zero returns for election expenses have now been filed with NNC by all Councillors, except Cllr Wade who will be doing his this week.

Cllr Walsh and Cllr Boon still need to file their documents for the Register of Members' Interests.

1658. Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group Update

The Chair attended the latest meeting on June 11th at Barrowden Community Hub. There was nothing significant to report. All tests for noise, vibration & airborne particles seem to be returning results which are within the acceptable parameters. The Chair produced a useful plan showing the areas already quarried and where the quarrying is going next. Generally it is moving away from Harringworth which was welcomed.

The next meeting is mid-September 2025.

1659. Correspondence

- An email has been received from a resident, Mr Harry Morgan, regarding the issue of litter. He expressed an interest in organising a volunteer working party to conduct more regular litter picks in and around the village. Cllr Walsh will be contacting him to say the litter picks are not a Parish Council responsibility, but we would fully support any village initiative to improve the litter situation.
- The Chair had received an email from a Church Warden, Mr Alan Wordie regarding the repair of the church gate latch and requesting reimbursement of £30 from the Parish Council for this item. It was agreed that the Church wall, including the gate & latch, were part of the fabric of the Church building and did not fall with the Parish Council's responsibility for the maintenance of the church yard.

1660. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday September 11th 2025 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

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