

**Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held
on 13th March 2025 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)

1613. Open Session for Parishioners.

No parishioners attended the meeting.

1614. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1615. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were received.

1616. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.

No such dispensations were necessary.

1617. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2025 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1618. Matters Arising:

- a. **Volunteer Action:** following the visit to our last meeting from VA leaflets have been distributed to all residents explaining their services and how to become a volunteer.
- b. **Footpath Review:** Cllr Walsh, Footpaths Officer, will walk all the village footpaths and carry out a full review once the weather improves.
- c. **Burial Ground Extension:** The Chair and Cllr Dove met with Ruper Conant on site to ensure that everything was agreed regarding boundaries. Mr Conant was very supportive of all suggestions and the perimeter was marked out and recorded. Sarah Boon from the stables was also present and has agreed to erect a back fence on her side to prevent the


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horses from damaging the new fence once it goes up. Cllr Dove recommended that the site should be power harrowed before use.

- d. **Millennium Arch:** Cllr McLean spoke with the Church Warden and asked if the electrics to the arch could be checked out when an electrician was next on site at the church.
- e. **Water Trough:** Despite numerous emails to the Highways Dept., the issue of the overflowing water trough has still not been resolved. They are still saying it is not their responsibility despite having repaired it on previous occasions in the past. The situation came to a head on Sunday when 2 lots of 2 cyclists skidded on the slimy water which was pouring out onto the road, causing significant injuries and irreparable damage to the bikes. This has been reported to Sarah Barnwell at Highways who is going to take up the matter with other departments. If no response is received, the matter will be escalated.
- f. **The White Swan:** Again, despite numerous emails and communications to the Planning Dept., no response has been received on the status of the village pub. The Parish Council has put it to them that the issue of the pub is a very sensitive one in our village and residents have a right to know what is going on. The site is now an eyesore and there are many negative comments from the many visitors and tourists who come to the village to see the viaduct. Again, if no response is received, the Parish Council will lodge a formal complaint to NNC.
- g. **New Council Tax Bills:** The new precept has been agreed (which was 3% up on last year) and new bills have now been issued. Residents may notice that the Harringworth Precept is showing a 6% increase. This is due to the fact that there are fewer residents this year so the actual increase in the village share has gone up from £49.53 to £52.52.

1619. Routine Financial Matters

- a. The following payments were received: None
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed: Yu Energy £46.82 & £8.14
Yu Energy £40.32 & £7.35
Bank Service Charge £6.00
- c. The following payments were approved: Lamp of Peace £25
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Cllrs and signed by Cllr M Wright

1620. VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

The Appeals Committee are organising an event on Thursday May 8th to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. All Parish Councils, Towns and Villages throughout the UK are being


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encourage to light beacons or Lamps of Peace to mark the event. As we don't have a beacon, it was agreed that we would purchase a Lamp of Peace for £25 which would be lit in the evening.

1621. Waste Collections

There had been a number of complaints from residents about bins being rejected and bins not being collected at all. In some cases, when the rejected bins were queried, it was established that no incorrect items had been put in the bin. It is up to the individual householder to contact Waste Services if they have an issue with bins not being collected or being rejected, but it was agreed that, due to the large increase in incidents of this kind, the Clerk would go back to Waste Services to make a formal complaint about the service levels in our village.

1622. Registration of burial ground at Land Registry

It has come to light that neither the burial ground or the extension to the burial ground have been registered at the Land Registry. Whilst this is not in itself an issue, it was felt that for future security of these pieces of land, we should look into the cost of registering them at the Land Registry. It was agreed that the Clerk would get costings on this.

1623. Planning

NE/25/00207/LBC Shotley Cottage: Recommended for approval

NN/25/00001/MINVOC - Wakerley Quarry: Recommended for approval

1624. Wakerley Quarry Liaison Group: Update

Cllr White reported back on the last meeting which took place on March 5th 2025 which he attended. The meeting was informed that the quarrying was expected to continue for another 9-10 years. There was a debate about blasting and noise levels, and it was reaffirmed that they are nowhere near to their legal limits and rarely trigger the vibration monitor. It was also reiterated that households could request a vibration monitor for their own homes at any time. The next meeting was scheduled for 11th June 2025.

1625. Correspondence

The Clerk has received correspondence regarding Turtle Bridge. The Highways Dept. have confirmed that they have secured funding for its repair and hope that work will start in the summer once planning consent had been received. The brick parapets will be reinstated and the bridge will be repointed and repaired.


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1626. Parish Council Elections – 1st May 2025


A poster has been distributed to all residents inviting them to stand for election to the Parish Council. Details on how to register a nomination have been included in the poster. The Chair, Cllr Mclean and the Clerk agreed help any nominees complete their forms if required. In addition, candidates can send their forms to NNC at Kettering for an informal check prior to submission. To avoid candidates all having to travel independently to NNC at Kettering to deliver their forms, the Chair will take the nomination papers there on Monday 24th March for those that wish to use this service. The Village Correspondent will be asked to publicise an update on the election giving this information.

Cllr White announced that he would be standing down as a Councillor and Chair, as did Cllr Milton and Cllr Boon.

1627. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Thursday May 15th 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. This would be the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm.


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