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Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2025 at the Village Hall

Present:

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

1661. Open Session for Parishioners.

One parishioner attended the meeting. Ms Claire Crowley wished to inform the Parish Council that she and another parishioner had taken a Tree Warden course covering tree knowledge and management and would be happy to advise on any tree-related issues in the village on an informal basis.

1662. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Tom Wade sent his apologies for absence.

1663. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were received.

1664. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.

No such dispensations were necessary.

1665. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd July 2025 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1666. Matters arising

- a. New interest-bearing account:** The Clerk confirmed that the new instant access interest bearing account with Unity Bank had been applied for and was just awaiting some ID documents from the Chair to complete the application.
- b. Applicants for Parish Councillor vacancy:** One application had been received and a vote would be taken to co-opt this candidate later in the meeting.
- c. Highway Issues:** The Clerk was still awaiting action on potholes, damaged road & village signs, and overcropping the verge at the top of Laxton Hill.

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- d. **New Burial Ground:** Cllr Dove reported back on progress for adopting the new area of land to enable the PC to extend the existing burial ground. The temporary fence being erected by the current tenant will be completed by 13/09 and all corrugated sheeting on the land will be removed. The broad leaf weeds have now had 3 treatments and are dying off. Cllr Dove has sought 3 quotes for the new fencing. One has not replied. The other 2 were from Richard Berry and FJH Fencing which the PC considered.
The Councillors voted unanimously to accept the lower quote from FJH Fencing. Cllr Dove wishes to have the land power-harrowed once the old fence comes down. Cllr Boon will approach the Bulwick Estate to carry out this work. Cllr Dove confirmed that the project is on track and currently coming in under budget.
- e. **Maintenance of Churchyard:** Cllr Dove queried who was responsible for making repairs to the Church gates and dealing with the weeds in the gravel path. The Chair confirmed that these were the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Dove agreed to adjust the hinges on the gates to enable them to swing more smoothly.
- f. **Litter Pick:** Cllr Walsh confirmed that he had provided litter pick equipment to Mr Harry Morgan who wished to carry out his own litter pick in the village.
- g. **Review of Burial Charges:** The Clerk advised the Councillors that she would initiate a review of Burial Charges before the next meeting when it would be discussed in full.

1667. Routine Financial Matters

- a. To review payments received No payments were received
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed:
Yu Energy £32.08 & £7.75/£33.50 & £8.00
Leics. Gardens £441.00 & £441.00
Hall & Johnson new email setup £75.00
Yu Street Lighting £32.96 & £8.00
Bank Service Charge £6.00 & £6.00
- c. To approve payments:
The Clerk has been advised by the PC Payroll company that her salary was due to increase as a result of the minimum wage going up and a Local Pay Award being voted. This would increase the hourly rate for the 110 contracted hours per year from £12.00 to £13.26 backdated to April 1st 2025. This was unanimously agreed by the Councillors.
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chair as Cllr Wade was not at the meeting.

1668. Co-Opting of new Parish Councillor

Mr Richard Wade has volunteered to join the Parish Council to bring numbers up to a full Parish Council of 7 Councillors.

Proposer: Cllr S McLean/Seconder: Cllr P Gasson. Mr Richard Wade was voted in unanimously.

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1669. Highway Matters

There was a discussion about the issue of parking of residents' vehicles which were obstructing pavements and forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

The Chair agreed to speak to the residents concerned.

1670. Footpath Issues

Cllr Walsh, Footpaths Officer, reported that there are some footpaths around the village which need attention. Councillors agreed to put together a working party to clear overgrown paths and Cllr H Boon agreed to speak to the landowner and offer to mow the field behind the Gretton Road houses.

A parishioner had raised the issue of horses and their owners not keeping to the official bridleways around the village. Cllr Boon said he would politely request that the livery clients at the Stables keep to the bridleways and confirmed that the Stables' own horses always did as their insurance would otherwise be void.

1671. Planning Matters

There were no new planning applications to consider.

There have been no further updates on the White Swan pub but Councillor Simon Fairhall (our Ward Councillor at NNC) has agreed to follow this matter up now that a new person had been assigned to the case at the Planning Dept. and report back to our next meeting in November.

The Clerk updated on the Turtle Bridge planning application saying that the area was now fully fenced off but was still with the planning department who were raising a number of questions. No repair works have yet been started.

1672. Correspondence

Correspondence received from a Parishioner was discussed under Highway and Footpath Matters.

1673. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday November 13th 2025 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.49 pm.

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