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## **Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

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

### **1701. Open Session for Parishioners.**

Mr Harry Morgan attended

He raised the issue of visitors to the village parking on the grass areas around Jubilee Green. It was explained that the PC had exhausted possibilities of erecting bollards with NNC. It was suggested that we try some simple and tasteful “Keep of the Grass” signage initially to see if this deters people.

He also wished to inform the PC of the more regular litter picks in the village which he was organising with a group of volunteers. Cllr Walsh expressed concern that there was confusion regarding these litter picks and the annual village litter pick and requested that these be coordinated by one person.

### **1702. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr K Dove & Cllr H Boon

### **1703. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

None were received.

### **1704. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.**

None were necessary.

### **1705. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be signed as an accurate record.**

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

### **1706. Matters Arising:**

- a. Water Trough:** this is still flooding out onto the highway but some progress was made this week as a warden from NNC attended the site to investigate. We are awaiting his report and action plan.

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**1707. Routine Financial Matters**

- a. The following payments were received: Burial Plot £240
- a. These pre-approved payments were reviewed: Yu Energy £52.62 & £42.21  
Bank Service Charge £6.00  
& £6.00
- b. The following payments were approved: No payments to approve
- c. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Cllrs and was signed off by Cllr T Wade.

**1708. Planning Matters**

**a. White Swan:** it was noted that the stone wall at the rear of the pub had been dismantled and was being rebuilt. No further update had been received from the Planning Dept. re the works on the pub itself. The Clerk would continue to chase and monitor.

**1709. Highway Matters**

- **VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator):** Cllr F Walsh reported back on his findings regarding the installation of flashing speed indicators for the village. He said that the grants had closed for FY 2025/26 so we would await the new grants to be announced for FY 2026/27. Cllr R Wade has agreed to coordinate a volunteer-based “Speedwatch” programme for the village as a precursor to this, in order to accumulate some hard data as to the speeding issues in the village.
- **Potholes:** Cllr R Wade agreed to continue to report potholes on the HORT portal of the NNC website

**1710. Email Issues**

Cllrs Dove & Walsh were having issues sending and receiving emails from their PC accounts. It was suggested that they delete email to reduce the size of their mailboxes. The Clerk would monitor progress on this matter.

**1711. Proposed Cluster Meeting for Parish Councils**

Information on this would be forwarded to the Councillors who were in principle in agreement with the value of getting together with other Parish Councils to share information and concerns. The Clerk would keep them updated.

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**1712. Churchyard Trees**

Cllr Dove sent in a report in his absence via the Clerk to say that the dead silver birch tree in the Church Yard was being felled on March 18/19<sup>th</sup> and all timber and brash would be removed by Haringworth Manor Stables in time for the Churchyard clear up to take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>. It was requested that the chippings are not put on the bonfire pile.

**1713. Correspondence**

Cllr T Wade voiced concern over comments he had received from a number of residents who seemed unaware of the responsibilities and remit of the Parish Council. It was reiterated that all this information is available in the Village Directory and on the village website. There is also always the opportunity for members of the public to attend the PC meetings to listen to their discussions.

**1714. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The date for the Annual Parish Open Meeting has been set for Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.17pm.