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Minutes of the Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2026 at the Village Hall

Present:

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

1743. Open Session for Parishioners.

No Parishioners attended

1744. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Richard Wade sent his apologies for absence.

The Councillors were advised by the Chair that Harry Boon was no longer a member of the Parish Council as his work commitments had prevented him from attending Council meetings.

1745. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were received.

1746. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Clerk may consider necessary.

No such dispensations were necessary.

1747. To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th July 2026 be signed as an accurate record.

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

1748. Matters arising

- a. Water Trough:** Despite being unable to arrange a meeting with Highways to discuss the issues with the water trough, the Clerk reported that Highways had cleared the storm drain and a neighbour had cleared the overflow pipe going from the trough. This had resulted in the water flowing freely from the trough into the drain with no overflowing or flooding of the path and road in front of it. This would now be monitored on a regular basis.

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- b. **Turtle Bridge:** The repairs have now been completed and the bridge has now been restored to its original condition. There is one query about the lack of parapet on one side which the Clerk will raised with NNC.
- c. **White Swan Pub:** It has been suggested by the Planning Dept. of NNC that all applications relating to the pub should be withdrawn and a new application be submitted.
- d. **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Richard Wade was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a report of progress so far. 5 sessions had so far taken place with no reports of anyone speeding over 35mph. The sessions would continue into the autumn once or twice a week with the 6 volunteers.
- e. **Keep of the Grass signs:** Cllr Dove will be putting up one more sign on the grass adjacent to Jubilee Green as this does seem to be preventing people parking on the grass and is allowing the grass to recover after the drought.
- f. **New Burial Ground:** Cllr Dove reported back that the weeds need to be sprayed off, then the ground would be rotavated, levelled and seeded. Cllrs Dove, Walsh and Tom Wade would carry out this work.
- g. **New Village Sign:** after requesting a repair to the very damaged village sign on the Deene Road coming into the village many months ago, a new village sign has now been erected.

1749. Routine Financial Matters

- a. The following payments were received: VAT Reclaim £452.88
- b. These pre-approved payments were reviewed:

CSW Set Up Kit	£150.00
KOTG Signs	£55.30
Yu Energy	£26.79 & £31.52
Leics Gardens	£264.60 & £264.60
Bank Service Charge	£7.00 & £7.00
Clerks Pay Jul-Sept	£291.85
HMRC Jul-Sept	£72.80
- c. These payments were requested to be approved: Hall & Johnson Email Support £260
- d. The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Tom Wade

The payment to Hall & Johnson was not approved at this stage, as the Clerk was asked to find out what it related to and why the Cllr emails were still not working reliably.

The Council also agreed to purchase a poppy wreath and additional lamppost poppies for this year's Remembrance.

It was hoped that with the drought, the grass cutting costs would be reduced this year – possible by 2 cuts which would represent a saving to the PC.

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1750. Highways Matters

The CSW initiative in the village had highlighted the issue of very large 44-tonne lorries coming through the village, particularly in the early morning, to get to and from the scrap yard on the Gretton Road. The PC is currently awaiting a reply from Highways as to whether these vehicles should be using the road through the village due to weight limits.

1751. Footpath Issues – Jubilee Green & Grass Cutting

Cllr Walsh, Footpaths Officer, confirmed that Percy's path would be cleared by a working party in the next couple of months.

Other areas of overgrown footpaths were discussed but as these are the responsibility of the landowner, the PC has limited control in this area. Cllr Walsh agreed to draw up a plan for ongoing footpath maintenance in the village. He was also asked to request if the Highways Dept still employed a Footpaths Officer who could enforce the maintenance work.

Cllr Walsh also discussed the cutting of the hedge at the back of Jubilee Green which Cllr Dove advised should be cut to head height.

1752. Planning Matters

There were none to discuss.

1753. Update on new NNC communication portal

Chair McLean reported on a new portal proposed by our MP, Lee Barron, to make communications between NNC and PCs easier and more efficient. This was strongly supported by the PC and the Clerk will respond to Lee Barron accordingly.

1754. Correspondence

The next Cluster Meeting for PCs in our Ward is on Monday September 28th at Benefield Cricket Club. The Chair and the Clerk would attend.

The Chair also reported back on the most recent Wakerley Quarry meeting held at the Barrowden Hub on August 27th. Blasting is now being limited to around once every 3 weeks as recent demand has dropped significantly. Noise complaints have significantly reduced.

1755. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday November 12th at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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