

## HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 21st June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**194/18 Present:** Chairman B Chandler, Cllrs N Steed, T Richards, J Pocklington, A Reid, P Campbell, A Case, T Cable

**195/18 Apologies:** There were no apologies received

**196/18 To receive declarations of interest from members in any item discussed.**  
None

**197/18 Minutes** of the meeting held on 24th May 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed: Cllr Richards, all agreed.

### **Matters arising from those minutes**

**198/18 Minute 177/18 School Lane/Nethergate Street parking restrictions**  
Highways Dept. confirmed that the road markings will not extend around the corner of School Lane but will only be on Nethergate Street.  
Cllr Chandler has not yet had time to discuss with the owner of the wall the possibility of siting a notice about parking restrictions.

**199/18 Minute 178/18 Brick Yard Lane**  
The area at the Nethergate Street end of Brick Yard Lane is much tidier. After discussion it was proposed that white posts, weed control fabric and wood chippings should be used to keep the area tidy and deter parking. Cllrs Campbell and Cable will organise the posts. All agreed to the proposal.  
A working party to tidy the nature reserve was discussed. It was agreed that the only work that should be done at present is strimming the seating area and keeping the path clear. Neil Steed and Chris Toye will undertake that work.

**200/18 Minute 180/18 White Village Entrance Gates**  
The total cost of the plastic gates would be approximately £1250 per site (purchase cost plus installation). It was suggested that wooden gates might be a cheaper alternative but Sally Bettinson at Highways Dept. has advised us that they would not be permissible. The cost of installing gates is £250 per pair. It was felt that at present the cost is prohibitive unless a grant can be obtained. The clerk will look into this and contact the Borough Councillor. The councillors felt that this traffic calming measure was important and that it might need to be included in next year's budget.

**201/18 Minute 181/18 Tree Preservation Orders**  
Cllr Case has not yet finished assessing the trees in the village.

**202/18 Minute 182/18 Grit Bins**  
Freebridge have agreed to replace the bin at Harpley Court.

**203/18 School/preschool provision**  
Preschool provision has now been set up at Harpley School but eight children are needed to make it viable. Cllr Reid (school governor) did not have any more information.

- 204/18 Play park**  
The hinges on the gate have dropped and it is difficult to close. Cllr Campbell will assess the repair needed. Cllr Reid has attached pigeon deterrent spikes to the top bar of the swings.
- 205/18 Clerk's contract and salary**  
The hours worked by the clerk had been exceeding that designate on her contract, but the clerk felt that 4 hours was a fair allocation of time in line with other parish councils of a similar size and that she was managing the work load more efficiently now. There has been a national pay award agreed (NJC) for 2018-2019 and the clerk asked that her salary be increased by one spinal point as in her contract rather than increasing her hours. Cllr Cable proposed that the clerk should receive one spinal point increase in salary. All agreed.
- 206/18 Defibrillator Sign**  
It has been suggested that a sign showing the location of the defibrillator should be put up opposite the village hall. The clerk will look into the cost.
- 207/18 Parish Partnership**  
The Parish Partnership scheme for local highway improvements is available again for 2019/20. Money is again allocated on a 50/50 basis. The schemes that are acceptable were discussed but it was felt that there were no immediate projects needed especially as the Parish Council would have to find a substantial amount of money as their share of any scheme. Details of the scheme to be available in the next 'What's On' for parishioners' comment.
- 208/18 Report from County/Borough Councillor M. Chenery of Horsbrugh**  
Not present
- 209/18 Questions and comments from members of the public.**  
None
- 210/18 Correspondence received**  
Harpley is to retain its polling station with review in 2019.
- 211/18 Invitations to meetings**  
None
- 212/18 Papers to be tabled**  
None
- 213/18 Planning Matters**  
**Ref: 18/01034/F Proposed dwelling at land adjacent to Nethergate House, Nethergate Street**  
There were no objections on the basis of planning policies.  
**Rose and Crown: Removal of condition 8 of planning permission**  
16/00406/O: To remove the requested dwarf wall to allow access along the full length of existing access. Permission granted.
- 214/18 Finance**  
Accounts for the meeting were presented. Expenditure £670.93 which included insurance renewal and ICO data protection fee. All agreed and cheques signed.

Budget variance report on target

Asset register – no change

Risk assessment -continually monitored by councillors.

**215/18 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

Elections

Standing orders

**216/18 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **19th July 2018** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 20.04 hrs.

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