

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Present: Councillors N Steed (Chairman) J Pocklington, C Alexandra-Kaye.
2 members of the public

024/51 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors A Case & Borough Councillor A Beales

024/52 Declarations of Interest

None.

024/53 To approve the draft minutes from the meeting held on 25th July 2024.

It was PROPOSED (CAK) SECONDED (JP) and unanimously approved to agree the minutes as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

024/54 Questions and Comments from the Public

A resident expressed concerns about several areas in the village. The Trod has become too overgrown to walk on, and this issue had been reported; the Clerk would follow up on it.

The triangle at the junction of Nethergate Street and Church Lane is also very overgrown.

Additionally, the bus shelters on the A148 are quite dirty and in need of cleaning. The hedge at the junction of Mill Road and Back Street is overgrown, obstructing visibility for drivers.

These issues would be reported to County Highways.

Another resident mentioned that she was weeding the verge opposite the village hall in preparation for planting a wildflower garden. The Council was asked about the status of the overhanging trees in Church Lane. The Clerk reported that the resident responsible for the trees has been contacted, and she also spoke with the County Council, who have received complaints about the issue.

The Council was asked to look into the status of the vacant Freebridge property at the corner of St. Lawrence Close. This issue had been followed up before, and while some tidying work was done, the property had remained empty for over a year. It was agreed to copy Councillor Beales into the correspondence.

024/55 To receive reports from County Councillor, District Councillor & Clerk County and District Council reports

County Councillor Chenery had circulated 3 reports prior to the meeting. He highlighted the plans to have an appointment booking system for the Hempton recycling centre.

Clerks report.

All items were included on the agenda.

Correspondence

- KLWNBC weekly planning lists
- Communications QEH – modernising the hospital
- KLWNBC – Consultation on Economic Vision and Strategy for Kings Lynn and West Norfolk open until 13th October
- KLWNBC Modifications to West Norfolk Local Plan – consultation until 2 October
- KLWNBC – Deadline for correspondence and request to speak at planning committees reduced
- TRO Road closure Fakenham Road carriageway patching
- KLWNBC – Council Tax base training in Kings Lynn – The Clerk informed the meeting that she had booked a place on this course and would report back.
- Unity Trust Bank – reduction in interest rates

024/56 Planning

None.

024/57 Finance

The following accounts had been circulated and were read to those present at the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments.

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Aug Sept		
01.08.2024	Contracts and Salaries	Salary, Office costs and expenses	£ 332.91
02.09.2024	Contracts and Salaries	Salary, Office costs and expenses	£ 263.64
02.09.2024	Nuture	Grounds Maintenance	£ 19.36
02.09.2024	Norfolk PTS	Training costs Essential Seminar	£ 28.00
02.09.2024	Nuture	Grounds Maintenance	£ 38.71
			£ 682.62

024/57/2 The Clerk had circulated the bank statements and monthly reconciliation. These were approved. Balances: Current account £5958.89 Business account £8774.30

024/58 Items For discussion

024/58/1 **West Norfolk Falls Project** – Councillor Alexandra-Kaye reported that she was no longer able to be involved in this project but as far as she was aware it was going ahead. A notice advertising for volunteers had been put on the website and in the notice board. It was agreed to contact the organiser of the project and get an update.

024/58/2 **Map End of Brickyard Lane** – Councillor Case provided an update to the Clerk, mentioning that he was struggling to obtain a replacement map of the same size with all the necessary details. Following a short discussion on whether the map needed

replacing—since most walkers now rely on Google Maps—it was decided to postpone this matter until the next meeting, where a final decision would be made.

024/58/3 New signs playground – Councillor Alexandra-Kaye had received some artwork from the school and would be working on assembling the designs. She requested to defer this item until next Spring due to her other commitments.

024/59 To consider applications for co-option to the Council.

No applications had been received. The Council would continue to advertise in the village and try and encourage residents to apply.

024/60 Items for next agenda

Budget

Map end of brickyard Lane

024/61 Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman was unable to make the date of the next meeting. It was agreed to put the meeting back to the first week in December – date to be agreed.

Signed.....Dated.....