

## HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**143/18 Present:** Chairman B Chandler, Cllrs N Steed, T Richards, J Pocklington, A Reid, P Campbell  
One member of the public

**144/18 Apologies:** T Cable (holiday), A Case (prior engagement) Sir Henry Bellingham MP

**145/18 To receive declarations of interest from members in any item discussed.**  
None

**146/18 Minutes** of the meeting held on 22nd February 2018 was confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed: Cllr Pocklington, all agreed.

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

**147/18 Minute 125/18 Data Protection**  
The General Data Protection Regulation Policy document was approved and adopted.  
Proposed Cllr Pocklington, all present agreed.

**148/18 Minute 126/18 School Lane/Nethergate Street parking restrictions**  
Highway Dept has confirmed that the 'Keep Clear' marking will go ahead and should be completed by July. The bollards are on hold until Sally Bettinson has had a meeting with Mr Case to discuss the overhang and turning space with respect to farm machinery using the roadway.

**149/18 Minute 127/18 Brick Yard Lane**  
Cllr Chandler has yet to speak to the contractors working in the area, but felt that there would be more unavoidable mess before the adjacent building work was finished.  
A volunteer has come forward to oversee the nature reserve. He has offered to put up the bird boxes.

**150/18 Minute 128/18 Play park**  
A volunteer has come forward to undertake the regular equipment check. He recommends that the swings are oiled/greased and that the equipment be cleaned to remove bird soiling and algae. He will report any problems to the parish council.

**151/18 Minute 129/18 Notice Board**  
The plywood at the rear of the board is delaminating. Cllr Campbell has sealed this and is waiting to see if that works otherwise it will need replacing. Once this is watertight the fibre board inside can be replaced.

**152/18 Minute 131/18 White Village Entrance Gates**  
The information from two companies supplying the gates was discussed. It was felt that the most suitable position for the gates would be at the main road end of Nethergate Street and that the cost might be prohibitive for siting gates on all entrances to the village.

Other options to the gates were discussed; SAM equipment was considered too expensive and gates made from wood require maintenance. It might be possible to obtain money from Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh via the Local Members Fund. Clerk to contact Highways Department.

**153/18 Minute 139/18 Tree Preservation Orders**

In order to apply for a preservation order on designated trees the details and location of the trees and why it should be protected should be sent to the Tree Preservation Officer at BCKLWN. There is a website showing TPOs already in place in the village.

It was suggested that the Tree Warden for the village should be asked if he could help with this.

**154/18 Grit Bins**

There are four grit bins in the village. The one in Harpley Court car park is full of water. Cllr Steed offered to drill the bin in order to drain the water, the condition of that bin can then be assessed. It was suggested that a note should be included in 'What's On' indicating where the grit bins are located.

**155/18 Planning Department update session**

Cllr Steed gave a brief report of the meeting. The Planning Department has to meet government targets to build more properties or face penalties. It will sift the number of applications that go to committee but an applicant can request to have their application determined by committee. Cllr Steed felt that parish councils had been talked into the process but not invited to have a voice.

**156/18 Clerk's time sheets**

The clerk presented her time sheets for a six month period (September to February). Average time worked was 4.6 hours per week, at present paid for 4 hours per week. At the current rate of pay the remuneration was well above the National Living Wage for 2018.

**157/18 Harpley Court**

It has been some time since any information has been received from Freebridge concerning the future plans for Harpley Court. Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh agreed that the matter should be raised again.

It was proposed by Cllr Reid that a letter be sent to Freebridge asking them to set out their plans for Harpley Court. All present agreed.

**158/18 Report from County/Borough Councillor M. Chenery of Horsbrugh**

Stagecoach's withdrawal from service has necessitated changes to the bus services, there may soon be public information released about this. With recycling centres making a charge for DIY waste, fly-tipping may become a problem. He would be happy to support the installation of village gates from his Local Members Fund if the bollards on School Lane are not viable.

**159/18 Questions and comments from members of the public.**

The area at the top end of the footpath from Brick Yard Lane where it meets the track by the concrete slurry pits is impassable due to standing water and mud. The drainage channels have been chewed up by large vehicles. Also the footpath from Back Street towards Pockthorpe alongside Field Cottage is extremely muddy, again caused by farm

vehicles and water run-off. The parishioner asked if the parish council could address the problem. Letter to be sent to Mr Case.

**160/18 Correspondence received**

None

**161/18 Invitations to meetings**

None

**162/18 Papers to be tabled**

Clerks & Councils Direct

**163/18 Planning Matters**

None

**164/18 Finance**

The accounts for the meeting were presented. Expenditure £695.63. All agreed and cheques signed.

Budget variance report on target

Asset register – no change

Risk assessment -continually monitored by councillors.

**165/18 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

External Audit and Annual Return

**166/18 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **24th May 2018** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the **Parish AGM** followed by the **Parish Council AGM**.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21.05 hrs.

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