

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

- 1/20 Present:** Cllrs B Chandler (Chairman) T Cable (Vice-chairman), N Steed, T Richards, P Campbell, S Rose, A Case, J Pocklington.
County Councillor M Chenery of Horsbrugh
Four members of the public
- 2/20 Apologies:** Borough Councillor J Moriarty
- 3/20 To receive declarations of interest from members in any item discussed.**
None
- 4/20 Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Richards. All agreed.
- 5/20** Mr Peter Ramsdale, Development Project Manager, Freebridge Community Housing, spoke on the demolition and future plans for Harpley Court.
The proposal is to demolish Harpley Court and the garages (no other properties will be involved) freeing the site for social housing, i.e. local families in need, certainly not for commercial properties. The contract for demolition has not yet been awarded but it is anticipated that work will start mid February, lasting 6-8 weeks. A letter drop to householders in the vicinity is planned explaining the process. There are no protection orders on any trees on the site.
Concerns were raised over the machinery accessing the site and the noise from crushing materials that will be left on the site. The meeting was assured that the contractors will address those issues and someone should be on site overseeing the coming and going of vehicles. The site will need to be made secure and concerns were expressed about the length of time that it will remain as an eyesore before redevelopment starts. No answer could be given on the time scale.
Concerns were raised about homes being allocated to difficult families.
There are no definite plans regarding rebuilding. Freebridge will liaise with BCKLWN as to need, and Mr Ramsdale promised to come back to the parish council when there are definite proposals.

Matters arising from the minutes

- 6/20 Minute 171/19 Road Safety on Nethergate Street and Back Street**
Highways Dept have said that only one sign can be sited on Nethergate Street. It was suggested that the sign could be moved to the pillar outside the new houses on the left lower down the street. Clerk to go back to Highways Dept. with this proposal. Cllr Case pointed out that the correct height of road signs is important for tractor drivers.
- 7/20 Brick Yard Lane Nature Reserve**
The Community Payback team have returned to the site and are doing a very good job. Wire that was needed for fencing has been donated by a parishioner but the fence posts are loose and 5 bags of postcrete are to be purchased. Some donated saplings have been planted; Cllr Case will supply some protective plastic spirals. There are a lot of stumps along the new paths. After discussion it was decided to contact a contractor to quote on removal. The piles of debris should be left to rot, affording habitats for wildlife.

- 8/20 Village Magazine – “What's On in Harpley”**
No one has come forward in response to the request for a new editor. The clerk is willing to put out a short newsletter periodically and has contacted the church regarding the possibility of using their equipment for printing. This still needs to be discussed with the vicar.
- 9/20 Report from County Councillor M. Chenery of Horsbrugh**
His £400 contribution to the village gates project has been confirmed and the ongoing mile stone renovation project will be sorted soon. He explained the current positions at Norfolk & Norwich and QEH where there are ongoing problems but indicated that the Fermoy Unit at King's Lynn was doing well. In February there will be an extra-ordinary County Council meeting to discuss boundary changes. He will keep Harpley informed.
- 10/20 Report from Borough Councillor James Moriarty**
Not present
- 11/20 Questions and comments from members of the public.**
None
- 12/20 Correspondence received**
- Email from the new Area Manager (West) for Norfolk County Council (NCC) Highways introducing himself and offering to meet with the parish council. To be invited later in the year.
 - Great Massingham Community Car Scheme request for donation for next financial year. £200 donation proposed by Cllr Cable. All agreed.
- 13/20 Invitations to meetings**
Beat Managers' meeting. Cllr Chandler would like to attend on 10th March 2020. Two places to be booked.
- 14/20 Papers to be tabled**
Clerks&Councils Direct
- 15/20 Planning Matters**
None
- 16/20 FINANCE**
Budget 2020/21 presented and the precept discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Case that the precept remain at £6000. All Agreed
Accounts presented. Total expenditure £441.87.
Acceptance proposed by Cllr Campbell. All present agreed. Cheque signed.
Budget variance on target
Asset register – no change
Risk assessment – continually monitored by councillors
- 17/20 Defibrillator Check.**
Check carried out.
- 18/20 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**
None raised

19/20 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **20th February 2020** 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 20.35 hrs.

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