

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mr. Brian Chandler.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 29th July 2021 from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

051/21 Present: Cllrs B Chandler (Chairman), N Steed, T. Cable, P Peak, J Pocklington, S. Rose Cllr Chenery, and Clerk (C Boyden) with 1 member of the public.

052/21 Apologies: Cllrs, Case and Moriarty

053/21 Reports from County and Borough Councillors -

Cllr Chenery reported that he continues to be Chair of the Norfolk Records Committee and Member Champion for Dementia and now also Chairman for the Eastern Inshore Fisheries Authority and working on the Save the QE Hospital committee. Parking issues continue with staff having to pay for parking and due to their dedication, they are getting clamped for going over the ticket times.

The parishioner email regarding the state of Nethergate Street was discussed and Cllr Chenery will follow up with Highways regarding parking on the kerb and road sweeping.

The 50:50 partnership scheme was discussed regarding the Parish Council purchasing a SAM2 speed unit and Cllr Chenery offered to fund £700 towards this unit.

The condition of the bus shelter was also discussed as requested by a parishioner and funding for either repairs or replacement to be followed up – again could be a 50:50 project.

Cllr Moriarty:

In terms of my report, the most relevant item at present is the consultation on the Local Plan.

“The Borough Council has been preparing a Local Plan Review to update the current Core Strategy and Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan. Consultation took place on a draft Local Plan Review document in 2019. At the meeting of the Borough Council on 8 July the Council agreed to proceed to the ‘Pre-Submission’ consultation stage. What this means is that we will publish a version of the Local Plan Review (and supporting documents) in the form that the Borough Council wishes to submit for Examination and provide an opportunity for representations to be made about it. These will then be passed to an Inspector who will undertake an ‘Examination’ of the Local Plan Review.”

The relevant text on Harpley is as follows:

“14.8 Harpley
Rural Village
Description

14.8.1 Harpley is a small rural village consisting of three distinct parts, two of which are grouped around farms. The settlement pattern is generally linear, and development is surrounded by mature trees and the wider countryside. The parish of Harpley has a population of 338(70). The level of services has declined in recent years but still has a village hall, primary school, church and pub. Harpley is in a relatively elevated position in comparison to most rural villages within the Borough, which affords good views.

14.8.2 Harpley is adjacent to the A148, a well-used road link between the larger settlements of King’s Lynn and Fakenham. The village is served by a bus stop although services are infrequent.

14.8.3 Harpley is one of the smaller designated Rural Villages in population size and is very rural in nature. Therefore, the Council sought limited growth to support essential services. The SADMP (2016) did make an allocation of at least five houses, and this is carried forward within the Local Plan review.

HARP - NOTE The site off Old Farm Close/School Lane that has planning in place has recently been sold to CTM, our local engineering company, so is no longer available for development.

Census data 2011

14.8.1 G45.1 Harpley - Land at Nethergate Street/School Lane
Site Allocation

Policy G45.1 Harpley - Land at Nethergate Street/School Lane

Land amounting to 0.35 hectare, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated for residential development of at least 5 dwellings.

Development is subject to compliance with all of the following:

Suitable provision / improvements to pedestrian links to Nethergate Street;

Retention of the existing pond adjacent to the access point at the north east corner of the site and retention of the hedgerow which bound the site;

Submission of an Archaeological Field Evaluation based on the potential for findings in relation to medieval findings which should be used to inform the planning application;

Provision of affordable housing in line with the current standards.

Site Description and Justification

14.8.1.1 The allocated site is ideally located close to the school and offers a number of options for development. Whilst a grain store occupies the site, evidence has satisfied the Borough Council that it cannot be used for this purpose due to its proximity to the school and the amenity issues when using the dryer. It is considered that an appropriate scheme of development could result in an improvement on the visual amenity of the site that is currently dominated by the grain store.

14.8.1.2 The site lies to the west of the settlement just north of the village school. The area currently comprises a non-operational grain store, a small area of uncultivated arable land (grade 3), a redundant barn, a pond, and an access onto Nethergate Street. A mature and established hedgerow bounds the site to the south. Other than the pond and hedgerow there are no other landscape features of importance within the site boundary.

14.8.1.3 Views of the site consist of medium distance views from the A148 to the north of the site and near distance views from adjacent roads, properties and public rights of way. Medium and long distance views from the wider landscape are possible from across the valley to the south and south east.

14.8.1.4 The Historic Environment Service have indicated that the site is within a deserted section of Harpley. They recommend any development in this location be informed by an archaeological field evaluation by trial trenching, and that any development takes into account the result of the field evaluation. A large undeveloped area adjacent to the north and west boundaries of the site have been found to contain earthworks of a former medieval settlement within parkland belonging to Harpley Hall. Norfolk Wildlife Trust have indicated the applicant should seek retention of or mitigate against the loss of hedge and pond. The Council seek to retain these features on the site.

14.8.1.5 The site benefits from full planning permission (19/00301/F) for 6 dwellings.”

Please may I ask all if they have an opportunity to somehow check if their food waste is being collected separately, I would be grateful if notice should that not be the case.

It does go in the same truck, just a different compartment, which can lead to confusion, but I am sorry to say I checked my black bin just before emptying last Friday and my waste was lying on the top. Serco have been reprimanded but we need to keep an eye.

054/21 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

The verge strimming on Brickyard Lane was raised as thought to be too short. However, several comments had been received from parishioners that it needed to be cut short as so very overgrown. Future cuts will not be so short. It was decided that a tree surgeon is required to cut back the larger trees. Clerk to obtain quotes. ACTION CB

The seating area and either side of the footpath were also mentioned along with the footpath cut back but after ploughing had left a deep raven on one side.

An email had been received regarding Nethergate Street including parking on the footpaths and as agreed in item 053/21, Cllr Chenery is looking into this with Highways. Concerns regarding rubbish and verges were discussed and a response will be sent.

055/21 Matters arising:

- a. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations taking place next June. Cllr Peak to send a notice to the clerk to include on a round robin for ideas and volunteers. ACTION PP/CB
- b. Noticeboard. Cllr Chandler will chase as still not repaired. ACTION BC
- c. Playground equipment review and signage – the clerk had arranged for a maintenance inspection which took place this morning and the multiplay equipment

was found to be in a dangerous state and needed taping off immediately with appropriate warning signage. A quote for the repair and replacement of equipment is awaited.

The general signage was agreed, and clerk will place the order. ACTION CB

056/21 Correspondence and Communications

- a. Request by a parishioner for defibrillator training was discussed and clerk had found a good online site. On-site training is not yet available but when using the defibrillator, a qualified paramedic will be going through the procedure via a phone.
- b. Overgrown footpaths – Cllr Cable advised that he had been in contact with Norfolk County Council, and it appears that our footpaths are not on a contract for cutting back. A site visit will be made.
- c. Parish Partnership 50:50 Scheme – Cllr Chandler put forward that the parish should have their own SAM2 unit and the clerk had a price of £2800.00 plus £350.00 Bluetooth downloading, posts at £89.00 inc installation and additional brackets are £50.00. This would be an anticipated total of £3328, which would be £1664 at 50%. Cllr Chenery offered 50% towards this purchase.
- d. Bus Shelter- an email has been received from a parishioner regarding the state of repair of the bus shelter and it was agreed that consideration to be made for a replacement or repair. Clerk to obtain information. ACTION CB
- e. The speeding on Rudham Road had been advised and the purchase of the SAM2 unit would be beneficial.

057/21 Planning Matters: Application received today – Proposed garage extension to provide a workshop and home office at Highcroft, 5 Church Lane. This was discussed and no issues were raised. Proposed Cllr Steed and all in favour.

Clerk to report no comments.

ACTION CB

058/21 Finance

Accounts presented:

Bank Reconciliations to 30.6.21 gave a figure of £17,443.19 presented and accepted.
Qtr. 1 review discussed and approved.

Payments due:

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| 1. Eric Martin – clearing Brickyard Lane | £ 150.00 |
| 2. ROSPA – playground inspection | £ 135.00 |

It was agreed not to pay the ROSPA invoice due to lack of advice on the multiplay and clerk to write a letter of complaint.

Acceptance proposed by Cllr Cable. All present agreed.

059/21 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

- Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations update
- Playground equipment update and quote
- Update on Bus Shelter costs/parking issues

060/21 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **23rd of September** 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 20.18 hrs.