

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

- 086/19 Present:** Cllrs B Chandler (Chairman), T Cable (Vice-chairman), N Steed, T Richards, J Pocklington, A Case, P Campbell
County Councillor M Chenery of Horsbrugh, Borough Councillor J Moriarty
Mr S Rose
One member of the public
- 087/19 Apologies:** Sir H Bellingham MP
- 088/19 To receive declarations of interest from members in any item discussed.**
None
- 089/19 Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Steed. All agreed.

Matters arising from those minutes

- 090/19 Minute 071/19 Co-option of Parish Councillor**
Mr S Rose, being the sole applicant, was duly co-opted onto the parish council.
Proposed by Cllr Case, all agreed. Cllr Rose signed the declaration of acceptance and completed the disclosure of pecuniary interest form.
- 091/19 Minute 066/19 SAM Report**
Results from the last use of the equipment on Cross Street showed an average of 132 vehicles per day with average speed of 34mph. The top speed recorded was 49mph. The monitor is currently being used on Back Street and Nethergate Street.
- 092/19 Minute 069/19 Brick Yard Lane signage**
The County Council cannot supply a sign. On line costings for a finger post ranged from £250-£280, a wooden 'house sign' would cost about £70 plus the cost of a post.
After discussion Cllr Rose offered to make enquiries at CTM.
It has been suggested that an oak tree might be planted in memory of Chris Toye. Plaque to be organised at a later date.
CGM to be asked for a quote to clear the seating area and paths at the nature reserve which is now very overgrown.
There is a big drop into the pit from the seating area so the edge of that should be left overgrown to act as a barrier.
Payback scheme workers will return in September.
- 093/19 Keep Clear area on Nethergate Street**
The problem seems to have resolved itself.
- 094/19 Parish Partnership Scheme**
The highway improvements scheme is running for 2020/21. There were no immediate suggestions but it will be advertised in 'What's On'. County Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh offered £500 from the Local Members' Fund towards any project suggested.

095/19 Harpley Court

Borough Cllr J Moriarty has spoken to Alex Dixon who said that Freebridge is progressing plans for development. Cllr Moriarty will ask Freebridge for a timetable for the demolition plans.

096/19 Internal Audit Report

The internal audit has been completed, there were no issues. This completes the AGAR for this year.

097/19 Report from County Councillor M. Chenery of Horsbrugh

Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh explained that there is to be a boundary review for the county divisions on which we will be consulted in due course.

098/19 Report from Borough Councillor James Moriarty

Cllr Moriarty gave his belated apologies for missing the last meeting. He explained that leisure services are now the remit of the Borough Council and the Innovation Centre is now under Borough Council ownership and will be subject to an external review. Ray Harding, Chief Executive, is leaving the Borough Council. There is to be some management restructuring, a local plan task group with greater transparency and policies on climate change, air quality and planning are to be scrutinised.

099/19 Questions and comments from members of the public.

The question was one of maintenance at the nature reserve which had already been covered. It was suggested that encouraging more people to walk there would keep the paths open.

100/19 Correspondence received

None

101/19 Invitations to meetings

Houghton Festival open evening 5pm-8pm 12th July Houghton Hall Tearoom Marquee. Cllrs Chandler and Steed and the clerk will try to attend.

102/19 Papers to be tabled

None

103/19 Planning Matters

None

FINANCE**104/19** AGAR – Exemption certificate logged and the period for the exercise of public rights has been set and posted on the notice board and the website.

The accounts were presented. Total expenditure £692.60 which included insurance and the donation for the Community Car Scheme. Acceptance proposed by Cllr Campbell. All agreed. Cheques signed.

Budget variance report on target.

Asset register – no change

Risk assessment – continually monitored by councillors

105/19 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Defibrillator check

106/19 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **25th July 2019** 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 20.08 hrs.

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