

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

- 244/18 Present:** Chairman B Chandler, Cllrs N Steed, T Richards, A Reid, P Campbell, County/Borough Councillor Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh
Three members of the public.
- 245/18 Apologies:** J Pocklington (away) , Adam Case (work commitment), T Cable (delayed by traffic) Sir Henry Bellingham MP
- 246/18 To receive declarations of interest from members in any item discussed.**
None
- 247/18 Minutes** of the meetings held on Thursday 19th July 2018 and Tuesday 21st August 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Richards, all agreed.

Matters arising from those minutes

- 248/18 Minute 221/18 School Lane/Nethergate Street parking restrictions**
Cllr Chandler will organise the notice about parking on the corner of Nethergate Street and School Lane. The 'keep clear' markings had been overlooked by NCC but we have been assured that it will be done urgently.
- 249/18 Minute 222/18 Brick Yard Lane**
Cllr Campbell will liaise with Cllr Cable about siting some small posts to prevent parking on the grass.
- 250/18 Minute 223/18 White Village Entrance Gates**
Highways Department has now said that a pair of large gates would cost £2250 installed and that they could be funded through the Parish Partnership Scheme which would reduce the cost to £1125 and that Cllr Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh might be able to contribute a large proportion of this from the Local Members fund. It was felt that the gates were very expensive and outside our budget unless a sizeable contribution came from Cllr Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh. Installing a tyre garden was again suggested. The chairman decided to carry over the item until the Borough Councillor had been contacted (not present at that point in the meeting) and more councillors were present to make a decision.
- 251/18 Minute 224/18 Defibrillator Sign**
There was some concern about the suitability of the wall sign and whether it would fit on the designated post, but after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Richards to go ahead with the previous resolution to purchase the sign at a cost of £39 (ex VAT). All agreed.
- 252/18 Minute 228/18 Houghton Festival**
An email had been received from the festival organisers in response to our concerns about the lateness of the open evening invitation, the potential noise and disturbance, and the possibility of a future donation. There was an apology regarding the invitation. The stage operating hours were to be reduced and a sophisticated sound monitoring was in place. The suggestion of a donation will be discussed.

The councillors present agreed that the noise was greatly reduced this year and that they had not received any complaints from parishioners this year.

253/18 Minute 229/18 Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr Campbell that the revised Standing Orders be adopted. All present agreed.

**254/18 Minute 232/18 Questions and comments from members of the public.
Footpath Warden**

After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Richards that Tony Cable's offer of taking over the post of FPW should remain. All present agreed. It was suggested that there could be more than one FPW if others wished to be involved.

255/18 Brick Yard Lane Nature Reserve

It was proposed that the local Community Rehabilitation Scheme be used to clear the nature reserve in accordance with Norfolk Wildlife Trust guidelines. Proposed Cllr Richards. All members present agreed.

256/18 Village Amenities

In order to generate some community spirit it was suggested that a working party should be organised on a monthly basis to tackle any problems that are flagged up regarding the trod, bus shelter, tyre gardens, telephone box etc.

Suggested dates: 14 or 21 October 10.30am to meet at the village hall. The clerk will send a round robin, and a reminder that suitable clothing must be worn.

257/18 Remembrance Day

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Campbell that if there was a fundraising event for the purchase of a 'Tommy' the parish council might be able to make a small donation but cannot fund the total cost of the purchase. All present agreed.

258/18 Rangers' visit

Jobs to be included: cut back around road signs, cut back grass/hedge at bottom of Nethergate Street.

259/18 Report from County/Borough Councillor M. Chenery of Horsbrugh

Cllr Chenery of Horsbrugh had joined the meeting. The chairman explained about the white gates and he agreed that he would like to help financially. He will contact Highways Department about the costings.

260/18 Questions and comments from members of the public.

None

261/18 Correspondence received

Clerks & Councils Direct

Letter from Freebridge re land and wildlife surveys at Harpley Court.

262/18 Invitations to meetings

Clerks' networking group 27 September . Clerk unable to attend

263/18 Papers to be tabled

None

264/18 Planning Matters

Ref no: 18/01539/F Single storey rear extension at 11 Cross Street Harpley King's Lynn
Norfolk PE31 6TJ

There were no objections raised by those members present.

265/18 Finance

Accounts for the meeting were presented. Expenditure £481.20. There was an error of £1.17 in the cash book relating to the VAT for 2017/18. This has been included in the accounts as a balancing figure.

Acceptance proposed by Cllr Steed. All agreed and cheques signed.

Budget variance report on target

Asset register – no change

Risk assessment -continually monitored by councillors.

266/18 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Election costs

267/18 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **25th October 2018** 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 21.16 hrs.

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