

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

- 217/18 Present:** Vice-Chairman T Cable, Cllrs N Steed, T Richards, J Pocklington, A Reid, P Campbell,
County/Borough Councillor Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh
One member of the public.
In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Cable (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.
- 218/18 Apologies:** Brian Chandler (away) , Adam Case (away), Sir Henry Bellingham MP
- 219/18 To receive declarations of interest from members in any item discussed.**
None
- 220/18 Minutes** of the meeting held on 21st June 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Vice-Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Richards, all agreed.

Matters arising from those minutes

- 221/18 Minute 198/18 School Lane/Nethergate Street parking restrictions**
Cllr Chandler has discuss with the owner of the wall the possibility of siting a notice about parking restrictions and he is happy for a sign to go up as long as it clearly by order of the Parish Council. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when Cllr Chandler can give more details.
- 222/18 Minute 199/18 Brick Yard Lane**
Cllrs Campbell and Cable have not managed to get together to look at the area but the ground is too hard to undertake any work at the moment. The area is much tidier but it was agreed that measures to deter parking are still needed.
- 223/18 Minute 200/18 White Village Entrance Gates**
The total cost of the plastic gates would be approximately £1250 per pair (purchase cost plus installation). Highways Dept has confirmed that they could be funded through the Parish Partnership Scheme which would reduce the cost to £625 and that Cllr Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh might be able to contribute another 50% from the Local Members fund, bringing the cost to £313. This was still considered to be beyond our budget this year. After discussion it was felt that impact signage could be another option. It was proposed by Cllr Steed that the clerk should contact Highways Dept to enquire about a larger speed limit sign for Mill Lane. All members present agreed.
- 224/18 Minute 206/18 Defibrillator Sign**
Two suitable wall signs that could be fixed outside the hall were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Reid , seconded by Cllr Campbell that the 3D steel wall sign be purchased at a cost of £39 (ex VAT). All members present agreed.
- 225/18 Minute 204/18 Play Park**
The RoSPA safety report was discussed. Overall there was nothing that constituted any significant risk. It suggested that the toddler swing needed some maintenance to the plate and that the timber supports should be checked for possible internal damage. Cllrs Cable and Campbell will action.

226/18 Elections

Harpley will retain their polling station at the village hall for May 2019 after which it will be reviewed.

A charge (re-charge cost) is to be made from April 2019 for uncontested as well as contested elections. This will apply at the four yearly parish council elections as well as any casual vacancies in between. An estimate of the cost of an uncontested election is £100-£200, and a contested £2,000. Costs will be re-charged based on the actual expenditure incurred. After discussion it was felt that this would need to be budgeted for and the implications of a significant increase in the precept should be ascertained. To be discussed at the next meeting.

227/18 Hastoe Housing

The two recently vacated properties at Millers Place have been rented by nominees from outside our parish. Future vacancies need to be promoted to our residents. After discussion it was suggested that we make residents aware, through 'What's On', that interested parties should register with the council and that Hastoe should be asked how they circulate information. The clerk will contact Hastoe.

228/18 Houghton Festival

This will take place 9th-13th August. A very short notice invitation to the open evening had been received. After discussion future recommendations included: more timely communications, a meeting after the event, limitation on noise, ways to deter visitors walking through the village in the early hours and possible donation to the village for any inconveniences caused. The organisers and Houghton estate office to be contacted.

229/18 Standing Orders

Amendments to be carried over to the Autumn.

230/18 Report on Clerk's Networking Group

A brief report on the meeting was given. Topics covered included bullying and harassment, election costs, standing orders and privacy notices.

231/18 Report from County/Borough Councillor M. Chenery of Horsbrugh

Cllr Chenery of Horsbrugh reported on the Police and Crime Panel meeting where discussion took place regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed control over the fire service. A two month consultation period has started.

232/18 Questions and comments from members of the public.

The current footpath warden would like to step down. Cllr Cable was keen to take on the role since he frequently walked the footpaths around the village. Cllr Reid indicated that someone else might be interested but Cllr Cable's offer was informally accepted.

It was suggested that some flower containers could be sited near the seat at Brick Yard Lane. To be included on the agenda at the next meeting.

233/18 Correspondence received

Clerks & Councils Direct

NARS donation request – not directly related to the parish so donation not approved.

Email from parishioner re phone box. This is listed, functioning and belongs to BT. Clerk will contact BT about maintenance.

234/18 Invitations to meetings

None

235/18 Papers to be tabled

None

236/18 Planning Matters

None

237/18 Finance

AGAR documents have been published on the website

Accounts for the meeting were presented. Expenditure £427. All agreed and cheques signed.

Budget variance report on target

Asset register – no change

Risk assessment -continually monitored by councillors.

238/18 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Village Amenities : trod, bus shelter, tyre gardens, telephone box

239/18 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **20th September 2018** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

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