

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 3rd February 2020 in Hargrave Village Hall**

Members present:
Cllr J Gunthorpe in the Chair

Councillors
D Farrington N How
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson

1 members of the public was present.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

19-105 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Brotherton, Clarke, Jones and West. **RESOLVED** that the apologies were accepted.

19-106 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 6th January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

19-107 Declaration of interests

Councillor How declared an 'other' interest in planning application 20/00041/FUL as he owns farmland adjacent to the site.

19-108 Cheques for payment

RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised:

100889	J Brotherton – flowers & sundries for village planters	£127.82
100890	Hargrave Village Hall – donation towards notice board Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s 19 (3) (a)	£100.00
100891	J Hodgson 1x salary plus expenses LGA 1972 s111 & s112	£238.77
100891	Aylesbury Mains Ltd – repair of street lamp – Parish Council Act 1957	£57.24

19-109 Public Speaking Time

A resident of Church Road spoke about surface water (rainwater) flooding/run off and asked what pressure the Parish Council could bring on other authorities to remedy the problem. It was noted that the drains frequently became blocked and when they are cleared, did not remain so for long.

The Chairman brought forward the next item

19-110 Surface water drainage issues on Church Road

It was noted that the decision notice on planning application 19/01983/CND regarding the discharge of condition 9 regarding drainage stated that "Site investigation report Extracts, by JPP. Soils are of a cohesive nature and effectively impermeable. Soakaways are not recommended" and "Existing surface water problems on the public highway are a matter for

Northamptonshire County Council as the highway authority. The issue is not dealt with by this Council”.

It was noted that the Cllr Farrington suspected that the soil would not be suitable for soakaways which was why the Parish Council had requested that rain water harvesting be made a condition of the new properties at land adjacent to Rectory View and other locations within the parish. However, the planning department had downgraded this from a condition to a recommendation.

It was agreed that the Parish Council view was that the current surface water drainage system is ineffective. The existing system causes flooding at Brook Street and can overwhelm the sewage system to the extent that effluent rises up impacting Bottom Farm.

The Parish Council understood that flood issues should be managed where it occurs rather than moving it on to other areas. Building and hard landscaping has reduced the natural capacity of the land to absorb precipitation, adversely affecting properties and infrastructure throughout the parish.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should endeavour to ascertain the capacity of the existing surface water drainage system either from information available from Northamptonshire Highways or seeking grant funding from the Pathfinder scheme and commissioning an independent report.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to East Northamptonshire Council, expressing the Parish Council concerns about the approach of the planning department to flooding issues.

It was agreed that enquiries should be made with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency regarding the capacity of the system and the risk of cross contamination at times of high water volumes/flooding.

19-111 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications

20/00041/FUL Proposed detached one and a half storey dwelling with new driveway access, detached double garage and associated parking at High House Raunds Road

RESOLVED: The Parish Council has viewed the available planning documents available and has resolved to object to the application.

Hargrave is going through the process of writing a Neighbourhood Plan that will include housing policies and the Parish Council does not think it appropriate to support new development at this time.

The existing property known as High House was built due to an agricultural need. If this property had not been built for this purpose the site of this application would be in open countryside and this new application would not be permitted.

The Parish Council has concerns about the positioning of the proposed property within overall site and its proximity to the property known as Pinhold may lead to loss of amenity to that property.

The Parish Council would expect that any comments made by adjoining properties to be fully taken into consideration.

In the event of this application receiving planning consent, the Parish Council would respectfully request that a condition is imposed for the effective management of surface water, in the form of rain water harvesting and permeable drive way surfaces etc, in the interests of the new and existing properties of Hargrave as existing properties are affected by surface water flooding in certain weather conditions.

b. Planning Appeal decision for 19/00454/FUL Land adjacent to Rectory View

It was noted that the Planning Inspector had upheld the appeal and consent had been granted.

19-112 Village spring clean

It was noted that the village spring clean would be on 15th March.

19-113 Internal control check of the accounts

It was noted that this had taken place on 14th January 2020 by Councillor Brotherton and everything was found to be in order.

19-114 Annual Council meeting & Annual Parish Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Council meeting would be held on 18th May due to the parish elections. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the same evening, to commence at 6.30p.m.

19-115 Closure of the Meeting

RESOLVED: that the meeting be closed to the public and press as the following discussion is likely to include matters of a confidential nature.

19-116 Boundary adjacent to the Hoggin Ditch

Further to Minute 19.98 c the Clerk reported on the advice received. **RESOLVED:** that Wellers Hedley Solicitors be instructed to issue a letter on the basis of the advice received.

19-117 Next scheduled meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on 2nd March 2020.

Meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

Chairman