

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council  
Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Hargrave Village Hall**

Members present:  
Cllr J Gunthorpe in the Chair

Councillors  
J Brotherton M Clarke D Farrington N How H Jones H West  
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson

3 members of the public were present.  
East Northamptonshire Council Councillor Howell

The meeting started at 7.30pm

**19-86 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Northamptonshire County Council Councillor Hughes.

**19-87 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes for the meeting held 4th November 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**19-88 Declaration of interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**19-89 Public Speaking Time**

A resident requested that the Council take over responsibility for the production of the Hargrave Heald in light of the editor's poor health and suggested that it be funded through the Precept.

**19-90 Ground mounted transformer in the grounds of the village hall proposal**

Mr N Larson of Western Power Distribution attended the meeting to outline a proposal to replace a pole mounted transformer with a ground mounted transformer. The upgrade is required to improve the supply of electricity in Hargrave and reduce the impact of power outages. The proposed unit is 2m by 3m and would represent a significant structure. The proposed location is by the rear door to the village hall. It was noted that this door is designated for disabled access and Western Power Distribution would need to be made aware space requirements for use of the disabled access.

Councillors expressed concerns about the proposal due to the proximity to the disabled access; the limited space in the hall that may require expansion in the future; the fact that sometime people would reverse to the door to unload; that the proposed area is sometimes used for events.

It was noted that the Parochial Church Council would need to be made aware.

In response to a question, Mr Larson advised that there were no health implications for the general public from the presence of the transformer.

### 19-91 Report from Northants County Councillor and East Northants District Councillor

NCC Councillor Hughes had not provided a report. ENC Councillor Howell provided a verbal report covering the latest situation on the transformation to unitary status and funding opportunities available from East Northamptonshire Council.

The Chairman agreed to bring forward agenda item 19.99 re the Hargrave Herald.

### 19-92 Hargrave Herald

Councillor Jones outlined the steps he had taken in light of the illness of the Hargrave Herald's editor and the production of a newsletter. He advised that the newsletter would continue until an alternative took over. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would not take on responsibility of producing the Hargrave Herald as it would be better to have an independent person produce it, however it was agreed that the Council had a responsibility to support the Hargrave Herald and the best way to do this would be discussed future meetings

### 19-93 Vacancy on the Joint Standards Complaints Committee

Councillors were made aware that they could put themselves for the vacancy at the East Northamptonshire Council if they so wished.

### 19-94 Financial Matters

a. Cheques for payment

**RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised.

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| 100883 | J Hodgson – 2 x salary & Expenses LGA 1972 s111 & s112   | £413.70 |
| 100884 | Farrington Oils Ltd – printing of Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire (Localism Act 2011)         | £248.40 |
| 100885 | HMRC – quarterly payment of tax & NI _ LGA 1972 s112   | £151.60 |
| 100886 | Land Registry – fee to convert permissive title to absolute title (Land Registration Act 2002) | £40.00  |
| 100887 | S Garrett- Harvey (Mowerman) grass cutting – Highways Act 1980 s43                             | £120.00 |

b. Financial report from the Clerk - As at 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (the latest bank statement) the Council had an available cash balance of £14856.82. A quarterly direct debit payment for power to the street lights of £99.61 was paid in October and a further payment of £99.61 will be collected on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

c. Title for the Triangular Field – Further to Minutes 17.51 & 17.75 it was **RESOLVED** that the Possessive Title should be converted to an Absolute Title as the requisite 12 years had elapsed.

d. Membership for Northants ACRE (£35.00) – **RESOLVED** that the Council would sign up for membership and that a cheque should be drawn at the meeting for this purpose. LGA 1972 s 111.

### 19-95 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications - none

b. Ratification of decisions made outside of the meeting - none

- c. Planning decisions made by East Northamptonshire Council – It was noted that planning consent had been issued in the following cases.

19/01596/PDU Change of use of agricultural barns to Residential (C3) 2 dwellings (GDPO Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q) (resubmission of 19/00753/PDU) at Hargrave Lodge Farm, Shelton Road

19/01527/FUL Erection of two dwellings (resubmission of 19/00454/FUL) Land Adjacent Rectory View Church Road

19/01471/FUL Replacement of porch and erection of two storey side and rear extensions Rectory View Church Road Hargrave Wellingborough Northamptonshire NN9 6BQ

- d. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Submission Plan Consultation – it was agreed that the Council did not have any comment to make.

### **19-96 Neighbourhood Plan**

The report that forms Appendix A was received.

### **19-97 Arrangements for VE day**

The progress of the arrangements were noted.

### **19-98 Village Infrastructure**

- a. Surface water drainage issues – Further to Minute 19-81 it was noted that the Northants Highways area manager had visited Hargrave during heavy rain prior to Christmas. He had agreed to arrange for a 'super jetter' to clear surface water drainage system.

It was requested that he was made aware of the issues with the ditch between Turnpike Cottage and Hargrave Hall and to request that the drains up to the White Bridge are jetted.

- b. Rights of Way paths - it was noted that Cllr Farrington had met with Northants Rights of Way officer to discuss issues with NA14.
- c. Boundary of the track adjoining the Hoggin Ditch – There was a discussion as to the best way to agree the line of the ditch and it was noted that the Clerk would be seeking legal advice through NCALC advice surgery.
- d. Hedge on the B645/Church Road – it was noted that the width of the hedge had been reduced and the landowner does not wish to reduce the height. It was **RESOLVED** that grass seed could be purchased to make good the area where the hedge has been cut back. (LGA 1894)

### **19-99 Community and road safety**

- a. 'Automated Number Plate Recognition' camera (ANPR) – **RESOLVED** that the Council does not want to sponsor an ANPR camera.

### **19-100 Report from village hall committee representative**

It was reported that plans were progressing for the VE Day barn dance and to replace the missing 50 chairs.

### **19-101 Village Hall Committee's application to the Wind Farm Trust**

**RESOLVED** – that the Council would provide a letter of support for the Village Hall Committee's application to the Wind Farm Trust for a new notice board as it was agreed that the notice board requires replacement. It was noted that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to purchase the notice board on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

### **19-102 Report from the Wind Farm Trust representative**

It was reported that the Trust had not met recently. It was noted that the grant application form had been revised.

### **19-103 List of correspondence sent to the Council**

It was noted that the list that forms Appendix B will be circulated to councillors after the meeting.

### **19-104 Next scheduled meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Items to be included on the agenda were identified as the future of the Hargrave Herald, the boundary of the track and VE Day.

It was agreed to set the date for the village spring clean outside of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

**Chairman**

### Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

Monthly Update – November 29th, 2019

1. The last month has been busy, with the Steering Committee collecting and analysing the results from the questionnaires. There has been a strong response, with high engagement and clear views on how the village should be delivered.
2. The survey results provide a clear mandate of the creation of and content of a Neighbourhood Plan.
3. Feedback to the village residents through a “town hall meeting” in the Village Hall is scheduled for the 9th December.
4. We are struggling to find a way to have the slides printed onto A3 paper for display, but still working on it.
5. The slide show and the more detail report will be made available through the NP website once the village meeting has been held and immediate feedback gained.

### Next Steps

Village Hall feedback meeting – early December.

Establish the principles of Hargrave’s Neighbourhood Plan based upon the questionnaire results.

Start drafting the plan (New Year)

Gain amplification over the next 3 months on development and traffic matters so that the knowledge informs the first draft of the NP:

- Create an opportunity for those who wish to explore developing their land to share those plans with the villagers and gain feedback on development schemes to the benefit of developers and villagers alike
- Capture vehicle counts to factually demonstrate the traffic management issues
- Engage a traffic engineer to postulate solutions that address the concerns voiced in the questionnaire
- Engage an expert on village neighbourhood plans to help create our plan. However they must appreciate that our villagers expect to address their major concerns not only on house development patterns, but also on the protection of Hargrave’s environment, and the mitigation of traffic risk and pollution – (rather than housing development alone).

### List of correspondence received

1. Email: Northamptonshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner newsletter October 2019
2. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 1st November 2019
3. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 1st November 2019 (circulated to Councillors)
4. Email: Invitation to Raunds Mayor events (forwarded to Chairman)
5. Email: Armed Forces Covenant
6. Email: Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Chelveston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund 28th October 2019
7. Email: Details of 'My Neighbourhood Plan'
8. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 8th November 2019 (circulated to Councillors)
9. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 8th November 2019
10. Email: Information Commissioners Newsletter, November 2019
11. Email: Northamptonshire carers sitting service volunteer recruitment poster
12. Email: Northamptonshire County Council budget consultation (circulated to councillors)
13. Email: Northamptonshire County Council consultation on school admission policies
14. Email: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Submission Plan Consultation - 15 November 2019 to 09 January 2020
15. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 15th November 2019
16. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 15th November 2019 (circulated to Councillors)
17. Email: Details of meeting with the Police commissioner 02/12/19
18. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 22nd November 2019
19. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 22nd November 2019
20. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 6th December 2019
21. Email: latest news from Information Commissioner Office
22. Email: East Northamptonshire Council meeting papers for 9th December
23. Email: 'Power for People' re Local Electricity Bill
24. Email: Northants CALC eUpdate for Nov/Dec (circulated to councillors)
25. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 29th November 2019
26. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 6th December 2019
27. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 13th December 2019
28. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 13th December 2019
29. Email: OPFCC December 2019 Newsletter
30. Email: NCC Consultation Active Parks Projects
31. Email: Northants Highways weekly list of schemes 20th December 2019
32. Email: Northants CALC mini eUpdate 20th December 2019 (circulated to councillors)
33. Email: Public Sector Mapping Agreement December newsletter