

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 21st February 2022 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:
Cllr J Gunthorpe in the Chair

Councillors
J Brotherton C Jones M Leonard M Newcombe H West
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson
2 members of the public

Meeting started at 7.30pm

21-117 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Farrington as he had an alternative meeting to attend.

Apologies were received from North Northamptonshire Council Cllr Howell, Levell and Wilkes who were attending other meetings.

21-118 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 10th January 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

21-119 Declaration of interests

There were no declarations made.

21-120 Public Speaking Time

A landowner commented on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. A second landowner spoke on the Neighbourhood Plan and the call for sites.

21-121 Neighbourhood Plan

Further to Minute 21-109 b it was noted that the Parish Council would not be permitted to add back into the draft plan settlement boundary without making a policy and undertaking all of the necessary consultations. The Council considered the options of making a request to North Northamptonshire Council to withdraw the plan and the option of proceeding to Referendum with the post examination version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would request that North Northamptonshire Council take the post examination version of the Neighbourhood Plan to referendum as the post-examination version of the Plan did have policies that would benefit the whole of Hargrave and to withdraw the plan and start again would delay the implementation of these policies and Parish Council could not be sure that another examiner would pass the policies as they are currently written.

21-122 Highways drain infrastructure

It was noted that the camera survey commissioned by Northamptonshire Highways was undertaken on 25th January 2022.

It was found that there were tree roots blocking the drains in 3 locations. Work is being instructed to severe these roots.

There appear to be 3 unauthorised connections to the highways drainage infrastructure that are either of poor quality or impeding water flow. These have been reported to Development Control to investigate and if possible, determine those responsible.

The Clerk has raised the following issues with North Northants Council:

Which department/s is responsible for checking:

- a) how the developer proposes to deal with surface water drainage and foul water drainage & whether this is acceptable
- b) Whether permissions have been obtained where authorisation is required.
- c) the quality of the work where a connection is made to a third-party system e.g. highways drains, Anglian Water pipework.

Linked to this is the failure of 'development control' to address how the side of the highway should be treated as part of the planning consents for Primrose Way. The planning consent did not specify that the developer should introduce kerbstones between the road and verge, and consequently there are no kerbs where grass meets the road at this section of Church Road.

It raises the questions of how was this allowed to happen, how will it be avoided in the future and how soon can be expect kerbs to be installed and at whose expense?

A response was outstanding at the time of this meeting.

RESOLVED That the Clerk should write to Northants Highways requesting clarity on the root cutting procedure and the likely life span of the solution as it would be expected that the roots would grow back. It should also be determined if any other repairs would be undertaken to the drains.

21-123 Clerk's additional hours

RESOLVED: That the payment of additional 8.5 hours for the period 4th January 2022 and 27th January 2022 necessitated primarily work associated with the Neighbourhood Plan and associated correspondence be approved. This will be included in the payroll for February 2022.

21-124 Asset Mapping Project

Further to Minute 21-110 c it was noted that the NCALC project required information to be specified on the parish online website on a specific 'layer'. The NCALC website has a template list of the types of information to be captured. The Parish Council has been allocated a grant of £215.66 for the project. It was noted that subject to the inclusion of dog waste bins (zero) and litter bins, the work was complete.

21-125 Date of the next scheduled meeting,

The next scheduled meeting will be on 7th March 2022. Cllr Jones gave his apologies for that meeting.

Meeting closed 7.55pm

Chairman