

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council**  
Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:  
Cllr J Gunthorpe in the Chair

Councillors  
J Brotherton D Farrington M Leonard M Newcombe H West  
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson  
NNC Councillors Howell, Levell and Wilkes  
1 member of the public

Meeting started at 7.30pm

**21-37 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED:** that the reason for absence for Cllr Jones be accepted

**21-38 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes for the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**1-39 Declaration of interests**

There were no interests declared

**21-40 Public Speaking Time**

A local landowner outlined a Freedom of Information Act request she wished to make.

**21-41 Report from North Northants Councillors**

Each of the unitary councillors outlined how they were fitting into their new role.

Councillor Wilkes explained that the Boundary Commission were consulting on changing the Parliamentary Constituency boundaries to balance the number of electors in each constituency and the proposal was that Hargrave, Stanwick and Raunds would be moved from Corby and East Northants to Wellingborough. The Council was encouraged to respond to the consultation.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk have delegated authority under s101 of Local Government Act 1972 to respond on behalf of the Council following discussions with the Chairman.

**21-42 Financial Matters**

a. Cheques for payment

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

100940	Kirkwells Ltd – cheque to balance amount due	£40.00
100941	HMRC – 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter payment	£156.00
100942	Parish Council of Hargrave – cheque to open account at Unity Trust Bank	£500.00
100943	J Hodgson – 2 months salary and expenses	£460.34

100944	Northants CALC – Planning Nuts & Bolts training (ML)	£38.00
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Note: General Power of Competence adopted May 2021

b. Financial report from the Clerk - As at 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (the latest bank statement) the Council had an available cash balance of £23152.88 split between the current account and the deposit account.

The first quarterly payment for HMRC has been prepared. A claim for VAT for £1705.25 was received on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

It was noted that in additions to the cheques reported the following direct debits had been processed since the start of the financial year.

Date	Payee	Amount
09.04.21	Yu Energy	13.34
09.04.21	Yu Energy	29.81
30.04.21	Information Commissioners Office	35.00
09.05.21	Yu Energy	12.82
09.05.21	Yu Energy	26.80
09.06.21	Yu Energy	26.36
09.06.21	Yu Energy	13.04

Further to Minute 21-19 j the forms to open new accounts with Unity Trust Bank had been completed and were ready for councillor signatories to sign.

- c. Quotes for trees work - Further to Minute 21-34 it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Alchemy Tree Surgery at £1240.00 as it was a reasonable cost for the amount of work involved and it had not been possible to obtain an alternative quote.
- d. Wi-fi at the village hall – following a discussion on the logistics of hosting hybrid meetings for non-council members to attend it was agreed to ascertain the level of interest within the community prior to committing the council to an ongoing cost for a service that may only be required for a few hours every other month.

## 21-43 Planning Matters

- a. Planning applications

**NE/21/00791/FUL** Conversion of an agricultural building to one residential dwelling Location: Brickworks Farm Church Street

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council objects to the application as it is in open countryside and outside of the development boundary of the village. The Emerging Neighbourhood Plan, written to reflect the aspirations of Hargrave residents as ascertained from surveys, states that residents desire limited development within a specified development boundary. This site is not within that boundary.

The Parish Council does not think that an exception should be made for this application because the proposed dwelling is not of exceptional quality and design. Hargrave does not require further large, executive style homes.

The Parish Council is of the opinion that this development would harm the character of the countryside.

In the event that planning consent is granted, the Parish Council requests that conditions are imposed to ensure the following outcomes:

- Septic tank for foul water to protect the sewage infrastructure in Hargrave
- The existing public footpath be widened to 1 metre and preserved at 1 metre in the interests of public safety.
- All exterior lighting to be low level and designed to minimise light pollution in the interests of reducing light nuisance for the benefit of the environment
- Rain water capture and use of grey water to minimise surface water flooding and to mitigate climate change
- Electric vehicle charging point/s to be included in the interest of reducing carbon emissions
- Permitted development rights to be removed to ensure all future changes are subject to scrutiny against planning policies.
- Prior to the first occupation of the development, the site access be upgraded in accordance with an approved access plan and Local Highway Standards. The visibility splays denoted on the access plan shall be free of obstruction over 0.6 metres high at all anytime in the interests of highway safety.

b. Planning decisions made by North Northamptonshire Council - none

c. Gates on Primrose Way – it was noted that no planning permission is required regarding the gates as they were set back from the highway. Therefore, the gates are permitted development under The Town and Country Planning (general permitted development) (England) order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, part 2, class A.

It was noted that in future cases, if the Council felt that a proposal could become a gated development and this was not a desirable, it would need to be identified at the planning application stage.

#### **21-44 Councillor Code of Conduct**

It was noted that all councils are required by law to have a Code of Conduct. Hargrave Parish Council has previously adopted the same code as East Northants Council. The new unitary authority has adopted a new code and it is offered to local councils for adoption. When a complaint is made under the code, it is investigated by the Monitoring Officer (MO). The MO is employed by the Unitary. It is the general recommendation that the parish councils have the same code as the MO's authority.

**RESOLVED** That Hargrave Parish Council adopt the same Code of Conduct as North Northamptonshire Council.

#### **21-45 Northants ACRE Good Neighbours Scheme**

An email from Northants ACRE regarding their Good Neighbours Scheme was noted. No further action at this time.

#### **21-46 Neighbourhood Plan**

It was noted that the Regulation 16 consultation period had finished on 28<sup>th</sup> June. The planning authority was considering the representations made would appoint an examiner in due course.

#### **21-47 Village Infrastructure**

- a. Flooding issues – it was noted that the Pathfinder report had been not been received.
- b. Flooding issues on Brook Street – the issues earlier in the year were reiterated.
- c. Issues with the Public Rights of Way – problems with Public Right of Way NA 12, NA2, NA11 and NA7 were discussed. **RESOLVED:** that a letter be sent to the relevant landowners if required after investigation by councillors.
- d. Overgrown vegetation on Brook Street – it was noted that overgrown vegetation had been reported to Fix My Street

#### **21-48 Community and road safety**

- a. Suggestion road change

It was noted that a resident had made a verbal request that the council consider a proposal to request that Hargrave becomes a 'no through road' once the Chowns Mill improvements are complete. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not pursue this idea.

#### **21-49 Report from village hall committee representative**

There was no report.

#### **21-50 Report from the Wind Farm Trust representative**

There was nothing to report.

#### **Items postponed from the Annual Council Meeting (May 2021) due to covid limitations**

##### **21-51 Annual policy review**

**RESOLVED** that the following policy be re-adopted without amendment: Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure, Data Protection (GDPR) Polices and Freedom of Information Act Policies

##### **21-52 Annual review of the inventory of land and assets**

**RESOLVED:** That the inventory should be updated to include the new projector but was otherwise correctly reflected the Council's assets.

##### **21-53 List of correspondence**

The list of correspondence received that forms Appendix A was received. No further action was identified.

##### **21-54 Next scheduled meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

**Chairman**

### Correspondence list May to July 2021

1. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter (circulated to councillors)
2. Email: Raunds Town Council Annual General Meeting & Mayor Making
3. Email: Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service supports licensed premises as lockdown restrictions ease
4. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 14/05/21
5. Email: Northamptonshire ACRE - Online Parish Council Network Event (circulated to councillors)
6. Email: Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meetings (15th June & 12th July) (circulated to councillors)
7. Email: Mayor of Raunds - Save the Dates
8. Email: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee (circulated to councillors)
9. Email: Central JAG Meeting - Locally Identified Priorities (circulated to councillors)
10. Email: Northants Highways Surface Dressing update
11. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme for Councillors 21/05/21
12. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 21/05/21
13. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme for Councillors 28/05/21
14. Email: N ACRE Village Survey
15. Email: Raunds TC Save the Date - Mayor of Raunds Civic Service
16. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme for Councillors 04/06/21
17. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 04/06/21 (circulated to councillors)
18. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme for Councillors 11/06/21
19. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 11/06/21
20. Email: NNC June funding update
21. Email: Calor Gas Funding scheme – public voting now open
22. Email: Summer Reading Challenge and Fully Booked
23. Email: Northants ACRE board meeting invite
24. Email: CPRE – school art work competition
25. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 18/06/21
26. Email: N ACRE Join us for a chat with Kindling Farm 22/6/21
27. Email: Update from the Leader of North Northamptonshire Council (circulated to councillors)
28. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme for Councillors 18/06/21
29. Email: £750 million to tackle loneliness
30. Email: N ACRE News: Research reveals impact of the pandemic on village hall
31. Email: N ACRE Parish Council Member - June E-Bulletin (circulated to councillors)
32. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 25/06/21
33. Email: Parish Path Warden recruitment final call- closing Wednesday 30 June
34. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme for Councillors 28/06/21
35. Email: Bedford Borough Local Plan 2040, Draft Plan: Strategy Options and Draft Policies Consultation