

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 1st November 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 Levell and Wilkes
8 members of the public

Meeting started at 7.34 p.m.

Note: the running order of this meeting did not follow the order as presented in the agenda. However, for clarity, the Minutes have been provided as originally set out in the agenda, as agreed at the end of the meeting.

21-71 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Jones.

Apologies were received from NCC Councillor Howell.

21-72 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 6th September 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

21-73 Declaration of interests

There were no declarations made.

21-74 Public Speaking Time

A resident of Church Road raised questions concerning the drains and flooding issues. He also raised the issue of the stones removed area of county verge in front of Primrose Way.

A resident of Church Road requested to see any reports produced by Anglian Water and suggested that kerb should be introduced to the area of county verge in front of Primrose Way.

A resident of Church Road provided a photograph of the county verge in front of Primrose Way before the hedge was removed.

A resident of Primrose Way expressed his disappointment that members of the Council had not spoken to the residents of Primrose Way about the stones before Northants Highways had sent their letters.

A resident of Church Road raised the matter of the removed stones.

A landowner read out a request for information forming seven parts and a supplementary question, regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

A landowner requested that the next council meeting included an agenda item regarding the meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.

An agent for planning application NE/21/01382/FUL outlined the changes to the previous plans to address concerns raised against the two earlier applications.

A resident of Primrose Way asked if consideration could be given to switching off the street lights at certain times of the night.

21-75 Report from North Northants Councillors

Councillors Levell and Wilkes reported on the acquisition of gritters, action taken against fly-tippers and reported on meetings held to agree the standardisation of waste collection across the unitary area.

21-76 Recent findings by Anglian Water & associated flood issues

It was noted that following the incident of flooding on 2nd October, Anglian Water undertook an investigation on Church Road and had reported finding an unpermitted overflow from the Highways surface water sewer into their foul sewer on Church Road. They have temporarily installed a bung into this overflow to prevent any further surface water flows entering their foul sewer and will be advising Highways of this to ensure that this connection is permanently removed.

The Highways surface water sewer is partially blocked and requires cleaning. This sewer is not only serving water from the highways and the new properties, but also flows from the watercourse to the rear of these.

As a result of its condition, they believe the majority of surface water flows have been entering the Anglian Water foul network via the unpermitted overflow identified. This would explain why on the last occasion sewage was present in the flood water. In addition, it is likely these additional flows have exacerbated the issues on Brook Street.

It was also reported that a water main had been put through the sewer pipe which would need correcting. The pipes around Brook Street had been found to contain tarmac (since removed) blocking the sewer.

It was noted that since these actions, another significant rainwater event had occurred and sewage had not been apparent in the overflow, indicating a degree of success.

It was noted that Anglian Water and Northants Highways would be meeting on 3rd November to agree a plan of action and it was agreed that a request should be made for representatives of the Parish Council to attend that meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr Farrington would inspect the ditch along the Hoggin Track and report back to the Parish Council.

21-77 Pathfinder Project

It was noted that a new team had been assigned to handle the Pathfinder Project at Unitary level and the officer concerned, Mr Greco, was trying to trace the promised report. When the

report is available the Council should have direct access to the engineer to raise questions and issues.

It is important that any floods are reported via flood reporting tools on the North Northamptonshire Council website as well as any reports made to Street Doctor or the emergency services. Mr Greco recognises this is not an ideal situation and is looking to streamline reporting so that wardens have one point of reporting. It has been advised that where three reports are made, the Flood Authority has a duty to investigate.

RESOLVED That the Community Resilience would continue to be comprised of all members of the Council.

It was recognised that given the work that Anglian Water is currently undertaking, it is unlikely that the Parish Council would need to commission a camera survey. Instead, the grant could potentially be used for engineering works.

RESOLVED That the template for an emergency plan be circulated via email to all councillors.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should, on behalf of the Parish Council, refer all planning applications for new developments to Anglian Water for an assessment on the impact on the Capacity of the sewage system.

21-78 Financial Matters

a. Payment schedule **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised to be made via BACS.

Payee	Amount
Aylesbury Mains Ltd – street lamp repair	£127.44
Alchemy Tree Surgery – tree works on track	£1240.00
Northants Calc – Training for M Newcombe	£38.00
S Garrett-Harvey (Mowerman) cutting of verges	£360.00
Royal British Legion – donation for Poppy Wreath	£60.00
J Hodgson 2 months salary & computer ink & expenses	£450.84

Note: General Power of Competence adopted May 2021

b. Financial report – As at the 31st October the Council held £12153.52 as revenue funds and £10197.89 in the ringfenced reserves. The ringfenced reserves have been transferred to the deposit account and a second deposit is in the process of being set up for the Herdsman Charity.

c. Budget for 2022-2023 – this item was deferred to the January 2022 meeting.

d. Precept for 2022-2023 – this item was deferred to the January 2022 meeting.

e. N CALC Internal Audit Service – Further to Minute 21.60 e the Terms of Reference for the service had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED** the Terms of Reference be accepted.

21-79 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications

NE/21/01382/FUL Erection of residential dwelling at Grange Farm Church Road

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council does not object to the application on the understanding that the new dwelling will occupy the space of an existing building that was classified as ancillary residential use and had never been an agricultural building and is therefore part of the residential curtilage. The new dwelling should be within the existing settlement boundary and not encroach on any green field land.

The Parish Council will rely on the opinion of Northamptonshire Highways as to whether the site access from the B645 meets highway safety standards. However, the Parish Council would request that clear signage is erected so that delivery and other vehicles can easily locate the access to the property.

The Parish Council would refer the planning authority and the applicant to the sustainability suggestions contained in the emerging Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan and requests that these suggestions be included as part of the new build, especially the need for permeable hard standings and rain water harvesting.

The Parish Council requests that the planning authority satisfy itself that the village sewage infrastructure has sufficient capacity to have another dwelling joined to it.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should refer this application to Anglian Water to determine the sewage infrastructure capacity implications of this development.

NE/21/01490/VAR Variation of condition: Condition 3 - Agricultural occupancy requirement pursuant to application 72/0142/2/OTR: Establishment of agricultural holding with ancillary dwelling and workshop Location: Kemps Close Church Street

RESOLVED: The Parish Council objects to the proposed variation of the condition. The site is too large for a 'garden' and would be appropriate either as a vineyard again or a small holding. The Parish Council does not want to debase the status of an 'agricultural tie' and does not want to set a precedent for removing agricultural ties.

NE/21/01522/TPO Fell T1 (due to large *Inonotus hispidus* and dysfunctional timber) + T2 (due excessively biased crown and increased exposure to prevailing winds once T1 is removed) - TPO 0016. Replant with 2x 10-12 pedunculate oak Location: The Paddocks Church Road

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will rely on the opinion of the tree officer in this matter and does not have any comment to make.

b. Planning decisions made by North Northamptonshire Council

It was noted that permission had been granted in the case of:

NE/21/00791/FUL Conversion of an agricultural building to one residential dwelling at Brickworks Farm, Church Street

NE/21/00829/FUL Detached dwelling of a smaller size, with attached garage pursuant to application 20/00041/FUL at High House, Raunds Road

NE/21/01266/FUL Single storey extension to front, gabled roof; Two rear single storey flat roofed extensions; Materials updated; Several internal changes. 10 Elm Close,

NE/21/00610/FUL Detached stable block, manège area, and two storm porches at Idle Acre, Nags Head Lane

c. Ox-Cam Arc

It was noted that there are ongoing consultations regarding the development proposals within the Oxford-Cambridge Arc that does impact on Northamptonshire. The Parish Council can make representations should it so decides.

21-80 Strategic Town & Parish Forum

It was noted that on 21st October North Northamptonshire Council issued invitations to a new Forum meeting to be held on 25th October on Zoom. The Clerk represented the Council at this meeting. However, it is expected that a councillor will represent each parish at the twice-yearly meeting. The Forum cover the areas of East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough. A separate Forum covers Kettering and Corby. A councillor representative will be appointed at a future meeting.

21-81 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman advised the landowner with questions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan that a written response would be provided.

It was noted that the independent examiner had issued a letter requesting clarification on certain matters and both the request and the response had been published on the Parish Council website as directed by the examiner.

21-82 Consultation: North Northamptonshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-27

The Parish Council does not have any comment to make.

21-83 Village Infrastructure

a. Grass cutting on Church Road

RESOLVED: That the Council is satisfied with the work undertaken by Mowerman Ltd and Mowerman Ltd should be instructed to undertaking grass cutting for the 2022 season for the same sites only.

It was suggested that an overgrown area at the top of Nags Head Lane be considered for inclusion to the schedule of works.

b. Street lighting contractor

It was noted that the current contractor Aylesbury Mains had ceased trading. The business had been transferred to Forde & McHugh Ltd. Forde & McHugh had confirmed that the rates would remain the same at the present time.

c. Triangular field

It was noted that a telephone request had been made to purchase the triangular field from the Parish Council. **RESOLVED:** That the Council does not want to sell the field and the individual should be advised accordingly.

21-84 Community and road safety

a. Fatal accident B645 on 17th September

It was noted that there had been a fatal accident involving three vehicles. A preliminary report from Northamptonshire Highways is that the lines are correctly marked, and in good order. In addition, there is signage at the top of the hill to warn drivers there is a hidden dip with large yellow-backed signs on both sides of the road, so drivers are not relying solely on the road markings.

Traffic regulations do not permit the 'hatching' to be reinstated as the road width is not enough. It was agreed to enquire whether these regulations are set at county level or national level so that the issue may be raised with the appropriate individuals.

It was also agreed that enquiries should be made about how the floral tributes on the side of the B645 should be removed as the flowers had died.

b. Suggestion that the Parish Council cleans the signs on the B645 and cut back vegetation where safe to do so

This suggestion, made at the Joint Action Group, was rejected by the Councillors as unsafe to undertake and already paid for within council tax.

c. Stone blocks on the county verge on Church Road

Further to Minute 21.63g it was noted that Northants Highways had become involved in the matter before Councillors had had the opportunity to speak to neighbouring properties. The Chairman apologised to those residents at the meeting that events had unfolded this way.

It was noted that the introduction of kerbstones between the road and grass should have been covered by the planning application and should have been identified by Northants Highways Development Management Team.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council would make a request to Northants Highways that kerbstones are installed at the edge of the county verge where it joins the Highway in keeping with the rest of Church Road.

d. Consultation: draft Police, Fire and Crime Plan

The Council did not have any comment to make.

21-85 Works to land

It was noted that the Council had been advised that a resident had raised a concern with the county archaeologist regarding works undertaken on land with specific reference to the historic ridge and furrow. It was also noted that other residents had raised this concern with councillors verbally.

21-86 Village hall committee

It was reported that regular events are being held again covering table tennis, carpet bowls and circle dancing. Three committee members have left but replacements had been found and it is hoped they will all attend the next Village Hall Committee meeting in December. The second main village event since covid restrictions were lifted will be a Wine & Cheese evening on Friday 19th November. Next years extended May Bank holiday it is hoped can be celebrated in some way but are still looking for ideas – Any suggestions welcomed by the committee.

21-87 Report from the Wind Farm Trust representative

It was reported that the Trust does not have any applications at the present time and the next tranche of money is about to be received.

21-88 Platinum Jubilee June 2022

It was agreed that the Parish Council would use the newsletter inviting residents to come forward to arrange events.

21-89 Correspondence list

The list that forms Appendix A was received. No further action was required.

21-90 Next scheduled meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on 10th January 2022. It was requested that the BT line on Raunds Road was included on that agenda.

Meeting closed 9.29 p.m.

Chairman

Appendix A

List of correspondence

1. Email: Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meetings (Sept 2021 - Jan 2022) (circulated to councillors)
2. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter (circulated to councillors)
3. Email: Northants CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 03/09/21
4. Email: notification of road closure for Anglian Water road works (circulated to councillors)
5. Email: Newsletter from OPFCC (circulated to councillors)
6. Email: Raunds TC Invite to Charity Quiz Night - 7th October 2021
7. Email: Northants Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 06/09/21
8. Email: Northants Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 10/09/21
9. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 10/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
10. Email: NNC Public Consultation on our Draft Summary Corporate Plan Consultation (circulated to councillors)
11. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council 10/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
12. Email N ACRE PRESS RELEASE: Northamptonshire Village Awards return for 2022
13. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 17/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
14. Email: Raunds TC Tickets Available - Charity Quiz Night - 7th October 2021
15. Email: N ACRE Parish Council Members - September E-Bulletin (circulated to councillors)
16. Email: N CALC 2022 Training Programme Survey (circulated to councillors)
17. Email: CPRE Government Consultation - the OxCam Arc (circulated to councillors)
18. Email: Northants Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 20/09/21
19. Email: Update from the Leader of North Northamptonshire Council 24/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
20. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 24/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
21. Email: N CALC Notes from the NNC Q&A session 14 Sept
22. Email: Request from resident for information on law on parking on the pavements
23. Email: Raunds TC Last Chance to purchase Tickets - Charity Quiz Night - 7th October 2021
24. Email: Notification of road closure (circulated to councillors)
25. Email: Northants CALC eUpdate - Sept/Oct 2021 (circulated to councillors)
26. Email: Northants Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 01/10/21
27. Email: Bonfire safety advice

28. Email: Northants Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 11/10/21
 29. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 08/10/21 (circulated to councillors)
 30. Email: PFCC Newsletter - October 2021 edition
 31. Email: Bedford Borough Council - Clapham Neighbourhood Development Plan
 32. Email: ACRE Reminder: Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022
 33. Email: Stop the Arc: Ox-Cam Arc Spatial Framework Consultation (circulated to councillors)
 34. Email: N ACRE Parish Council Members - October 2021 E-Bulletin (circulated to councillors)
 35. Email: NNC Leader of the Council Update [9] (circulated to councillors)
 36. Email: Parish Council Network Event - 10/11/21 (circulated to councillors)
 37. Email: Community Action Fund Grants available for parishes within 10 miles of a FCC Environment site
 38. Email: Bedford Borough Council - Felmersham and Radwell Neighbourhood Development Plan
 39. Email: HMRC Important information for employers
 40. Email: NNC Leader of the Council Update [10] (circulated to councillors)
 41. Email: Message from Northamptonshire Police re death of Sir David Amess MP
 42. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 22/10/21(circulated to councillors)
 43. Email: Reminder - Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meeting on Tuesday 26th October (circulated to councillors)
 44. Email: N CALC Friday mini eUpdate - 15/10/21 (circulated to councillors)
- End