

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 5th September 2022 at Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:
Cllr D Farrington in the Chair

Councillors
C Jones M Leonard N Phillips R Sheppard S Taylor H West
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson
NNC Councillors Howell and Wilkes
3 member of the public

Meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

22-46 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from NNC Cllr Richard Levell

22-47 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes for the meeting held 18th July 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

22-48 Declaration of interests

There were no declarations made.

22-49 Public Speaking Time

There were no comments from members of the public.

22-50 Report from North Northants Councillors

Councillor Howell drew attention to the Leaders update and commented on recent activities and priorities at North Northamptonshire Council, especially the likely impact of cost of living crisis on NNC spending priorities.

22-51 Drainage connections and missing kerbstones

Further to Minute 21.122 the Ward Councillors were made aware that the Parish Council had not had a formal response to the questions raised via email in February 2022. Cllr Wilkes outlined the regulatory constraints that the planning department worked within. For example, kerbstones could not be made a pre-requisite of a planning application if they were not considered essential to that application. It was agreed that the Parish Council should receive the courtesy of a formal response.

It was suggested that a quote for installing the kerbstones should be obtained from Northamptonshire Highways and options for match funding, possibly via the North Northamptonshire Council empowerment funding and the Herdsman Charity, be explored.

22-52 Councillor roles

It was noted that not all councillors roles were assigned at the May meeting due to vacancies.

RESOLVED That Cllr Leonard be appointed as vice chair, Cllr Sheppard would be the representative for Joint Action Group (JAG) for East Northants Central & Police Liaison Representative and Cllrs West and Taylor would be councillors responsible for community and road safety.

22-53 Financial Matters

a. Payment schedule - **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Amount
HM Revenue & Customs – 2 nd quarter tax & NI	£218.80
J Hodgson- 2 months salary, 2 x travel to Hargrave, stationery	£678.30
H Jones – reimbursement for gift vouchers (Minute 22.4 refers)	£100.00
Hargrave Church – Jubilee grant (Minute 22.38c refers)	£75.00
Hargrave Village Hall – Jubilee grant (Minute 22.38c refers)	£75.00

The General Power of Competence was adopted May 2021

The following payments have been made under the Councils Direct debit arrangements

Date	Payee	Amount
09.08.22	Yu Energy – street lighting	24.33
09.08.22	Yu Energy	13.14
01.09.22	Unity Trust Bank – service charge collected quarterly	£18.00

b. Financial report from the Clerk – The Council holds £10917.93 in the current account and £12214.85 in the deposit account.

c. Appointment of external auditor **RESOLVED** that Hargrave Parish Council would not opt out of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) external audit procurement process and wish to continue as part of the SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime. No further action is required.

22-54 Land purchase for a village open area

The benefits of a public open space has been previously discussed by the Council. It was agreed that Bletsoes would be contacted to see if they would approach a land owner to enquire whether they would enter a dialogue with the parish council.

22-55 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications. None.

b. Planning decisions made by North Northamptonshire Council:

Withdrawn

NE/21/01649/OUT Proposal : Outline: Erection of single detached dwelling (All matters reserved except Access) at Land Adjacent Church Road Church Road Hargrave Northamptonshire

22-56 Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan

The Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' by North Northamptonshire Council on 25th August 2022

22-57 Remembrance Sunday

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would continue to lay a wreath for Remembrance on behalf of the Parish and make a donation of £60.00 to the Poppy Appeal. The Council would not purchase additional individual crosses.

22-58 75th anniversary N CALC conference

It was noted that there were no councillors able to attend due to prior commitments.

22-59 Village Infrastructure

- a. Rights of Way – it was noted that there were fallen trees on path NA7 and that these had been reported. It was agreed that there could be benefits to having a local direct contact with landowners where there was a problem with a public right of way. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out if the Parish Path Warden Scheme was operational and whether any training was available. **RESOLVED** That Cllr Phillips would be responsible for public rights of way.
- b. Winter maintenance of public spaces – **RESOLVED** that a quote should be obtained to cut back hedging on Raunds Road to the white bridge and grant should be made to the Wind Farm Trust accordingly. It was also **RESOLVED** that letters be sent to three properties requesting that vegetation overhanging their boundary be cut back in the interest of public amenity and road safety.
- c. Garden waste dumped on the Hoggin Track – It was noted that garden waste dumped on the Hoggin Track was fly tipping and the person responsible should remove the waste.

22-60 Community and road safety

- a. Application to include Hargrave in the noise camera pilot scheme – further to Minute 22-40 it was noted that the Hargrave application had not been received in time to be included for consideration.
- b. Static enforcement cameras – an email from the office of the Police, Fire & Crime was noted. Were a decision to be made to re-introduce static cameras then it would first need a change of policy from North Northamptonshire Council. This would then be followed by a robust study to identify suitable locations based on their collision history and level of non-compliance. The funding for the fixed cameras would come from Northamptonshire Highways as the landowners.
- c. Neighbourhood watch signs **RESOLVED** that three Neighbourhood Watch street signs be purchased

22-61 Village hall committee report

Forthcoming events were noted.

22-62 Wind Farm Trust Report

It was noted that the AGM had been held and there had been a change to the grant structure.

22-63 Correspondence list

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

22-64 Next scheduled meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on 7th November 2022. It was agreed that there should be agenda items to include cutting back trees on Church Road at the junction with B645; winter maintenance work; Jubilee Tree

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman

Appendix A

Correspondence list 4th July to 29th August 2022

This list is comprised of generic or informational emails sent by other organisations and Councils rather than listing correspondence with members of the public. A separate list of correspondence with members of the public or correspondence on specific matters with other bodies is not maintained.

1. Email: NACRE We want to help you green your community! (circulated to Councillors)
2. Email: Invite to Murder Mystery Dinner - 29th July 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
3. Email: Notice from Unity Trust bank that the deposit interest rate is increasing
4. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors
5. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 08/07/22 (circulated to Councillors)
6. Email: Northamptonshire VCSE Assembly information
7. Email: N ACRE Parish Council Network Event 20/7/22
8. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #28 (circulated to Councillors)
9. Email: meeting with the Commissioner, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer is on Monday 18th July at 6pm via Microsoft Teams
10. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 15/07/2022
11. Email: N ACRE PRESS RELEASE: Celebrating the best of Northamptonshire's villages
12. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 15/07/22 (circulated to Councillors)
13. Email: NNC Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) consultation survey
14. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #29 (circulated to Councillors)
15. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 22/07/22 (circulated to Councillors)
16. Email: N ACRE Parish Council Members - July 2022 E-Bulletin (circulated to Councillors)
17. Email: NACRE PRESS RELEASE: Learn how to green your community buildings at a free online workshop (circulated to Councillors)
18. Email: NACRE PRESS RELEASE: Explore the University of Northampton's biodiverse waterside campus in a free walking tour
19. Email: Northants CALC eUpdate - Jul/Aug 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
20. Email: CPRE Northamptonshire's Planning Update - summer 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
21. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter - July 2022
22. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #30 (circulated to Councillors)

23. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 05/08/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 24. Email: Latest news from the ICO
 25. Email: Parish Council Members - August Ebulletin (circulated to Councillors)
 26. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors
 27. Email: Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - Newsletter August 2022 (circulated to Councillors)
 28. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 12/08/22 (circulated to Councillors)
 29. Email: Yu Energy (supplier electricity for street lamps) Important Updates On Our Terms & Conditions
 30. Email: Raunds TC Charity Quiz Night
 31. Email: N ACRE Press Release - Think you know Farming? Think again! Join Northamptonshire ACRE at a FREE tour of a vertical farm (circulated to Councillors)
 32. Email: NNC Update from the Leader of the Council #31 (circulated to Councillors)
 33. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 19/08/22 (circulated to Councillors)
- End