

Minutes of the meeting of Harlton Parish Council held on Tuesday 27 February 2018 in the village hall at 7.30pm

Councillors Present:

Chairman Cllr Ben Banks (BB)

Vice Chair Cllr Benson (RB)

Cllr Chris Coleridge (CC)

Cllr Garry Johnson

Cllr Isabel Robinson (IB)

Clerk Kim Quince: In attendance: Two members of the public for item 3 on the agenda.

1. Apologies for absences

Apologies received from Cllr Doug Cattermole. He was unable to attend meetings for the foreseeable future. Sadly his son had died while at University that week. Condolences had been send on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. To receive Members' declaration of interest and dispensations

Cllr Banks declared a Non-pecuniary interest relating to item 3 of the agenda (there is a family connection to the item being considered with no personal financial interest). The council granted a dispensation to participate in the discussion.

3. Public Participation – Two members of the public were present.

Don Proctor Ltd, representing Thomas Banks & Partners presented a brief to outline proposals to submit a formal planning application to further extend existing grain store (land near access to A603/ corner of Long Brook, Washpit Lane) to accommodate all grain storage on the one site. The council responded with the Parish concerns: the impact of the size of the building on the landscape and whether the development will comply with the Green belt requirements; the impact of noise levels on the village generated from increased business activity; the challenges with articulated lorries using the narrow road (which has a high drop-off and unsupported edges) will be compounded; and concerns relating to surface water and drainage. Members noted that the client would be prepared to provide additional tree planting and restrict the height of the building. It was agreed to outline the concerns in writing to the applicants as requested.

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 January

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record accepting a correction to item 13, which should read: "The Village Hall Trustees had been in touch with a contractor to investigate a leak in the kitchen ceiling".

5. SCDC Planning Decisions:

S/4228/17/PN erection of single storey grain extension to existing grain building, Washpit Lane: prior approval granted

S/2182/17/OL outline permission granted for the erection of 2 detached dwellings.

6. To receive Clerk's report and updates on business actions

The speedwatch group co-ordinator had indicated the groups' support for the Community Speedwatch operating signs. The clerk will investigate whether the signs (one at each entrance to the village) can be erected by the parish council or whether it is the local authority before purchasing. The landlord of the pub has expressed interest in raising funds to purchase and site the defibrillator for the village. A draft newsletter had been circulated to members for comments before printing and circulating to the village. Nomination papers for the elections on 3rd May were distributed. Members had indicated they would be re-standing for office. The timetable of Proceedings had been placed on the village notice board and website.

7. To receive report from District Councillors and County Councillor

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cattermole. Lina Joseph's February report has been circulated.

8. Finance

Bank reconciliation/ statements were presented to members: Parish Council funds are currently £ 16,434.14. There were no invoices for payment this month.

9. Parish council monthly children's playground inspection

Cllr Banks had carried out the monthly playground inspection. Notification had been given that the annual ROSPA safety inspection would be carried out in April.

10. Reports and consideration for ongoing business including:-

Village Hall Trustee Liaison a copy of the VHT minutes of the meeting of 31 January had been given to the clerk.

Repairs to rectify damp in the village hall corridor Offord and Camp had provided a report on the damp areas. The Trustees will seek a quote, on behalf of the Parish Council, to carry out immediate works to rectify the problem as soon as possible. The council are happy to approve costs subject to the price being reasonable and competitive for the work to be done. The Trustees are willing to contribute a grant towards costs.

Quotations for repair/ maintenance of the Village Hall window Cllr Ben Banks and Cllr Garry Johnson had reviewed the three quotations received. It was felt that Offord and Camp had offered the most competitive and comprehensive. Members agreed for Garry Johnson to lead and take the project forward; as a first step to clarify details and specification of requirements, and to confirm that the quotation dated July 2017 for £3,114 + vat is valid.

Management of the Clunch pit and the trees on the Glebe Noted recent strong winds has brought down two large tree boughs in the Clunch Pit. Garry had finished his first draft of the Council's Duty of Care mission statement. He will circulate to members for comments before working with the clerk to place on the Clunch pit page of the village website.

11. To consider correspondence received – circulated

26/01/2016 Cambs Police, reporting non-emergencies to the Police –noted
30/01/2018 SCDC District Councillor Engagement Consultation – noted.
06/02/2018 CAPALC, Bulletin /Councillor training – noted that CAPALC are now offering a full programme of training for 2018, in support of Parish Councils/ Councillors.
16/02/2018 SCDC Parish Planning forum 21 February

12. Incidents and observations relating to the village see item 10 above.

13. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

Ongoing business, Annual village meeting in April, Elections, Goal posts and nets for the Glebe and Village website hosting.

14. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday 27 March

Meeting finished at 21.20 pm

Signed..... Date.....