Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council
Held on Monday 5th March 2018 in Hargrave Village Hall

Members present:
Cllr J Gunthorpe in the Chair

Councillors
D Farrington   D Thrift

The meeting started at 7.30pm

17-98 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Brotherton, Jones, How and Clarke. RESOLVED that the reason for absence be approved. Apologies were received from EN Councillor Howell.

17-99 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the Minutes for the meeting held 8th January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman

17-100 Declaration of interest

None.

17-101 Public Speaking Time

None.

17-102 Report from NCC Councillor and East Northants District Councillor

None. Cllr Howell is to provide a written report outside of the meeting.

17-103 NCALC training opportunities

The importance of training for councillors was discussed. It was agreed that the ‘finance for councillors’ course should be considered for at least one councillor.

17-104 Financial Matters

a. Payments for March 2018 - RESOLVED that the cheques shown in Appendix A be approved for payment.

b. Financial report from the Clerk – it was noted that E-on would be increasing the prices for electrical supply to the street lamps from April 2018. A VAT claim for the period 1st April 2017 to 28th February 2018 totalling £335.11 has been prepared for submission to HMRC. The Council's available balance as at 14th February 2018 was £10,507.47.

c. Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2018 – RESOLVED that Greenbiro should be appointed as the Internal Auditor at a cost of £80.00.
d. Effectiveness of internal control for the year ending 31st March 2018 – The Clerk provided a briefing detailing the requirements of Internal Control and following consideration of those requirements it was RESOLVED that the Council was satisfied its systems had been effective for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

e. Vehicle activated sign – further to Minute 17.90 and consideration of the products available from suppliers together with reviews from other council clerks it was RESOLVED that Swarco VM15152v2 MVAS unit was the Council’s preferred choice and that a funding application should be made to the Community Benefit Fund for the total project cost.

17-105 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications - None

b. Planning decisions made by East Northamptonshire Council

It was noted that Planning permission had been granted in the cases of
17/02000/FUL Loakes Farmhouse, Brook Street
17/02001/LBC Loakes Farmhouse, Brook Street
17/02405/FUL Xanadu, Church Road

c. Appeal against refusal of planning permission in the case of the Nags Head

It was noted that the process of the appeal had changed from written to informal hearing and was to commence on the 5th April. It was agreed that guidance should be sought to determine if a councillor should represent the Parish Council at this hearing.

17-106 Annual Parish Meeting (14/05/18)

It was agreed that the format of the 2017 meeting should be repeated with invited speakers. The village representative of the Wind Farm Trust (Community Benefit Fund) should also be invited to speak.

17-107 General Data Protection Regulations 2018

There was a lengthy discussion as to impact of the Regulations and the obligations of the council and councillors once the Regulations come in to force. It was noted that there would be action for the council to take at the May meeting.

17-108 Village Infrastructure

a. Additional grass cuts at the junction of the B645 and Church Road – it was agreed that the Clerk should try and obtain to a quote from Turney Landscapes for the cost of this work.

b. Village Hall Committee - it was noted that the AGM would be on 10th April and that a letter had been received from the committee following Minute 17-87.

c. Council newsletter – Further to Minute 17-85 it was noted that it would be straight forward to set up a Mailchimp e-newsletter system. However, as the Hargrave Herald was again in circulation it was agreed that it was not necessary to proceed with the proposal at the current time.

d. Village spring clean – It was agreed that a spring clean session should be arranged for one morning. The date and co-ordinator to be agreed outside of the meeting. It was agreed that a flyer should be delivered to every household to encourage participation.
17-109 Community and road safety
a. Police management structure – it was noted that the police inspector had moved to a new role.
b. Police priorities – it was noted that the local police priorities included raising the police profile and tackling drugs in the area.

17-110 Wind Farm Trust
a. Trust objectives – The Trust has been functioning successfully as planned, but on advice of the Charity Commission, the Trustees have resolved to amend the objectives to the Trust to meet charity law requirements because they were not exclusively charitable. In accordance with the Trust Deed, the Parish Council consent to this change is required. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to the objectives of the Trust being amended to:

“The object of the charity is the promotion of any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the civil parishes of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott in the county of Northamptonshire, Dean and Shelton in the unitary district of Bedford Borough, Hargrave in the county of Northamptonshire, and Melchbourne and Yelden in the unitary district of Bedford Borough as the Trustees see fit.”

b. Activities of the Trust – a brief report was given. It was suggested that as the Trust had been unable to assist Hargrave WI with part of their grant request, the Parish Council could consider the matter at a future meeting.

17-111 Next scheduled meeting
The next scheduled meeting will be on 14th May 2018. Councillors Gunthorpe and Thrift gave their apologies for this meeting.
Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

Appendix A

Schedule of payments presented

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