

HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Hartwell Parish Council's meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm at The Lounge, Hartwell Community Centre, School Lane, Hartwell.

Present: Parish Councillors: Deborah Barker (Chairman), Graham Harris, John Budden, George Jones, David Heron.

Also present: Sarah Fuller (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Michael Clarke.
Members of the public x 10

008/2018	To receive and approve apologies for absence Resolved: Councillors Gallen (personal), Dawson (unwell), Turner (work)
009/2018	Declarations of Interest
a)	Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interest
b)	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI
010/2018	Minutes - To agree and sign minutes of 14/12/17. Resolved: Minutes were approved as drafted and signed by the Chairman.
011/2018	Public participation session will take place at 7.35pm and ended at 8.15pm
	<p>Residents concerned access to the site, busy road, parked cars, inconvenience and noise, mud on road, how it will affect the rest of the village, Stoneway access to approximately 200 houses. It is already difficult to get up and down the road at the moment, moved in 18 months ago to Lime Close – Anglian water has attended his property 4 times as sewer cannot cope, the whole of Stoneway will need new sewer pipe, 14 years Lime Close the sewer is an ongoing problem, the same problems have been experienced in Rose Close, Heavy vehicles travelling along Stoneway will be a health and safety problem, danger for children and animals in the street, where will construction workers park their vehicles, lack of school places, Lime Close only got in due to appeal, traffic around school, people wishing to downsize will then open up their sold homes to families who may have more children. The site will house 80 houses. SNC said they have enough housing supply for next 10 years, planning application for 8 units was turned down, highways out to back garden onto this field and they confirmed they would put noise barriers up and they would go all the way to “cattle creek”, doctors are over subscribed, because of the footings on the school they cannot build upwards or outwards, buses being stopped, why didn't the parish council inform the parishioners about these plans. It wasn't clear in the housing survey that it was to do with a possible development in the village, there is no planning application, 15 years ago they put in an application for 4 houses which was refused and now they have increased this 10 fold.</p> <p>Clerk to put Material Planning Consideration document on the website. Parishioner has a letter from SNC stating they have sufficient new homes in the county for the next 10 years. Parishioner does not see the demand for new housing in the village. 14 years ago parishioners were unsure who own that piece of land (Mr Bird has owned the land since the 1970s).</p> <p>If parishioners have lost their copy of the survey and would like to get another copy from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity, The Old School, Southill Rd, Cardington, Bedford MK44 3SX, 01234 838771.</p> <p>If a planning application is made to SNC to develop this land, then it will be for them to</p>

	make a decision, however NCC will be consulted especially where highways are concerned and Stoneway is owned by NCC highways.
012/2018	Reports from outside bodies:
a)	<p>To receive an update from County Councillor Michael Clarke on matters relating to Northamptonshire County Council.</p> <p>Mr Clarke updated council on the parishioners experiencing flooding issue in the village, which was duly noted.</p> <p>Draft budget was released to the public on 19th December. In essence the CC will be 435m, council tax element 292m approx 70% comes from council tax. Taking into account 4.98% increase on county council's tax. In terms of money that equates to band d houses paying 1166 to 1224 pa. CC has to save 35m requirement in the coming financial year. Auditors and accountants into county hall to check whether the public are getting best value. The county council have to pay for this audit.</p> <p>Buses are proving to be one of the most contentious removing buses would save 1m, Mr Clarke is working hard to rescind this proposal. If they withdraw this 1m then where do they find it as they need to balance the books. Mr Clarke there is an opportunity for the cc to increase the council tax to 5.97% 2.4m pounds for every percent increased. CC maybe able to get permission to opt for a further 1 point on the council tax which would enable with linkage the administration to withdraw that request for saving of 1.5m on the buses. Clerk legally advised council they unable to give Mr Clarke their response as it is not on this evening's agenda for consideration. Clerk suggested Mr Clarke goes through the appropriate process of emailing the question to the clerk in readiness for the next meeting. If council feels it is necessary, the Chairman can call an extraordinary meeting.</p>
b)	<p>To receive an update from District Councillor John Budden on matters relating to South Northants Council.</p> <p>Meetings have taken place this week between NHS England and various other organisations relating to their applications for the S106 monies from the Piano Forte site in Roade. This does not necessarily mean the money will go towards the community.</p> <p>NCC will now start changing for street naming and the number of houses built.</p>
c)	<p>To receive an update from Mrs Carol Buck relating to St John the Baptist Church:-</p> <p>We were made aware on Sunday 7th January that the floodlights had tripped sometime last week. The churchwardens had not been made aware that this had happened, because there was no need to enter the church last week, our own visual check on the floodlights timer did not take place. Our churchwarden John Buck reset the lights yesterday. Please could I ask that if anyone notices that the floodlights are not working that they contact the churchwardens, their details are in Hartbeat and on the church notice board.</p> <p>The offertory collection taken during our Carol Service amounted to £300.00 which has now been forwarded to Helen & Douglas House a hospice for children and young adults in Oxford.</p> <p>We have a revised figure of £6250.00 outstanding on our Parish Share for 2017 and not as reported last month of £5500.00 this was result of a miscalculation.</p>

d)	<p>To receive an update from Mr George Jones relating to highways and footpaths around the village.</p> <p>Footpaths – unsafe stile on KA6 from Ashton Lodge Farm to Ashton Village which he will report. Re-site signpost KA4/KA5 two posts laying on the ground.</p> <p>Highways – pothole at Amberley Road near to junction with Ashton Road. Half dozen potholes at Church Close which will be reported. Vehicle signage re: Folly Lane.</p> <p>Half a dozen drains between Lower End and Ashton – Mr Jones to report on Street Doctor.</p> <p>Amberley Road first one by Robins Close and then onto Park Road – clerk to photograph poorly repaired potholes and send to Helen Howard</p> <p>Burst water mains making a flood when leaving the village towards Roade. Clerk to report to Anglian Water</p>
013/2018	Updates – Discussion of matters not otherwise on the agenda for information sharing only
a)	<p>Cllr Barker - Resolution made at the Executive planning meeting 11/01/18.</p> <p>Resolved: duly noted.</p>
b)	<p>Cllrs Heron and Budden – Cemetery health and safety check.</p> <p>Resolved: deferred to the next meeting.</p>
014/2018	Correspondence/communication – To consider any received as listed below and/or prior to meeting.
a)	<p>Mrs Jane Austin (Member of Friends of Roade Library & Hart & Soul Choir) would like a key to the noticeboards. Mrs Austin frequently puts up notices on behalf of the Hart and Soul Choir and Friends of Roade Library.</p> <p>Resolved: Council would like to increase the key holders. Councillors Budden and Dawson to hold keys. Clerk to order them.</p>
b)	<p>Mrs Carol Buck asking council to consider installing a salt bin in the vicinity of the Church.</p> <p>Resolved: Council would like a salt bin placed on the verge by the village clock. Clerk to request this on Street Doctor as it is currently NCC responsibility.</p>
c)	<p>Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) asking if the parish council would be willing to advertise their 2018 recruitment campaign which challenges the men of Northamptonshire to join them in a concert on 14 April 2018 to raise money for PROSTATE CANCER UK. NMVC would like to advertise on the village noticeboards and website.</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to put posters up on the village noticeboards and website.</p>
d)	<p>Email received from LP Finn Memorials attaching headstone application.</p> <p>Councillors are to consider the application</p> <p>Resolved: Approved.</p>
e)	<p>Adoption certificate for the School Lane development from Northamptonshire Highways.</p> <p>Councillors do not need to make any resolutions regarding this item as it is for information purposes only.</p> <p>Resolved: duly noted.</p>
f)	<p>Email from headteacher at Hartwell Primary School requesting information regarding the possible housing development at the end of Stoneway.</p> <p>Resolved: Councillors noted that the clerk had already provided information and no further action was required at this point.</p>
g)	<p>Email from parishioner raising concerns about the possible housing development at the top of Stoneway.</p> <p>Resolved: Councillors noted that the clerk had already provided information and no further action was required at this point.</p>

015/2018	Accounts			
a)	Council's financial position as at 31/12/17. Unity Bank £30,876.64 Santander £62,979.44 Total £93,856.08 Earmarked funds £50,218.59 Total after deduction of EMF £43,637.49 Unity Trust Service Charge £18			
b)	To consider invoices for payment (as set out below & any rec'd prior to the meeting) Resolved: Invoices approved. Councillors Budden and Barker will authorise the online payments.			
<u>Reference</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Power to Pay</u>	<u>Amount (inc vat)</u>
BT	M Fuller	Clerk's salary	LGA 1972	£744.21
BT	R Wain	Litter Officer's salary	LGA 1972	£96
BT	Barbara Osborne Business Services	Payroll Oct-Dec	LGA 1972	£60
BT	HMRC	PAYE Oct – Dec	LGA 1972	£256.30
BT	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street light repair	Highways Act 1980	£88.80 (£14.80)
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BT	RTM Landscapes	Village grass cutting (Nov)	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10	£459 (£76.50)
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BT	A H Contracts	Emptying dog bins	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10	£105 (£17.50)
BT	Viking	Office supplies	LGA 1972	£101.69 (£16.95)
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BT	Hartwell Community Centre	Parish Council venue hire	LGA 1972	£115
BT	Hartwell Community Centre	Youth Club venue hire	LGA (Misc Prov.) 1976 s19 (e)	£336
BT	E-on	Street lighting electricity 01/10-31/12/17	Highways Act 1980	£1713.83 (£285.64)
BT	St John the Baptist Church	Floodlight electricity Oct – Dec 17	LGA 1972 s214	£30.15
016/2018	Councillors to consider becoming members of the National Federation of Cemetery Friends (information emailed to councillors 04/01/18). Cost £10 pa if under 25 members increasing to £20 thereafter Resolved: Agreed.			
017/2018	Village bus service 33/33a Councillors to consider what, if any, financial assistance they can provide to Milton Keynes Council if NCC withdraw their funding. Resolved: The parish council has agreed in principal to assist with the funding of the bus but this would need to be spent using S137 monies which is limited to £7.57 per electorate (1533) so until the actual costs are known, the parish council cannot commit to an exact amount.			

018/2018	Budget
a)	To consider the proposal of the Budget Working Party and to agree a Budget and Precept. Resolved: The budget for the year 2018/19 was £59,582, Council decided to utilise monies from their surplus cash flow to reduce the precept demand to £48,000. Clerk to inform SNC and to do the following:- Increase emergency funding by £4000 to ensure the parish expenses are covered for 6 months in the event SNC fails to pay the precept. Move money into contingency to cover street lighting costs of £7,843.32.
019/2018	Councillors to consider whether they wish to take part in SNC's consultation regarding the draft parking standard and design supplementary planning document – deadline for comments 01/02/18 at 5pm. Resolved: Council support the proposals SNC are making.
020/2018	Councillors to consider a response to Northamptonshire County Council 2018-19 Budget Consultation: Phase 2. Consultation ends on 30/01/18. Resolved: council does not wish to make a response to the consultation.
There being no further items for consideration, the Chairman closed the meeting to the public at 9.30pm	
021/2018	This part of the meeting will be closed to the public and press despite the general duty to conduct meetings in public, it will be necessary on this occasion to exclude the public and press as provided in Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Act 1960. Personnel matters. Resolved: Clerk resigned with immediate effect.