

**Minutes of a Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 in Hargrave Village Hall at 7.15 pm**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs J Brotherton (in the Chair)  
Councillors R. Holmes, Mrs L. Pallikaropoulos, and R. Smith

**In attendance:** Cllr D. Lawson (NCC)  
Mrs R. Sheppard (Clerk)  
6 members of the public

**81/06 Apologies** Cllr R. Pearson (away on holiday) and Cllr P. Attwood (away on holiday) and Cllr Mrs L. Travill (family commitments)

**82/06 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006, which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct by the Chairman.

**83/06 Members' Declarations of Interest** – none

**84/06 Village Hall**

Cllr Smith reported that the recent brunch had been a great success with over 80 breakfasts being served. At present the Management Committee was trying to raise funds for a shed at the back and resurfacing of the land around the outside of the Hall.

**85/06 Youth Forum**

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of the Youth Forum at which students at Manor School complained about the bus service not allowing friends to ride to Hargrave in the afternoons. She had spoken with the Principal who recommended that we write to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) to ask that they approach the bus service provider with a view to allowing students with the correct pass to pay for occasional journeys to Hargrave after school. The Principal also agreed to organise the necessary administration to issue "Friend's Passes" to students approved to take this journey.

**AGREED** that a letter should be sent to NCC asking that this process be initiated.

The Principal also said that he would welcome a School Governor from Hargrave being appointed. The Clerk will ask Cllr Travill whether she would be able to take it on.

**86/06 Village Maintenance**

The Clerk reported that landowners had, or were about to clear back overhanging hedges and branches. It was noted that the White Bridge had, following its refurbishment, been widened by some 40cm and the concern was expressed that this might lead to vehicles travelling across it at higher speeds. It was rebuilt to carry up to 44 ton vehicles as before. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the new rails would crumple upon impact thereby being less of a danger should an impact with a vehicle occur.

**87/06 Footpaths**

The Clerk was asked to write to Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire County Councils requesting that way markers be positioned along the paths across the old Chelveston airfield. Cllr Pallikaropoulos reported that the hedges along NA15 had been cut back and no other problems had been reported to her.

**88/06 Road Safety**

The Clerk reported on the results of Cllr Lawson's efforts regarding a weight restriction being imposed in Hargrave. Due to lack of funding it was unlikely that such a restriction could be imposed in Hargrave in the near future. She had also been advised that it would help Hargrave's case if a record was made of the frequency of Heavy Goods Vehicles coming through the village. A note would be included in the Grapevine asking for volunteers to undertake this work.

### **89/06 Street Lighting**

The Clerk reported that the grant from the Community Safety Fund had been increased to £2,225 to cover the major part of the two new street lights.

### **90/06 Commemoration of the Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**

The Clerk reported that the Diocese of Peterborough had refused permission for fruit trees to be planted on their land. She had therefore investigated the positioning of two planters at the entrance to the village from Raunds. It was agreed that two Hutton Floraroma Mini planters should be purchased and installed on small concrete bases. Volunteers would be asked to keep them planted and weeded.

**AGREED** that Parish Council would pay £50 from its own funds for the permission from NCC.

*Clerk's note: since the meeting I have learned that there is no charge for permission to site a container on the verge, only for cultivating the verge itself.*

### **91/06 Planning Application**

EN/06/02119/OUT – two houses on land corner of Brook St. and Church St. Following a full discussion, and representations from member of the public during an “Open” session, it was agreed to urge East Northamptonshire Council to seriously consider the following:-

As the land is well outside the proposed new village envelope concern was expressed that buildings on this plot could set a precedent for other plots of land on Church Street and Brook Street. A maximum of two separate dwellings, each of no more than 4 bedrooms, should be allowed. Any building erected should be of a style and size sympathetic to Wild Acre and the surrounding area. Any houses should have a large enough driveway to enable vehicles to turn round. Their access should be on a driveway adjacent to, and not crossing, the driveway to Wild Acre – and the two driveways should be separated by a physical barrier.

### **92/06 Other Planning Matters**

EN/06/01592/FUL wooden barn at Bramble Farm – granted

EN/06/01770/FUL extension at 5 Church Street – granted

Egg Production Unit – The Clerk reported on letters received from ENC agreeing to notify PC should any applications be made to vary the conditions attached to this planning permission, NCC Rights of Way assuring us that they will monitor any such applications regarding the footpath NA2, and from the Highways Department of NCC setting out the consultation process for any moving of the 30mph sign. Cllr Pallikaropoulos reported on the progress of the Judicial Review she and others are instigating regarding ENC's handling of this planning application. The Clerk reported that Trevor Watson, Head of Planning Services at ENC, had agreed to attend the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January to clarify issues regarding the planning process.

### **93/06 Parish Council Accounts**

Cllr Brotherton confirmed that the accounts, and the Clerk's claim for expenses of £55.96, were in order. The Clerk reported that the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 had been completed satisfactorily.

**AGREED** to approve and accept the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

### **94/06 Meetings and Reports**

The Clerk reported that there would be a meeting of the Community Safety Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Saxon Hall, Raunds which would be open to everyone.

### **95/06 Next Meeting**

The next full meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall. The provisional date for a Planning Meeting, should there be any new applications or developments regarding current applications, would be on 5<sup>th</sup> December (not 7<sup>th</sup> as previously notified)

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm

### **OPEN FORUM**

It was reported that an attempted break in had taken place at The Old Bakehouse and that the Police had been prompt and thorough in their response. Concern was expressed over the possibility of a flashing speed sign at the entrance to the village from Raunds as this was felt to be an eyesore in a rural location as well as not achieving any reductions in speed.