



HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

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UPDATES



MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

This newsletter is for those in the new houses on Western Gate, Norwood Quarter and Harlestone Park.

As previously stated, the Parish Council have made a commitment to ensuring that there are no Management Companies in the parish. This means that residents should not have to pay an extra fee for the management of any open spaces or community facilities. The Parish Council will be taking these on and managing them alongside current responsibilities. Funding for the management of Green Spaces and play parks will be covered in the council tax paid by all in the village.

At the moment, the green spaces is still being developed and planted out, so it is currently in the control of the developer. This is part of their obligations within the planning application therefore no-one should be paying an extra fee to cover these costs at this time.

It is our understanding that some developers are asking for an up front fee when selling the house. They ensure us that this fee is being kept in a separate account and will only be used should the Parish Council change their mind and there is a need to set up a management company. We have

been advised that this will be refunded when the land is transferred to the Parish Council.

We have been made aware that last year a management company wrote to some residents asking them to set up an account. Please be advised that this should not have happened and this is being looked into.

We hope that the open spaces and the parks in both Harlestone Park and the earlier phase of Western Gate will be transferred to the parish council in 2027.



SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

We are aware that walking from Western Gate to the village centre is not very safe at present.

The planning application shows an open space on the field to the North of Larkhall Lane which will have footpaths within it coming into the village. This is what has been agreed would be suitable, rather than footpaths along the road. The issue is that this area does not need to be developed until there are 900 houses built and occupied.

The Parish Council are pushing to have this area completed as soon as possible. We believe that there will be approximately 900 houses before the end of 2026 and we are putting pressure on to ensure this target is hit. Whilst we appreciate this doesn't help those trying to access the school, playing fields and shops at the present time, please be aware we are trying our best.



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STREET FURNITURE

Depending on the builder, some areas will have bins and benches and some may be lacking. Those on Western Gate will have hopefully noticed several new dog bins installed in the last couple of weeks.

If you think there is a need on any site for bins or benches please let the parish council know and we can consider it.

We are also looking to install some noticeboards to help keep you all up to date with what is happening around you. If you have any suggestions as to the best place for this, again please let us know. They need to be in a place that will be useful and easy to access.

We are also aware that Western Gate have asked for Grit bins and we are currently working with the developer to see if this is possible. Should anyone on Harlestone Park or Norwood Quarter feel grit bins are needed please let us know.



NEWSLETTERS

We currently have volunteers delivering these newsletters to your house every other month. As more houses are occupied, more newsletters need to be delivered.

Do you have a couple of hours free every other month to deliver newsletters to your street and a couple of neighbouring streets? The more volunteers we have the quicker and easier it will be.

Please contact the Parish Council if you are interested in helping.



ALLOTMENTS

Did you know that there are allotments in Harpole?

We have limited plots currently available. If you are interested please contact the Parish Council for more information.



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has 13 councillors and 2 members of staff who try their best to make Harpole the best it can be for its residents.

We have a schedule of meetings, dates of which can be found on our website www.harpole-pc.gov.uk. Public are welcome to all our meetings, to just sit and listen to what are plans are, or to ask questions.

We also have public meetings, these are less formal to update residents, especially with the new developments and when new facilities are expected. Our next meeting is on 25th March in the Bowls Club at 7pm. Please come along, meet your neighbours and hear what is happening in Harpole.

For more information see our website, or Facebook page (Harpole PC) where will put updates and news items relevant to all, or pop into our offices in the Bowls Club car park.

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