

HARPOLE PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

Clerk – Sally Willis

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Members of the committee (Cllrs Bess, Gibbins, Haynes, Nnadozie, Philips, Smethers, Taylor) are summoned to attend a meeting of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee to be held at the Methodist Chapel, School Lane, Harpole on **Monday 27th July** at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed:

S Willis

Clerk & Proper Officer to Harpole Parish Council

Date: 21st July 2026

Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

99/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

100/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Councillors are invited to make any declarations in relation to items on the agenda.

101/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.

102/26 MINUTES

To receive and approve the minutes of Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 29th June 2026.

103/26 PLANNING

To consider and approve response to the following applications:

- a) [2026/0334/RM](#) - Reserved matters (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale) for detailed design of the community building and external areas, including car parking and servicing areas that will serve the community building and wider local centre area - Land To East of Sandy Lane
- b) [2026/2257/HH](#) - First floor side extension and single storey rear extension - 16 High Street
- c) To note [2026/2765/TCA](#) - Removal of large foxglove tree - Brytten-Collier House 44 High Street

104/26 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- a) To consider and approve purchase of Traffic cones for use on Larkhall Lane
- b) To consider and approve purchase of replacement tree on Flagpole Green
- c) To receive an update on outstanding issues

105/26 ALLOTMENTS

- a) To consider and approve Council stance on the current hosepipe ban
- b) To receive Update on inspections and approve next steps

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- c) To consider purchase of Posts for allotment markers
- d) To consider and approve repair to hole in back fence
- e) To consider and approve that extra taps are fitted
- f) To consider and approve new noticeboards for the allotments
- g) To consider and approve purchase of Type 1 for filling holes in road in allotment
- h) To receive updates for information only

106/26 STREET FURNITURE

- a) To receive updates on outstanding items

107/26 CHURCH

- a) Update on burial ground

108/26 COMMUNITY

To consider and approve sustainability pledge

109/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 28th September 2026



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Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 29th June 2026, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (chair), N Bess, J Gibbins, I Haynes, C Nnadozie, G Taylor

Also present – Clerk, Administrator and 3 members of public

Meeting Start: 7pm

61/26 TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

There were proposals for Cllr Smethers and Cllr Gibbins. After a vote Cllr Smethers was elected chairman

62/26 TO ELECT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Gibbins was elected Vice Chairman.

63/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllr Phillips

64/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Gibbins advised he has an allotment plot

65/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were interested in the item on Highways and Footpaths. It was agreed that they could contribute to the discussion at the time at the chair's discretion.

66/26 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 26th May 2026.

67/26 PLANNING

- a) There were no objections to the planning application 2026/2328/HH – 9 South View
- b) There was an objection to the planning application 2026/1359/ADV – Land South of Midway Park on M1 motorway. All felt there should not be any advertising on the motorway as this causes a distraction.

68/26 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) There had been a facebook poll to see if there was interest in a 20mph zone in the village. It was accepted that there would be people who would not have seen and engaged but was a good indicator of the feeling of the parish to see if it was worth pursuing. There was a 69/31 split in favour of a reduction in speed limit



There was a discussion about where may be appropriate for a 20mph zone and if this would be just some streets or everything in the current 30mph zone. There was also a discussion about enforcement and if there are other options to try to slow drivers. Members of the public gave their thoughts and were in favour. It was proposed that a consultation is put into the next newsletter so all have an opportunity to respond. At the same time the clerk will continue a dialogue with Highways to understand what they need for an application.

1 member of the public leaves.

- b) The hedge on Larkhall Lane on the Barwoods land has not been cut for a couple of years. It was agreed that the clerk contact them asking that this is cut back.
- c) The footpath between Garners Way and Larkhall Lane is overgrown and is blocked in various places. Clerk to contact Amplius.

The footpath at the top of the Playing Field needs cutting, should this be the maintenance contract? Clerk to check and add if needed.

The post for the speed monitor on Sandy Lane has been installed and the speed monitor will be moved there shortly.

A van parks on South View behind the bus stop making it hard to see the noticeboard or the Defibrillator. There had been a request for double yellow lines here. Clerk to chase.

There are yellow signs pointing to new houses on Sandy Lane, but there is no through road at the moment. Clerk to see if these can be removed until the road is open.

Clerk to see if there is an update on when the link road at the top of Sandy Lane will be opened. Or to ask if Underborough Way could be opened to allow local access.

An email had been received regarding the footpath to the Bridleway behind Church's Farm being overgrown. Cllr Haynes offered to speak to the farmer.

An Ash tree on Flagpole green looks like it may be dying. Clerk advised that there will be a tree survey in the autumn and this will be looked at then. It was also agreed that consideration of a new tree to replace the one removed will be added to the next agenda.

30mph sign on Sandy Lane out of the village is covered by overgrowing trees. Clerk will log with highways.

2 members of the public leave

69/26

ALLOTMENTS

a) There are only 6 plots available on the allotments, but all of these have not been maintained for a long time and need a lot of work. Cllr Gibbins offered to cut back the plots to make it easier for them to be covered for anyone who may be interested in taking them on.

b) Clerk has budget of £200 to order Type 1 gravel to fill in holes on road through the allotments.

c) Clerk is chasing on a new lock and will continue to do so.

Rubbish will be taken away soon, we are waiting for plots to be cleared.

An inspection is being arranged.

The Allotment Association have their AGM this week.



70/26 STREET FURNITURE

- a) The village sign on Northampton Road needs some attention. It was proposed that this is taken down and quotes obtained to repair / replace.
- b) Village Maps have been printed and have been replaced.
New defibrillators have been installed on Northampton Road, South View, Lime Avenue. One has been purchased for Harlestone Park and will be fitted soon.
Clerk to investigate how brown signs are applied for.
3 Benches have been delivered and are ready for installation.
There was a short discussion about complaint to the council and the councils response following on from the last full council meeting.

71/26 CHURCH

It was asked what criteria land needs to be suitable for burial land. There is a meeting with ONH tomorrow who may be able to answer this question.
It was noted that maintenance at the church may not be as good as expected. Contract needs to be checked and then contact with maintenance company.

72/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No further items at this time

Meeting closed 8.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th July 2026 at 7pm

Signed:

It has been suggested from PCSO Teagles to buy some cones to provide to the football club for matchdays to put out to ensure safe passing places on the road.

More often than not when there is a football fixture at Harpole Football Club the road is fully parked on the bowls club side from the bowls all the way down past the school, making it highly unsafe for another car to pass safely.

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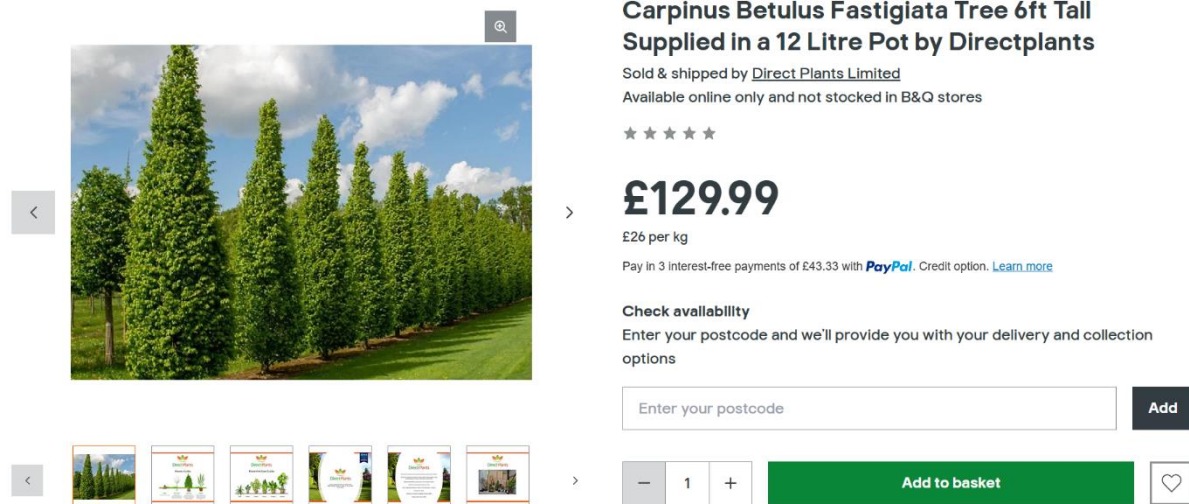
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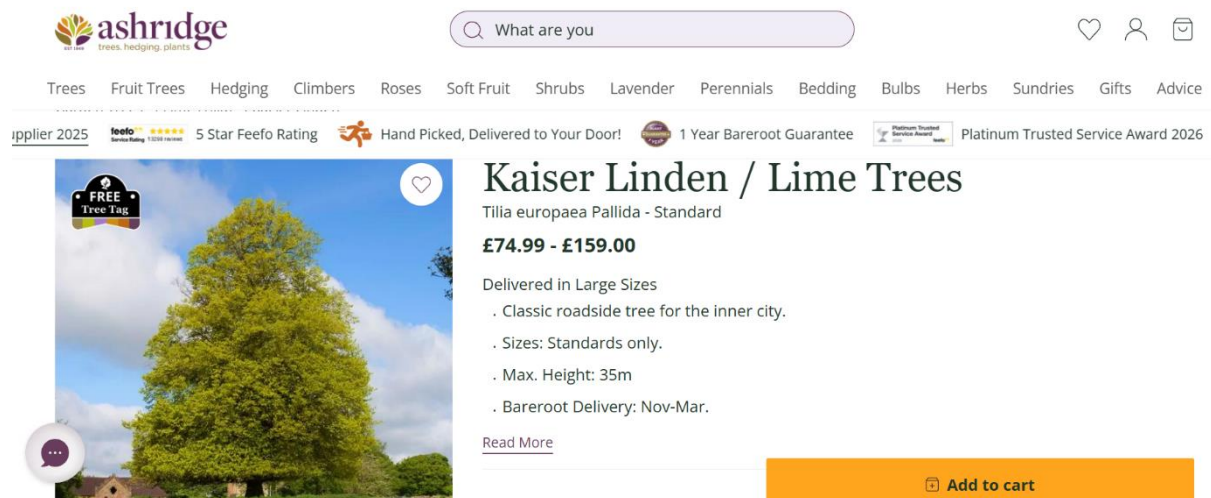
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Double White Hawthorn Trees

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Noticeboard replacement for the allotments

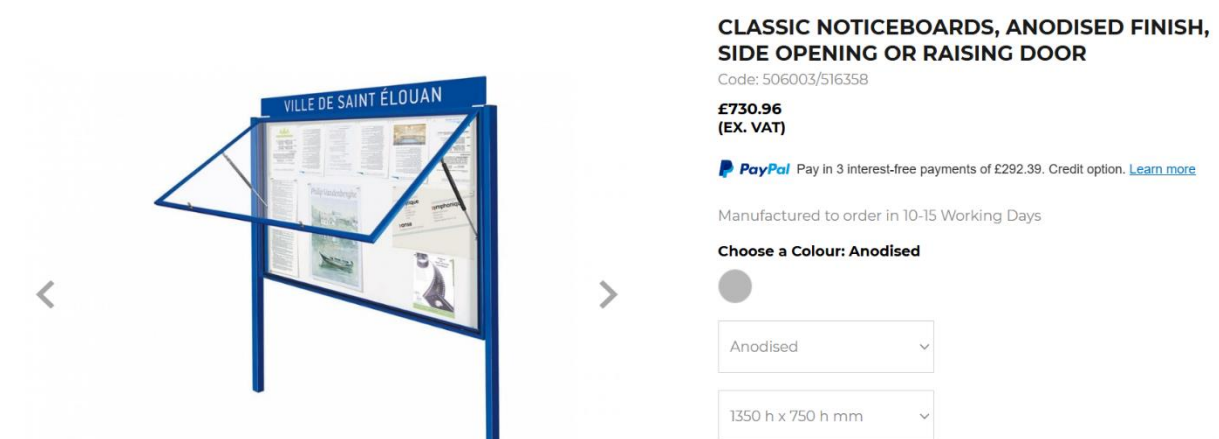
Replacement noticeboard x 2 for the allotments. The allotment noticeboards are wooden and expanded, and are very hard to get pins into.

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Anodised finish only

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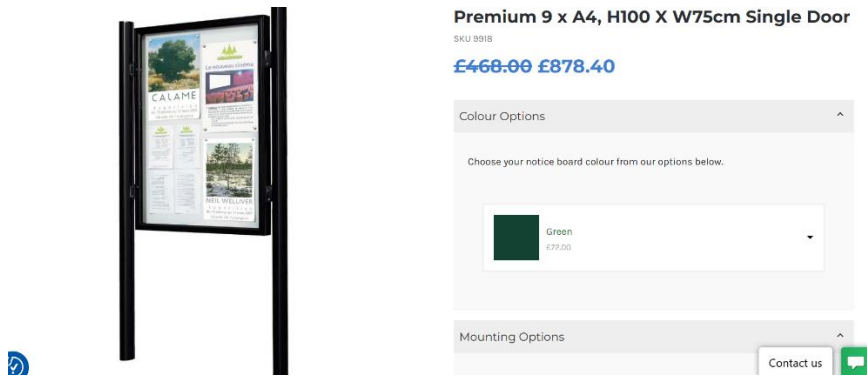


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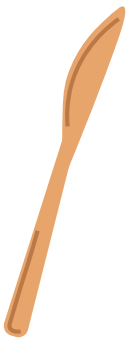
Make a difference in the work place



What is the Pledge?



A food pledge is a journey towards a healthier you, a more sustainable planet, and a kinder world.



Small, meaningful changes—like choosing local foods, cutting down on food waste, supporting nearby farmers and shops, and avoiding processed foods—can make a big difference. Every meal is a chance to create a better future. Learn how you can take the food pledge as an individual or join forces with a school, community group, or business to commit to a healthier, more sustainable food system.



02

The Personal Pledge



Discover what you can do to help improve the way you eat for yourself and the planet

Ways to get involved

- Choose local and seasonal foods: Opt for fruits and vegetables that are in season to reduce the carbon footprint associated with transportation.
- Reduce food waste by planning your meals: Make a shopping list and stick to it to avoid buying more than you need.
- Store food properly: Use airtight containers and keep your fridge organized to extend the life of your food.
- Compost: Turn food scraps into compost to enrich your garden soil.
- Try to include more vegetables, fruits, legumes, and whole grains in your diet.
- Minimise Processed Foods
Buy in Bulk: Purchase grains, nuts, and seeds in bulk. Buy loose fruit and vegetables to reduce packaging waste.

Ways to get involved



- Grow your own food start a garden: Even a small herb garden can reduce your reliance on store-bought produce.
- Community gardens: Join a local community garden to grow your own food and connect with others.
- Educate yourself and others: Read up on sustainable food practices and stay updated on new developments.
- Share knowledge: Encourage friends and family to make sustainable food choices. Share this pledge at work or with friends.
- Cook from scratch: Prepare meals at home using whole ingredients to avoid processed food.
- Support local retailers and ethical brands.

By committing to a food pledge, you can:

- Help to improve your health and well-being.
- See you are making a contribution to change.
- Reduce Food Waste: Make a positive impact by minimizing food waste, see the financial benefit it make to your income.
- Protect the Planet: Reduce your environmental footprint and combat climate change.

**Promote the movement.
Think global act local!**



03



Community Groups



If you are part of social club, school or any kind of community group. Working together can be great for motivating and inspiring one another.

Ways to get involved



- Support a community food bank/larder: Help reduce food waste and share surplus food with those in need.
- Discover how to increase vegetable consumption and support local growers. Learn About the Food Foundation's Peas Please Initiative.
- Explore food for life: Engage with programs that promote healthy, sustainable food in schools and communities.
- Get involved with your local grow cook eat champion: Support this local project in its mission to fight food poverty and food waste, share recipes and use what we have.
- Try to include more vegetables, fruits, legumes, and whole grains in your diet.
- Participate in a food for the planet campaign: Join forces with others to promote sustainable food practices.



By committing to a food pledge, you can:

- Help to improve everyone's health and well-being in the community using good food.
- Support Local Farmers: Strengthen local economies and promote sustainable farming practices.
- Reduce Food Waste: Make a positive impact by minimising food waste in your community.
- Protect the Planet: Reduce your environmental footprint and combat climate change.



For more inspiration, check out these pledges for Community Groups:

- Coolfood Pledge: Commit to a science-based approach to reduce the climate impact of food.
- Take the Planet Pledge: Serve food that's better for people and the planet.
- Healthy Food in Health Care Pledge: Partner with local farmers and suppliers to boost the availability of locally sourced food.
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Pledge: Encourage CSAs to join the Healthy Start scheme and support local vegetable production.

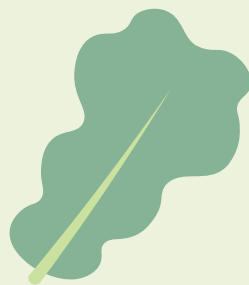
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Let's work together to create a more sustainable and equitable food system!



04

Empower Employees



Benefits of Taking the Food Pledge:

- Enhance workplace health and well-being with nutritious food.
- Support local food businesses and promote sustainable farming.
- Minimize food waste for a positive impact.
- Reduce your environmental footprint and combat climate change.

Ways to get involved:

- Join **WNSFN**: Let us share your story, and promote your business on its food journey
- Annual Progress Reports: Share your achievements and inspire others through the network
- Promote Sustainable Choices: Use your canteen to lead the way in sustainable food





Other pledges your business could take

123 Pledge: Take the bold step to halve food loss and waste by 2030.

Coolfood Pledge: Slash the climate impact of the food you serve and make a real difference.

The PLEDGE on Food Waste: Lead the charge in reducing food waste and setting new standards.

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- **WWF**
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Share Knowledge: Encourage friends and family to make sustainable food choices too. Take this to work and get them involved.

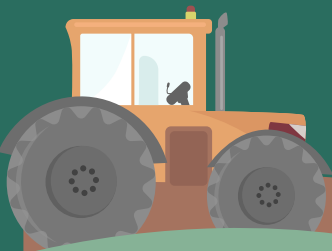


Join the movement today!

1. Go to
www.goodfoodwnorthants.org/#contact

Alternatively scan here

2. Let us know which pledge you plan to do.
3. Follow us on socials to keep up to date with what's happening.
4. Share the message and get others involved!



Our vision

is that together, local businesses, farmers, and community groups are uniting to create a fair, thriving, and sustainable food network. This people-led initiative ensures that nutritious, affordable, and accessible food is available to all, while supporting our local economy and protecting the environment. By working together, we're building a healthier future for everyone.

Are you ready to take the pledge?

Chat to us at: hello@goodfoodwnorthants.org

