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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council which has been arranged for **Wednesday 12th June 2019** at the **HARROLD CENTRE**. Members of the public are invited to attend to address the council in open forum, between **7.30pm and 7.45pm.**

R. Brough
Clerk to Harrold Parish Council

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence and introductions**
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any items on the Agenda
3. **Cooption of Fran Ross, Andy Bryce and Eddie Thompson.** There are three vacancies now out of 13 maximum for Harrold; two remaining from the uncontested elections and Claire Merrick has resigned since the May 2019 meeting.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from the Annual Parish Council meeting held 8th May 2019
5. **Matters arising from meeting held 8th May 2019:** Clerk's report on the Actions List.
 - In progress: Arranging for a utility company to replace the Parish Council owned streetlights. EON have not provided a quote and another company has been found and is quoting.
 - BBC Highways carried out the removal of parking restriction signs on The Green.
 - Chased the Borough/Fire Service about installing the lifebag to the Lower Green; ensured this is imminent – there are a number of these being added around Bedfordshire.
6. **Finance Report:**
 - a. Approval for requests for monthly payments
 - b. Profit & Loss report: Variance analysis - Actual spend vs Budget
 - c. Balance Sheet: Financial position

7. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

Crime report to be provided.

8. To set “crime priorities” for the Community Priority Setting meeting run by Beds Police

To set the crime priorities for Harrold for the Community Priority Setting meeting held by Beds Police on 26th June at Bedfordshire Police HQ, Kempston.

9. Borough Councillor’s report for Harrold Ward.

10. Planning Applications for comment

To add to the minutes the wording of the Parish Council’s objection statement on the below planning application, which had a due date of 29th May 2019. Objection was created by professional planning consultant Peter Bull, as appointed at the 8th May 2019 meeting.

APPLICATION NO: 19/00842/MAO Major Outline Application

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and outline planning permission for residential development of up to 90 dwellings (Use Class C3) including means of access into the site (not internal roads) and associated highway works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved.

LOCATION: Land Adjacent to Harrold Lake, Odell Road, Harrold, Bedfordshire.

11. Approve/amend/reject proposal for: additional single yellow line on the High St, double yellows on The Green and removal of a High St bus bay

To approve, request amendments to, or reject the proposal from BBC Highways for a single yellow line extension on the High St, double yellow lines on the narrow section on The Green and removal of a High St bus bay.

The Parish Council met with BBC Highways for advice on how to treat the issue of the bottleneck along the High St, which is worsened at school drop off times due to parking on both sides of the road. The cessation of school bus services last year was anticipated by the Parish Council to resolve the issue of the bus-related bottleneck, and turning at least one of the bus bays into resident parking was planned. Given recent parishioner feedback, it does now seem that a more comprehensive solution is required to assist residents with parking while not causing traffic jams. Parish Council also asked BBC Highways for advice on parking restrictions on The Green, only at the section on the side of the school where the road is too narrow for parking; the Parish Council have repeatedly replaced bollards struck by vehicles trying to pass through this section due to parking here.

12. Potential extension to 20mph limit and 40mph buffer zone at Lavendon end of village

Agree next steps following BBC Highways response to Parish Council request for information surrounding extending the 20mph limit further towards the Lavendon/New Road end of the village and creating a 40mph buffer zone at the same end.

- BBC Highways 20mph limit extension response (verbal): Mowhills would be the furthest they would be willing to take it; if you make the length too long then it becomes less effective. You also can’t drop from a National Speed limit down to a 20mph, so stretching it right to the far end would have required extra signage anyway, which the Parish Council has previously been keen to avoid.
- BBC Highways have responded positively (verbally) to the question as to whether a 40mph limit buffer zone could be added to the Lavendon end of the village (beyond the current National Speed limit signs). This request for information was instigated from

correspondence received and discussed at the October 2018 meeting. Parish Council to decide whether to proceed with a formal request to BBC Highways.

13. To decide how to respond to Carlton & Chellington Parish Council's request to reduce the speed limit on the main bridge

Carlton PC have written to Harrold PC with a suggestion to reduce the bridge speed limit to 20mph and/or place sign/s to alert drivers to pedestrians on the bridge and would like Harrold PC to assist in lobbying BBC Highways to implement it. Both Carlton and Harrold PC have been approached by a parishioner with this request.

14. To decide whether to remove the 5 concrete bollards by the cottages on The Green and replace them with cast iron Manchester bollards

Request raised by Cllr Mercer following the addition of Manchester bollards to the other side of The Green. BBC Highways could supply and install the bollards at a cost of £613 to the Parish Council; they recommend that the 5 bollards could be replaced by just 3 Manchester bollards and still be effective in stopping vehicle access.

15. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

- Progress & Next Steps

16. Request for a grant from Dancevybz

Dancevybz would like to request £4k to assist the attendance of dance students at the World Championships in August.

17. To review the May 11th defibrillator training session

The Parish Council arranged training for parishioners on the use of defibrillators and in basic life support on Saturday 11th May. Training was provided by AED Donate.

To consider: whether to offer more training to include the school and/or the football/cricket clubs and whether we would/could provide more defibrillators in the village.

18. Skate ramp resurface

The black grip paint on the main ramp at the country park is wearing off. Quote of £840 (Ex VAT) from King Ramps to: strip the existing paint away, add a red oxide under-surface, and apply Gravitex skate paint (grippy, but not hazardous in a fall).

19. Any other business

20. Correspondence:

None requiring council action.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 10th July 2019