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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council which has been arranged for **Wednesday 13th March 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. Approval of Minutes** from the Parish Council meeting held 20th February 2018
- 4. Matters arising from meeting held 20th February 2019:** Clerk's report on the Actions List.
 - In progress: Arranging for a utility company to replace the Parish Council owned streetlights. EON are in the process of quoting. Further quotes now being sought.
 - Met BBC Highways to go through the updates to the consultation plans for the yellow lines around The Green and High Street, following changes requested by the Parish Council.
 - First invoice for Scout hut refurbishment has been paid.
- 5. Finance Report:**
 - a. Approval for requests for monthly payments
 - b. Profit & Loss report: Variance analysis - Actual spend vs Budget
 - c. Balance Sheet: Financial position
- 6. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange**
Crime report to be provided.
- 7. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward.**
- 8. Planning Applications for comment**

APPLICATION NO: 19/00365/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application
PROPOSAL: T1 False Acacia - Remove, T2 Sycamore - Crown reduce 1.5 - 2.5m and crown lift to 4m
LOCATION: 6 Church Walk Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DG

APPLICATION NO: 19/00278/FUL
PROPOSAL: Extension to existing industrial unit to form covered area
LOCATION: Town Farm House, 76 High St, Harrold

APPLICATION NO: 19/00196/FUL
PROPOSAL: Provision of three new windows to West elevation of the Watson Building and replacement door
LOCATION: Harrold Lower School, The Green, Harrold

APPLICATION NO: 19/00215/FUL
PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension
LOCATION: 3 Dove Lane, Harrold

APPLICATION NO: 19/00208/FUL
PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension with balcony above, garage conversion and two storey porch extension
LOCATION: 49 Orchard Lane, Harrold

9. To agree an approach with the Harrold Playing Field Association (HPFA) to initiate the refurbishment of the Pavilion with Parish Council monies

The council discussed the works with members of the HPFA during the January meeting Public Open Forum. The ECB (English Cricket Board) have objected to the larger-scale renovation plans due to the existing layout not matching current safeguarding guidelines (eg changing rooms must be visible from the front of the building). This means that a total rebuild to the pavilion would be needed, resulting in a cost far exceeding the current budgeted amount. Therefore a smaller refurbishment project is being proposed using council, HPFA funding and possibly Beds Football Association monies. HPFA have asked the council to fund the design stage (planning permission/application) of the process in principle (no costs provided yet). Small-scale project to include: roof replacement, disabled access and toilet, provision of "officials" changing room (requirement for higher league status), redecoration, replacement of bar floor and flat veranda roof.

10. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

Standing monthly item.

11. To discuss the upcoming parish council elections

BBC have provided information regarding the May 2019 election process for parish councils. The process of advertising the potential election is due to start in March. Interested parties must complete a nomination form. If there are the same number, or fewer, applicants than positions (currently 9) then no election need take place. If there are more people interested in becoming councillors than positions, then a public election (poll) takes place.

12. To agree whether to move forwards with removal of 4/5 of the parking signs around The Green (Formerly referred to as "Public consultation over yellow lines on The Green and High St")

Note: Item does not cover a decision on bus stop removal or yellow lines on the High St opposite the bus stops.

The council was sympathetic to the responses to the consultation for double yellow lines around The Green and wanted to explore all alternative options to making school pickup/dropoff times safer for children, and where possible improve the look of the area. BBC Highways met with the council and the following items were discussed, leading to the current request for confirmation from BBC Highways as to whether they should remove some of the redundant* parking signs (timings) around The Green:

Q. Whether the white lines for the KEEP CLEAR are only advisory and cannot be enforced.

A. White lines are only advisory, but the yellow line (with timing restriction) is what provides the restriction to parking at school times in that section.

Q. Why the timed restriction sign is on the corner by the memorial when double yellows always mean no parking at any time.

A. Double yellows still require a restriction sign for immediate enforcement action; without them a short "grace period" must be given before issuing tickets. It is on this knowledge that the council is discussing removal of some of the restriction signs*.

Q. The redundancy of other restriction signs (including the school entrance zigzags)

A. As above, but BBC Highways want to retain the restriction signs above the school zigzags.

Q. Investigate the use of parking enforcement by a CCTV camera, as other schools in the area have recently done

A. BBC Highways have added Harrold to the waiting list for a parking enforcement camera outside the school.

13. Any other business

14. Correspondence:

- a) Parishioner emailed requesting a short section of verge be turned into pavement for safety reasons; to stop older residents having to walk into the road to avoid slipping on the mud. Location: Outside 67 Odell Road, by the row of cottages facing the junction to Little Odell. Borough Highways are considering this request.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2019