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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council which has been arranged for **Wednesday 10th April 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 13th March 2019
- 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.
 - Third invoice for Scout hut refurbishment has been paid.
 - VAS/speed sign has arrived and will come into use shortly.
 - Defibrillator training has been arranged – 11th May 3pm-5pm at the Harrold Centre.
 - Street Ranger is quoting to replace two broken posts on The Green.
 - No advice yet received from BBC Highways over what could be done to assist wheelchair users/pedestrians/horse riders/cyclists when crossing the main bridge, or on the rules for extending the 20mph limit towards Lavendon.
 - BBC have submitted a works order for removal of signs on The Green following the Parish Council's approval in the March meeting.
 - Final works on the wall at the main bridge are due to start shortly. The railings will be removed by BBC as soon as possible afterwards.
- 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

None

9. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

- Progress & Next Steps
- Response to Catesby Estate's publication of intention to build 90 dwellings on Odell Road
- Request for spend approval as below:
 - Village Design Statement, Dr Jonathan Duck at Building The Past, £6,317
 - Habitat Regulation Screening Assessment, Peter Carey at Bodsey Ecology Limited, £270
 - Community Consultation - Printing, Distribution and Collation Service, Bedford Rural Communities Charity, estimated cost of £3,121

10. To discuss any updates on 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 started in March. Interested parties should have completed a nomination form and submitted it to the Clerk or BBC by 2nd April. BBC confirmed all those submitted by the Clerk were completed correctly. If there are the same number, or fewer, applicants than positions (currently 13 positions) then no election need take place. If there are more people interested in becoming councillors than positions, then a public election takes place.

11. Christmas light removal

To approve the quote from Heritage Arboriculture to remove the broken Christmas lights from the trees on The Green and the Buttermarket. Quote is £250 (ex VAT) but requires flexibility as it's an estimate based on an hourly rate.

12. Approval of year end accounts prior to submission to auditor

As part of the annual accounting process.

13. Any other business

14. Correspondence:

- a) Multiple parishioners emailed requesting clarification in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Catesby Estate announcement for 90 dwellings on the land at Odell Road. The Plan Committee have created a short statement for communication, which will be sent out once finalised.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 8th May 2019

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