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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council which has been arranged for **Wednesday 11th September 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

Public Open Forum

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 Annual Parish Council meeting held 10th July 2019
4. **Matters arising:** Clerk's report on the Actions List.
 - In progress: Two quotes received for refurbishing the 12 Parish Council owned streetlights, both at approximately £10k. Reaching out to a third company for a quote.
 - Manchester bollards on The Green to replace the concrete bollards: planning advice received from Borough Council that we can proceed
 - Locked throwline life bag installed by Borough Council. Additional unlocked life buoy installed by Parish Council to complement each other: locked life bag protected from vandalism and life buoy for speed of access.
 - BBC Highways' proposal for parking restrictions on the High St and Green has been accepted – remain on waiting list.
 - Village entrance signs have been chased repeatedly and confirmed to be completed within the next month.
5. **Finance Report:**
Approval for requests for monthly payments and noting of income.

6. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

Crime report covering 27th July to 27th August showed two instances of “Assault” on School Lane and one “Theft” on the High St.

7. 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 18th September at Bedfordshire Police HQ, Kempston.

8. Coop shop break-in

To discuss if anything can be done to prevent any further break-ins at the shop following an incident where a vehicle was driven into the shop to make access for the thieves. BBC Highways confirmed, upon request by the Parish Council, that the pavement is not wide enough for any type of barrier/bollard to stop vehicles being used to break into the shop.

9. HPFA sports pavilion refurbishment

£100k of council savings were held aside for renovations to the scout hut and sports pavilion. The scout hut work is now complete and approximately £70k remains for the pavilion. Bob Woodward (HPFA) attended the July meeting to provide an update to the council on the progress on creating the pavilion plans. Bob has now provided a schedule for £90,500 of works and wishes to have an informal meeting (suggestion is September) with a council committee to discuss the works.

To discuss the schedule of works and to nominate which councillors would be interested in forming a sub-committee and taking this forwards with HPFA now that David Brough has resigned from the council.

10. Lockup re-mortaring completion

The lockup re-mortaring was completed over the summer using a traditional lime-base mortaring technique. To note the quality of the work carried out by DG Stonemasons in Harrold, the quality of which was noted by Heritage England.

11. Borough Councillor’s report for Harrold Ward

12. Grant request from Harrold & Carlton Football Club

To approve a grant request for £1285 from Harrold Cricket Club. “HCFC provides football training and matches for children age 5-18 in and around Harrold. We are run solely by local volunteers (parents) from Harrold and surrounding villages. The grant is for some new and additional equipment. We have recently grown again in our U9 age group meaning we can add an additional team to the club. This additional team means we need additional resources; new goals are required to allow the children to play. We are also looking to replace a set of older goals which are 12 years old and the bags that store the equipment. The children and volunteers will all benefit from having new equipment instead of us muddling with old equipment. The new team also means we do not lose any local players to teams outside of the immediate area which has been the case recently.”

(Note: Quote for equipment provided)

13. Request for funding from Harrold Centre Committee

To approve a funding request from the Harrold Centre Committee as outlined in the request from HCC Chairman Duncan Gray:

“Further to our recent conversation, I am writing on behalf of the Harrold Centre Committee to ask the Parish Council for a further grant of £5,000 this year to support the Centre and help us

cover our additional expenses in running the building and for projects to be undertaken. The Council were good enough to give us a grant last year and this was put to very good use towards our considerable expenditure for 2018/19. Already this year we have had the expense of putting in acoustic tiling in the main hall to help with the sound problems we encountered and this has been a success. In the near future we will have to re-lay the car park gravel which is no cheap job. It is disturbed by users from the village parking there and also by the bottle bank lorry coming in on a regular basis and this is a heavy vehicle causing potholes. I sincerely hope that the Council will look favourably on this request at your next meeting and I look forward to hearing from you that the grant request has been approved.”

(Note: This can be funded without using Section 137, under Local Government Act 1976 Spending on village halls/community centres, Sect. 19)

14. Church Walk fencing and tree works

The council is aware of the poor state of the fence along Church Walk and has spent considerable time trying to find the correct owner; this has proved unsuccessful and the area appears to lack ownership. The council has also had an inspection report carried out by an independent tree expert as we had been made aware that the large Beech tree was a potential risk of decay. A quote has also been received from Heritage Arboriculture to rectify the issues on the back of the inspection report for £600 (Exc VAT).

To discuss how to treat the fencing and grassy area, and to approve works to the tree.

15. Saxon House End parking

Parishioner emailed previously regarding verge parking and careless parking causing an obstruction for an emergency vehicle in Saxon House End. Council confirmed that they would investigate what restrictions were agreed in the “turning area” between the developer and BBC at the time of adoption. BBC Highways have confirmed that no restrictions were agreed, but that such areas were usually for turning only.

To discuss whether to send an information flyer to nearby houses. To then agree the wording, which may include requesting more careful parking and notifying them of the previous obstruction to an emergency vehicle.

16. Planning Applications

To ratify the decision to send existing objection letter to Planning Inspectorate:

APPEAL BY: Catesby Promotions Limited - Ed Barrett

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.

PLANNING NO: 19/00842/MAO Major Outline

INSPECTORATE NO: APP/K0235/W/19/3234032

LOCATION: Land Adjacent Harrold Lake Odell Road Harrold Bedfordshire

To ratify the decision taken over email not to object to:

APPLICATION NO: 19/01780/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application

PROPOSAL: T1 - Cedar - Crown Thin by 20%, removing all deadwood and damaged branches, before crown lifting the tree to 4 - 5 metres.

LOCATION: 9 Hall Close Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DU

To ratify decision taken over email not to object to:

APPLICATION NO: 19/01639/COU Change of Use Application

PROPOSAL: Change of use from Class A2 (estate agent) to Class D1 (Podiatry clinic)

LOCATION: 59 High Street Harrold Bedfordshire MK43 7BH

To ratify response agreed by council over email to object to:

APPLICATION NO: 19/01461/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Erection of a new access gate and wall

LOCATION: Riverbank Carlton Road Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DS

“Harrold Parish Council does not object to the wall and gates on the property boundary, but does object to the extension of the stone wall it has recently built. By extending this wall and joining it to the Riverbank property boundary it will give the impression that this area is all private property, instead of being an area open to the public. Further, this wall extension will be on Highways property as it extends beyond the boundary of the property. This land is not in Harrold Parish, however, Harrold Parish Council has recently agreed with BBC Highways to take responsibility for the area, including the building of the stone wall and landscaping of the area.”

17. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

- Progress & Next Steps

18. Confidentiality resolution

To discuss and, if agreed, resolve that this item “Consideration of applicants for Clerk position and appointment of new clerk” will be treated as confidential business under the terms of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.2. The public and press will then be excluded from discussion of this item.

19. Any other business

20. Correspondence:

None requiring council attention.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th October 2019